



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2015 - 2016**



**SUNSHINE TENNIS CLUB INC.**

**OFFICE BEARERS 2015-16**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>MICHAEL GEARD</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>JOHN GERICKE</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>SEAN KELLY</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>MATTHEW WHELAN and DEBBIE EASTHER</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER</b>	<b>DAVID EVANS</b>
<b>GENERAL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>GREG DENNIS MICHAEL HAAS DAVID EVANS ANNIE KERR</b>
<b>CLUB CAPTAIN</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR</b>	<b>SEAN KELLY</b>
<b>CLUB COACHES</b>	<b>EDDIE GOTOWSKI SIMON GARTH</b>
<b>LIFE MEMBERS</b>	<b>PETER RODGERS CAROL DREW GRAEME FARRELL LYN GLOVER MARK KITCHENER</b>

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## Office bearers

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>V PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>
1986/87	L.Johnston	P.Rodgers	C.Bugg	J.Symes
1987/88	L.Johnston	P.Rodgers	C.Bugg	J.Symes
1988/89	L.Johnston	P.Rodgers/C.Bugg	L.Glover	J.Symes
1989/90	C.Bugg	P.Rodgers	L.Glover	J.Symes
1990/91	M.Prockazka	P.Rodgers/M.Tokarski	G.Huck	I.Griffiths
1991/92	G.Eakins	P.Rodgers/M.Tokarski	J.Symes	I.Griffiths
1992/93	G.Eakins	G.Farrell	J.Symes	I.Griffiths
1993/94	G.Farrell	C.Cannamella	C.Fletcher	I.Griffiths
1994/95	G.Farrell	C.Cannamella	C.Fletcher	L.Chivers
1995/96	G.Farrell	L.Chivers	C.Fletcher	B.Elsholz
1996/97	T.Britton	G.Farrell	G.Hoppitt	B.Elsholz
1997/98	T.Britton	G.Farrell	G.Hoppitt	J.Westbury
1998/99	T.Britton/G.Farrell	G.Farrell/H.Rodgers	C.Drew	J.Westbury
1999/00	G.Farrell	W.Lewis	C.Drew	J.Westbury
2000/01	C.Drew	W.Lewis	M.Hughes	J.Westbury/A.Fisher/L.Chiv
2001/02	C.Drew		M.Hughes	L.Chivers
2002/03	C.Drew	R.Henderson	B.May/G.Hoppitt	B.Wedd
2003/04	C.Drew	R.Henderson	B.May	B.Wedd
2004/05	C.Drew	B.May	C.Headley	B.Wedd
2005/06	C.Drew	S.Smith	C.Headley	L.Chivers/R.Henderson
2006/07	C.Drew	L.Glover	R.Stuart	L.Chivers/R.Henderson
2007/08	C.Drew	L.Glover	R.Stuart	M.Whelan
2008/09	C.Drew	L.Glover	S.James	M.Whelan
2009/10	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S.James	M.Whelan

<b>2011/12</b>	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S.James	M.Whelan
<b>2012/13</b>	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S. Kelly	M.Whelan
<b>2013/14</b>	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S. Kelly	M.Whelan
<b>2014/15</b>	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S. Kelly	M.Whelan
<b>2015/16</b>	M. Geard	J.Gericke	S. Kelly	M.Whelan & D.Easter

# SUNSHINE TENNIS CLUB

## 2015-16 President's Report

To say I was confident after accepting the nomination for President last year would be an over statement however I knew we had an excellent committee who cared about the tennis club and who wanted to ensure the successful continuation of the club with the stepping down of **Carol Drew after 15 years as President**.

To praise what Carol did during her tenure would take a long time but last year I thought it was time someone gave her a rest. From all the members Carol, thank you for what you have achieved for the club over such a long time and the end product has received high praise during the year from people all over Australia including visiting Tennis Australia officials.

Carol had made large shoes to fill and I believe the committee have been up to it alas not without some headaches. A number of changes have occurred and now more than one person knows where to turn off the water to the clubhouse!!!

