



**A huge welcome** to your June 2023 Newsletter from your APLTC Committee: *Bill Katelis, Paul Robinson, John Dunne, James Arnold, Sally Tisdall, Rebecca Richardson, Melinda Rochford, Bruce Easton and Peter Davidson.*

## Park Towers Initiative

Thanks to the support of Lizzy Harding from StarHealth, Luca Gallo at Tennis Vic, our four coaching deputies (India, Gali, Kobe and Millie), Nick (Hinneberg) and myself ran a successful engagement program at Park Towers culminating in a celebration day at our courts where Nicole took charge.

It could hardly have been made more difficult with terrible weather 3 of the 4 weeks and yet we still were able to get a good bunch of resident children (and some of the parents) learning some tennis basics and having a good time doing so.

The Club put on a few bbq's and Tennis Vic kindly provided support equipment like mini nets, racquets and training tennis balls. Each participant left with a racquet and an invitation to join Nicole's fabulous Saturday morning coaching free of charge. Some of them have taken this up and their improvement has been fantastic to see.

We intend to run it again when the weather starts to warm up again in Spring.

Much as we would love to, neither Nick nor I will be able to run the program next time around so if you would like to be involved in this great initiative, please make yourself known. I will certainly help in the background. Thanks again to all.

*Bruce Easton*



# Subscription Fees 2023/2024

You will soon be receiving your subscription fees for the year 2023/24. These will be sent out early July and are due by the 31st July.

We would like to thank members for their prompt payment of fees over the past couple of years and would like to see this trend continue this year.

The club senior waiting list is over 300 strong, and some have been on the waiting list for over 5 years. We cannot offer membership to those on the waiting list until we reconcile fees for our current membership base. The quicker we have all members reconciled, the sooner we can welcome new members to the club.

**Please keep an eye out** for the subscriptions and action accordingly – as it does take quite the administrative time having to follow up late payments. Delinquent payments could result in your membership being forfeited and therefore having to go back on the waiting list.

We also know there are many members who have not played tennis for some time and as each year passes, the likelihood of them returning to play diminishes. If you're considering relinquishing your membership but still wish to retain a connection to the club, Social Membership is available. It doesn't allow you to play but if that changed, you'd be able to play as a guest of a member. By giving up your full/playing membership you'll be allowing someone new to join the club.

**Note:**  
If you convert your membership to a Social Member and wish to revert to a full Senior Member, you will need to rejoin the waiting list.

- If you have not received a subscription notice by mid-July please contact the Secretary.
- Remember, **always ensure you keep the club updated on change of email addresses.** We would like to keep our database up-to-date to ensure you receive all club correspondence.



## Community Service Programs

### Saturday Morning Coaching

The club continues to hold the Saturday Morning coaching session for juniors in the area.

Our coach Nicole Bruce-Smith is in charge of the action with her trademark humour very much on show. The lessons begin at 8am for total beginners. At 9am, it's the high beginners' turn. The intermediate brigade take over at 10am and from 11am to noon, the advanced group show off just how much they've learnt over the years.

All it takes is a racquet, tennis shoes and \$6 for an hour lesson (the club sponsors the event and pegs the cost) and all kids in the area are welcome. **You don't need to be a member to join in the fun.**

### Local Schools

Our club continues to provide free access to the courts to local schools Galilee Primary School and Albert Park College for coaching programs.





## Court Maintenance

As part of the continued maintenance of the tennis courts, a new layer of sand was applied on the courts late last year. Whilst this layer continues to settle into the courts we ask all members to bag the courts after play to ensure the sand layer is evenly spread across the courts.

**The club has purchased 2 new court baggers and a line marker.**

## Club Teams

**The Women's team** captained by Joy Bandy are currently playing in Section 3 of the Thursday competition. The Autumn season just completed with the Ladies finishing just outside the top 4.

The new season commences in July.

The ladies are always on the lookout for new players - and if you can commit each Thursday please contact the club.

## Working Bee

The club held an impromptu working bee in February calling out for volunteers on the Sunday to help "spring clean" the tennis court surroundings and the club rooms. Many thanks for those who came along to assist it was very much appreciated.

The club does employ cleaners to provide regular cleaning services, but sometimes that extra love and care that our club members provide is necessary.

**Another working bee will be scheduled in October, with the date to be advised.**



**The Men's team** (above) recently played off in the **GRAND FINAL** of the Men's Rubbers in the Bayside Competition against St Patricks Murrumbena.

The Roosters fought well to reverse the previous grand final loss to St Pats and come away with the victory. In the grand final, Albert Park was represented by Dean Stewart, Leon Katelis, Alan Attwood and Bill Katelis. Congratulations to all members of the team that contributed during the season and to Team Captain Paul Robinson.





## 140 year Celebration!

Next year will see our club reach the 140 year mark.

Please stay tuned for celebration details of this great milestone.

## State Championships

Based on the Grand Final victory the Men's team were invited to participate in the State Championships by Tennis Victoria.

Albert Park was well represented by Dean Stewart, Leon Katelis, Alan Attwood, Cameron Richardson and Sacha Caller. The team battled bravely to take out 1 of the 3 closely fought matches but ultimately it was not enough to progress to the finals. Congratulations go out to the team and to Team Captain Dean Stewart.

If you are interested in joining the Mens or Womens teams please contact the club at [apltconline@gmail.com](mailto:apltconline@gmail.com)

## 2023 Club Championships

The Club Championships for 2023 will be held in September and will be open to all Members and Junior Member that turn 16 years of age in 2023.

As always, we will be looking to hold:

- Ladies Singles
- Mens Singles
- Ladies Doubles
- Mens Double tournament.

This will only be possible if we have sufficient numbers - so members - take out your racquets and start training.

***Competition start dates and formats will be advised by the Committee.***

## New Look

Along with a refresh of the club logo and promotional material, we're updating our website to a user-friendly responsive site that will be easier to navigate on your mobile phones and tablets. **Going live this Spring!**

### Follow us on social Media

[Instagram@AlbertParkTennisClub](https://www.instagram.com/AlbertParkTennisClub)

Keep informed with latest news, announcements and alerts.

We're on the lookout for our very own APLTC social media broadcaster to help with our instagram page. If you're keen to get involved contact the club at [apltconline@gmail.com](mailto:apltconline@gmail.com)

