



ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 2017



SUNSHINE TENNIS CLUB INC.

OFFICE BEARERS 2016-17

PRESIDENT	MICHAEL GEARD
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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

2010/11	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S.James	M.Whelan
2011/12	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S.James	M.Whelan
2012/13	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S. Kelly	M.Whelan
2013/14	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S. Kelly	M.Whelan
2014/15	C.Drew	J.Gericke	S. Kelly	M.Whelan
2015/16	M. Geard	J.Gericke	S. Kelly	M.Whelan & D.Easter
2016/17	M.Geard	D.Evans	S. Kelly	D.Easter

SUNSHINE TENNIS CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016/17

I would like to thank our committee for their input into making the last twelve months a success for the club. No club survives without the support of volunteers to help it run and we have been fortunate to have thirteen dedicated people on our committee. Some people say a large committee makes running a club harder however we do not do anything unless everyone is in agreement and congratulations are due to all of the committee who are the conduit to all of our organised groups who play at the club.

Sean Kelly as secretary has kept us all in check and does a fantastic job, **Debbie Easther** has completed the role of treasurer with great finesse and carried on the good work of past treasurer **Matt Whelan**. **David Evans** as vice president and membership officer ensures those who approach the club with an enquiry for membership receive the full works of club information with a great introduction to the tennis club.

John Gericke continues to ensure the courts are maintained to a high standard and many thanks to him. Unfortunately John had to have an operation in Victoria recently and is now happily well on the way to recovery but continues to be at the club despite not being able to play for at least another ten weeks.

To the remaining committee members I thank them for their advice and assistance in so many ways around the club, especially at tournaments, writing submissions (thanks Annie), working the tuck shop and bbq - **Toni Hawkes, Annie Kerr, Marilyn Marshall, Raelene Sproule, Max Crowe, Mike Haas, Lenice Beard and Caroline McCormack** who is getting us into the 21st Century with a Facebook page so if you are on Facebook, take us on as a friend to get all the latest news from the club.

While not on committee we have various members who do very worthwhile tasks around the club and I speak of **Mark Woolley** who has saved the club a

great deal of funds by using his many talents to carry out various tasks. I must also commend **Tony Collins** who ensures there are always refreshments available in the fridge and a huge thank you to **Conrad Thunig** for maintaining our website, which is the envy of other clubs - great job Conrad. No technical issue is ever a problem for Conrad to handle.

What has been achieved in these last 12 months?

I suppose the highlight would have to be being named the **Tasmanian "Most Outstanding Club of the Year"** by **Tennis Tasmania** which was a tremendous honour with the award being presented at a luncheon during the **Hobart International** in January.

Sunshine Tennis Club was fortunate to host two tournaments with **Luke Lehmann** (Tennis Tas) in charge being a **Junior Development Series** in August and also the **Tasmanian 35+ Seniors Championships** in November which attracted entries from the mainland. I would encourage more of our members to compete in this tournament, I believe we have the players in our club who would be highly successful and it is a great tournament to meet fellow tennis players from around Tasmania.

Over 70 people took the opportunity to come along to our **Quiz Night** in October conducted once again by **Mark** (life member) and **Jenny Kitchener**, they kindly did this voluntarily and provided a very entertaining evening. **Gerry Harvey from Dilger's Caltex Service Station**, not for the first time, provided the major prize of \$200 for the raffle. This was won by a very grateful **David Rose (husband of member Lyn)** who just happened to be getting some work done on one of his vehicles at Gerry's station, so it pays to use the services of a long term sponsor of the club.

The night raised over \$1,050 and those who took part had a very enjoyable night. **Toni Hawkes** was shocked when people started knocking back more

supper, everyone went home not needing breakfast the next morning! No one would be surprised to learn that a contentious answer was given a full explanation by **Max Corney** to the satisfaction of all and sundry!

During the year the **AYC Association** canvassed the idea of two ten week competitions (one before and one after Christmas), however the consensus was to leave the full year as one competition. Sunshine entered six teams with four making the finals - two ended up making the grand finals but unfortunately were unsuccessful. Congratulations to all those who took part - it is a big commitment and fill ins can be just as important to the team as full time players. If you are available, look out for notices in early September. Many thanks to **Max Crowe** for organising the teams. AYC is Southern Tasmania's largest and most popular competition with 10 different divisions allowing players of all levels an opportunity to gain competition experience and meet players from other clubs, it would be great to see us enter more teams.