Could I first thank our **Secretary, Sean Kelly** for his magnificent work during the year in preparing the **e News** which enables us to get information out quickly to members and I encourage you to print out a copy when it appears in your inbox and share it with your family. A considerable amount of time was expended in updating the records to obtain email addresses so if you want to receive the eNews keep us informed of your current email address.

To date 16 issues have been forwarded to members with most giving mention of our partner sponsors which has increased the value they receive for their financial support of the club. **Our partners are important** to the club and their signs are not for decoration - they want you to use their services so mention to them where you were referred from to show their sponsorship is valued.

We currently receive excellent support from the following:

**Harry Coomer (Petrusma Property)** experts in the field of property,

**Tim Pain Podiatry** (personally recommend after my foot was healed and I was able to walk and play tennis again),

**Gerry** (doesn't forget a name) **Dilger's Caltex Service Station** (you'll be glad you did!!) for great personal attention to your car,

**Hobart Financial Planning** who will take great care of your money,

**Eastern Shore Doctors** at Bellerive, Lauderdale and Shoreline (highly recommended to look after your health) and you might see one of our members!!

We also have a recent new partner in **NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme)** who will take the pain out of those short term loans so spread the word if you know someone who might be in financial difficulty and they qualify for help.

If you or your business would like to join this small but very select number of partners/sponsors please contact me on 0400 974 056.

Hopefully you have been reading the eNews and would be aware of the significant events held through the year such as the **Quiz night** - great fun for those who attended and the club raised good funds. Many thanks to those who assisted and the many sponsors who provided prizes.

We co-hosted the **Australian Primary School Championships (The Bruce Cup)** in October which was only the third time we have held a national event and I would like to again thank members for their forbearance in not being able to play during the day for the week the event was held last October. It was a joy to see these young ones playing their hearts out in such good spirits and I want to see club member's sons and daughters hopefully competing at this event in the future. Our members came to the fore in welcoming players and parents from all the states and territories in Australia and providing a high quality canteen and bbq affordable to all. The behaviour and manners of all the children was a real credit to the families and to the tennis officials.

In November we were a pilot club for the **Fast4** format of tennis which proved popular around Australia however was not quite as well received at our club. This type of tennis can be revisited should demand be evident.

A major fundraiser was held to sell raffle tickets for the **Lord's Taverners Charity** where we raised \$585-. Jan Evans blitzed the field to sell five raffle books on behalf of the club which was a great effort.

**Juniors tournaments** were held in October and February where we again called on members to provide the canteen where valuable funds were raised.

The club was fortunate to be chosen by **MacKillop College** for a section of their physical education exercise during April and were a real credit to the school in the way they conducted themselves on the courts.

Two **Open Days** have been held during the year where a lot of interest was shown by the public in trying out this game of tennis as well as two **35+ days** where good social tennis from members of various clubs in the south competed. In addition ten members competed in a **golf tournament** at Pittwater Golf Club organised by the **Howrah Recreation Centre** Social Committee. The Rec Centre offers an amazing list of things to do and as you are all members by virtue of your membership of the tennis club I encourage you to use their services by calling in and having a chat with the **Centre Manager Erin** who will explain the list of programs on offer.

**Simon Garth** stepped in to take our Hot Shotters through their paces and his efforts in installing the ideals of tennis with fun and good humour will not be forgotten by the young players. He was ably assisted in this role by Sarah and Louise Field who similarly imparted their knowledge to the children. Many thanks to all.

Our committee of **Matthew Whelan** in looking after the finances, **Debbie Easter**, **David Evans**, **Mike Haas**, **Greg Dennis** and **Annie Kerr** have all contributed in ensuring the tennis club has rolled along. Vice President **John Gericke** continues to look after the maintenance of the courts and grounds in a professional manner. John and the club has found an able assistant in **Mark Woolley** and we thank them both for their services.

Our long term treasurer **Matthew Whelan** found he needed to hand over the reins of the finances to **Debbie Easter** just recently. Matthew has done an amazing job of keeping us on the straight and narrow for a long time, nearly nine years and the fact we have had sufficient funds to pay for the hitting wall, new fencing and of course the new deck has I would say be in no small part due to Carol and Matthews financial wizardry. At this stage we are in a strong financial position sufficient to look at the remaining fencing, installation of a bbq and the

coming expense of court resurfacing but perhaps we will need to look at our fee structure for next year.

In regard to the club my main concern is the **average age of our membership** and being able to encourage our youth to participate in the game of tennis which as we all know is a great social game that will take you into old age - as long as the knees hold out!!! Hence we need to encourage our young ones to take up the game and to achieve this will need your support.

To this end and to continue the coaching endeavours of **Pam Field, Simon Garth** and **Eddie Gotowski** we have been able with the help of **Simonne Allwright at Tennis Tasmania** been able to secure the services of **David Dickson** and **Katherine Kelly** who form **Dickson Tennis**. We only have a one year contract with Dickson Tennis so if you want to see them remain at Sunshine tennis club and Tasmania and not return to Sydney, you need to use their services. They are offering a **discount for the first two visits prior to the end of July** so if you want help with that backhand give them a ring.

David and Katherine are very enthusiastic and have put their careers on the line to take on coaching in Tasmania and I wish them well in their endeavours. Of course to have permanent coaches comes **some sacrifice** and we will need to make **Court 1 available for David and Katherine to use**. On Wednesday afternoons they will be using Courts 2 and 3 for the coaching of the juniors. If you intend calling at the club please get in the habit of using a court other than court 1 so this remains available for David and Katherine to use. During the coming year we will be introducing **on line court bookings** for the casual players to secure a court.

To all the **managers of the organised playing groups** please accept my sincere thanks. The committee can ensure the running of the club but it is up to the individuals to get a game of tennis available so if you see a shortfall that needs filling, let us know and we will make sure sufficient advertising is made available to let fellow tennis players know what is available.

Personally I have enjoyed the year and I want to thank all the members and volunteers for their advice and assistance.

And lastly many, many thanks to my wife Annie for her considerable assistance and understanding through the year.

**Mike Geard**  
**President**  
**Sunshine Tennis Club**

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS COMPETITION:**

In 2015 we ran three successful rosters – five teams for the Summer/Autumn, then a winter roster (four teams), and a Spring roster (six teams).

We achieved our aim of having good social tennis, played in an atmosphere of fun, yet “playing to win”.

Wednesday night social tennis is great for those members who have family commitments on weekends but would like to play social competitive tennis during the week and meet other members. The rosters are timed to run during school terms so the advantages are that the competition is family friendly, on a set night, and finishes reasonably early.

This year we ran one summer competition (six teams) and we have three teams for the Winter roster

The format for Wednesday night social tennis is:

- Cost: Around \$20-30 for lights and balls
- Time: 7-9pm approx.
- Supper: Each member to provide supper once every four weeks
- Rules: Four member teams
  - Two games each night, first to 9
  - Only one deuce then sudden death
  - If score is 8-all, then a tie-break to decide the winner

(by 2).

Some players who would normally play the pre-AYC winter roster asked to play on Wednesday nights. A separate competition has therefore been arranged to play concurrently with, but separately from, the social competition and players from the two competitions meet socially after the games.

We are always welcoming new players. If you are interested in playing the Wednesday Night Social competition, in the Winter or Spring rosters, please contact Marilyn Marshall on 0437 476518 by phone or text or email [marilyn.marshall51@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.marshall51@gmail.com)

## **MARILYN MARSHALL**

### **THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP:**

A group of happy, friendly, enthusiastic players meet each week from 8.30am-11.00. Whilst the size of the group varies from week to week we nearly always have at least 20 players. Everyone is welcome to join us-coffee and biscuits provided.

The group hosts the *Cancer Council Morning Tea*, which this year was held on Thursday May 26th.

Please come and support this worthy cause.

## **MICHAEL PALMER**



## **TUESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS:**

Tuesday night social tennis continued to be a success throughout the year with many players participating.