Our Sponsors are able to use the Clubhouse and courts for a day to entertain their employees and from all reports, **Eastern Shore Doctors - (Cath Jeanneret)** had a very successful after work BBQ and tennis for employees at the clubhouse in December.

We have a great list of loyal sponsors and I would like to thank them for their ongoing support of the club. **Tim Pain Podiatry** (who I cannot praise more highly after getting me fitted for orthotics enabling me to walk comfortably again and enjoy my tennis!!), **Hobart Financial Planning** where Duncan Hurd is looking to help you with your finances, **Harry Coomer**, now of **Ray White** is enjoying the rise in Hobart real estate prices and **Heather MacCrum** from **NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme)** who helps out those less fortunate with short term loans to get the basics to survive (read their advertising sign next time you are on court 2 so you can recommend their services to the right people) and of course Gerry and Di at **Dilger's Caltex Service Station**,

which is only just down the road from the clubhouse. Please fill up next time you are going past and introduce yourself to Gerry - he won't forget you!! If you know of any business wishing to become a sponsor of the club please phone me as we have lots of fencing space available!

We were also successful in December in qualifying for a **Community Support Grant** of \$1,297 for ground maintenance equipment from Clarence City Council. Equipment purchased included a lawn mower, whipper snipper, wheel barrow and various other items which have since been put to good use. We only use volunteers who do a magnificent job of maintaining the lawns etc so if you would like to help out let one of the committee know. The more hands the less load on a few and it only takes a short time to mow the lawns. We now have a green bin so you don't even have to take the clippings home with you.

In December we advertised the possibility of taking a box at the **Hobart International** and at very reasonable prices, we sold out so congratulations to all those who attended. I had a great time with beautiful weather and even better tennis, it was a great day. We will again look to do a similar offering for next year's event so get in early if you want a particular day or night session. I had to decline a few groups due to demand. For each session we only have eight seats and the tournament only lasts a week.

An interesting night during the year was when the **Howrah Indoor Bowls Club** issued us with an invitation to take them on at their own game and I think with a little bit of practice we could have been a real threat to them as we won convincingly on one rink but lost on the other two. Next time we will be better prepared however it was a great social night for our members starting with a BBQ and **John Gericke** showing his continued value to club with washing and cleaning up our remains while we went into battle.

Two **Open Days** were conducted during the year in November and March with the second showing just what can be achieved with preparation, advertising, having many hands on deck on the day and importantly what can happen when you have people the quality of our coaches in attendance. To **David Dickson and Katherine (Kat) Kelly**, please accept our heartfelt thanks in arranging the youngsters to try out and find the joy that can be obtained by participating in tennis. I have never seen so many happy children partaking of tennis and being worn out in the meantime. The small sample of your expertise should be appreciated by all members of the club. As was identified in my remarks last year, a tennis club needs the young to be coming through to replace the aging bodies who use the club Monday to Friday and this is a great omen for the future of Sunshine.

David and Kat (Dickson Tennis) have had to introduce extra sessions on Friday afternoons for training the young ones and if you want to see great coaching get along to a class. Adult group sessions are also held on Wednesday and Thursday in the late afternoon, as well as holiday camps and preschool session, please talk to them about your needs.

The organisers of the various (14) groups do much to make sure everything runs smoothly and again our many thanks to them. The **Cancer "Biggest Morning Tea"** is a great initiative of **Michael Palmer** and his Thursday morning group and is very worthy of your support each May.

The Club was also successful in the **Business East Inc, Community Awards** on 1st December where **Sean Kelly** attended on our behalf and accepted an **Award for Excellence** in the '**Community Contribution Category**'. The event was attended by the Premier, **Will Hodgman**, representatives of the government and opposition and the **Clarence City Council** and emphasised the importance of the contribution the various organisations make to the local community.

Sean spoke to the participants at the event on behalf of the tennis club and noted "we have the largest membership of any club in Tasmania, have appointed new tennis coaches, summarised the various club membership ages and organised tennis groups". He thanked the attendees for "allowing the club to be part of a successful enterprise on the eastern shore whilst noting the importance of sport (in particular tennis) to overall health and well being". He said "all members should be very proud of the club's achievements this past year and to have been honoured with this Award by **Business East (John Beard)** with the support of the City Council." I am sure you are.