This is an informal mixed social tennis night for intermediate to advanced players, played from 7 to 9pm on Tuesday nights. There is no regular commitment required so new participants can just turn up on the night and regular participants don't need to advise their intention of being absent. Format is to organise into double matches, which end with first team reaching 4 games. Players then re-organise with different partners and opponents so that everyone gets to play with and against a variety of other players. Players may adjourn to clubhouse afterwards for drinks and a chat.

## **TONY COLLINS**

## **TUESDAY MORNING SOCIAL TENNIS:**

We have had a very enjoyable year of social tennis. Usually there are enough players for 3 to 5 courts and we play from 8:15 until about 11. If you are lucky you get to play with new balls!! The tennis is followed by a coffee and chat at Banjos. Anyone who is looking for a good solid game of tennis is welcome to come along. Over the last two years we have been able to donate \$1000 to the Sunshine Tennis Club fund raising account.

## **DEBBIE EASTHER**

## **TUESDAY MORNING LADIES TENNIS:**

Each Tuesday, from 11am to 1pm a group of cheerful, enthusiastic women come together for an energetic but friendly 'workout'.

Players range in age from hard-hitting Tash, a young nurse, to a group of recently retired women old enough to be her mother (and who proudly share grand-mothering and travel stories).

New players are always welcome!

## **BELINDA KENDALL-WHITE**

Contact: [belinda747@bigpond.com](mailto:belinda747@bigpond.com)



## **FRIDAY MORNING TENNIS:**

Past to present ! When I started playing Friday tennis –years ago- it was a 4 Teams competition.

The Teams were composed of ladies and men, it was very competitive; ran for a school term and finished with a luncheon and small prizes.

Slowly people moved, went back to work or started playing bridge. Fridays sort of fell apart, we were struggling to fill two courts.

Fortunately there has been a revival, we now regularly manage four courts of very active and sometimes noisy ladies and gentlemen happily thumping tennis balls back and forth.

The skill level has unfortunately improved, much harder to win a game – let alone a set.

We run a Christmas and mid-year luncheon, which we share with the Tuesday morning players, a lot of whom play on Fridays.

I am sure everyone is really enjoying themselves and hopefully our renaissance will continue.

## **JOHN GERICKE**

## **AYC COMPETITION:**

AYC Div Y defeated by Kingston in Preliminary Final. The team comprised. Bernard Bacic, Chris Ikin, Paul O'Rourke, Chris Misson and John Beard (Capt).

## **JOHN BEARD**

## **JUNIOR TENNIS REPORT**



*Pictured are the "Hot Shotters" Class with Simon Garth and Lucile Field along with some of the children at the end of Term 2, 2016.*

### ***Tennis***

As parents, it is good to see our children's enjoyment of sport and their commitment to the game of tennis.

Congratulations to each of the players for their achievements.

### ***Junior Tennis Activities***

The Club throughout the year also conducts the following Junior Tennis Activities:

- *Medibank Junior Development Series:*

*JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES – [JDS]:  
JDS TOURNAMENT:*

The Sunshine Tennis Club hosted the Tournament [described below]:  
On: SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2016.

The JDS is a series of introductory Tournaments for beginner to intermediate players aged 15/u.

The Tassie Showdown was a celebration of the Junior Development Series (JDS) events. The JDS serves as a crucial pathway into the Australian Junior Tour as it gives players their first experience in playing a series of Tournaments throughout the year. The focus is on development and match experience and has an added bonus of some fantastic prizes on offer throughout the series.

- *ANZ–Hot Shots Community Play –*

The Sunshine Tennis Club has again been chosen to conduct Tennis Australia Community Play during the year at which a number of school children enjoyed a very successful systematic series of basic tennis development sessions over the School Terms during 2015-16.

The Sunshine Tennis Club Junior Development Coach, Simon Garth co-ordinated the sessions, with Coaching support from Club member volunteers Sarah and Lucille Field.

The children were encouraged to participate in a series of tennis principles, activities and court, racquet and ball skills during the Programme.

Tennis Tasmania and Tennis Australia support the Club during the year and have provided tennis “Hot Shots” gear including new junior court nets, racquets and balls and T Shirts for the players.

The Sunshine Tennis Club will participate in further Junior Programmes with our new Club Coaches in 2016-2017.

- A pleasing development was the use of the Club courts by **MACKILLOP COLLEGE STUDENTS** during March for their P/E days. The students have been a credit to their school and looked very smart in their P/E gear.



**SEAN KELLY**

## **AGM MINUTES 2015**

Minutes of Sunshine Tennis Club Inc. Annual General Meeting held at 7.00pm on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the Sunshine Tennis Club Inc., 11 Howrah Road, Howrah.

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Present Mesdames: C. Drew, P. Field, H. Porter, M. May,

Messrs: S. Kelly, M. Whelan, M. Haas, G. Dennis, M. Geard, D.Evans,  
T.Collins, P.Johnston,P. Rogers, B. May, A. Porter, B. Walker,  
R.Stuart, E. Gotowski, R.Price

Apologies Mesdames: D.Easther, B. Kendall Wright, C.Jeffrey, L Glover

Messrs J. Gericke, T. Field, R. Jeffrey, J.Beard,

### Confirmation of 2014 AGM Minutes:

Moved : P. Johnston

Seconded :M. Haas

CARRIED

### Adoption of President's Report:

Moved : C.Drew

Seconded : M.Geard

CARRIED

### Adoption of Treasurer's Report:

Moved : M. May

Seconded : T.Collins

CARRIED

### Committee Reports :

All Reports were taken as read by members at the Meeting.

Moved: M.Haas

Seconded : H.Porter

### Election of Office Bearers:

Nomination of President : Michael GEARD

Nominated by : M.Haas  
Seconded by : P.Johnston Elected

Nomination of Vice President: John GERICKE

Nominated by : M.Haas  
Seconded by : C.Drew Elected

Nomination of Treasurer: Matthew WHELAN

Nominated by : C.Drew  
Seconded by : J.Gericke Elected

Nomination of Secretary: Sean KELLY

Nominated by : M.Haas  
Seconded by : J. Gericke Elected

General Committee:

Greg DENNIS

Nominated by : M.Whelan  
Seconded by : C.Drew Elected

Debbie EASTHER

Nominated by : S.Kelly  
Seconded by : P.Field Elected

Michael HAAS

Nominated by : C.Drew  
Seconded by : J.Gericke Elected

David EVANS

Nominated by : S.Kelly  
Seconded by : M.Haas Elected

Annie KERR

Nominated by: Carol Drew Elected  
Seconded by: G.Wright

Auditor: Craig Barling, Chartered Accountant was elected.

Moved by : P.Rogers  
Seconded by : T.Collins

CARRIED

President's Report:

The President welcomed the new Committee for 2015-16 and wished the new Committee every success for the coming year.

The President also thanked the 2014-15 Committee members for their outstanding contribution to the Club in what had been a very successful, busy and demanding year.

The President also noted that, Mr. Matthew Whelan, has offered outstanding service to the Club and has again accepted Nomination as Club Treasurer for the ninth [9] year running. She noted that his service is an all time record for a person in the position of Treasurer and thanked Matt for his dedication.

The President also thanked Pam Field for her very significant contribution to the Junior members of the Club in particular, along with her work in producing the Club Newsletter and the maintenance of the Club website.

The President announced her resignation from the position of President having been in the position for the last 15 years. She noted that she had made many very good friends over the years and was proud of the various significant achievements during that time.

General Business:

Mrs. Carol Drew – vote of Thanks:

Mr. Michael Geard proposed a vote of thanks to Carol Drew [which was passed by acclamation from the meeting], for her successful term as President of the Tennis Club. He noted that her leadership has been an inspiration to all.

He noted that Carol has been a member of the Tennis Club for 25 years and President for the last 15 years.

In that time, Michael noted that the Club has achieved 494 members with the development of 6 synthetic grass courts, a first class Clubhouse, newly constructed Viewing deck and the Junior development & Hitting Wall, along with a first class website and the appointment of a Tennis Coach.

There being no further business -

The Meeting closed: At 7.15pm