During the year we received the sad news **Mark Handley, Executive Director of Tennis Tasmania** would be leaving us and relocating to Queensland where he would still be advancing the interests of tennis in his appointment as Queensland's new Head of Participation. Mark was instrumental in assisting the club to secure the services of our new coaching team (**Dickson Tennis**) and we thank him sincerely for all the valuable advice he has provided to the club over the last five and a half years. Our thanks also to **Simonne Allwright** at Tennis Tasmania for her guidance in helping the club advance the interests of tennis to the community, she has been an invaluable help.

I need to thank **Erin Dixon**, Howrah Community Centre Co-ordinator / Licensee, who has shown great support for the tennis club and my wife **Anne** for her many various roles of support.

Mike Geard

President

ORGANISED TENNIS GROUPS – REPORTS

MONDAY MORNING LADIES:

Monday Morning Ladies Tennis is still continuing to go well. We have the usual pennant with 5 teams and some extra players to fill in when necessary. We play 3 sets of tennis followed by a cup of tea/coffee and much social chatter. Most of us have been playing on Monday mornings for many years but will always make welcome any new player who would like to join us.

CELIA WEDD

TUESDAY MORNING SOCIAL TENNIS:

The Tuesday morning group has enjoyed another very satisfactory years tennis

The Group regularly attracts up to sixteen players and while the tennis is competitive and of a good standard it is also very sociable and friendly

The players usually enjoy a coffee and a chat after the game and new players are always welcome

BRIAN MAY

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES TENNIS:

Each Tuesday morning, between 12 and 16 women get together to enjoy a few sets of challenging and fun tennis.

We are all pretty much of the same standard and level of enthusiasm, so enjoy our couple of hours on the courts.

Whether young and talented (Tash) or ageing grannies (most of us) - who compare notes on newly arrived grand offspring - you'd be welcome to join us!

We are now collecting a gold coin from players each week, yet to decide their destination

BELINDA KENDALL-WHITE Contact: belinda747@bigpond.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS COMPETITION:

Wednesday night 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 it is family friendly, played on a set night, and finishes reasonably early, usually by 9pm. It is also great for retirees who are too busy to play tennis during the day!

Social Mixed Tennis

The Mixed Social Competition runs year-round except for school holidays. Members who played tennis in the past, but may be a bit (or a lot) rusty, are encouraged to join this group, along with new members who have had a few lessons. The aim is to have a good game of tennis in a fun atmosphere and meet other members. Many ex-players from this group have gone on to play the inter-Club (AYC) competition. Many more have played in this group for years and enjoy the social side of this competition.

Pre-AYC Mixed Competition

Last winter, a Pre-AYC competition was also run on Wednesday nights in conjunction with the social tennis group. This competition is being run again this year and is made up of those members who play inter-club competition during Spring and Summer and want to keep playing competitively during the colder month. New and existing members who want to play inter-club competitive tennis are encouraged to join this group. It is very competitive but members also enjoy the social benefits the Club can offer.

Contact

If you're interested in playing in either of the above competitions, please contact Marilyn Marshall on 0437 476518 by phone or text, or email marilyn.marshall51@gmail.com.

MARILYN MARSHALL

THURSDAY MORNING SOCIAL GROUP:

Thursday 8.30am-11.00am.

The Thursday group provides a friendly game of tennis for everyone regardless of standard or age. Several of our long-term players are in their 80's and we continue to attract new members.

On May 25th, in common with clubs and Organisations all over Australia, we will be hosting the 'Cancer Morning Tea'. Everyone welcome.

MICHAEL PALMER

FRIDAY MORNING TENNIS:

Last year, John Gericke, Friday CoOrdinator, made light of the numbers and attitude of the Friday morning players. He noted they were competitive, noisy and intently thumped the balls backwards and forwards [I would say in many directions on various occasions !].

Well, nothing has changed.

The number of Friday morning players has been quite consistent, with the early birds “hitting off” at anything from 8.00 am to 8.15am, with the remainder of players ambling in at anything up to 9.00am, by which time the early birds have almost played a set, throughout the year [including Winter, which tend to be quite mild at that time of the morning].

The skill level [for a social tennis group] is quite high and we find that the ladies who play with the Group often prevail in many of the games [and for some men that result is hard to take !!], but we always welcome new men and women players to keep us up to the mark lest we become complacent.

The financial donation to play is \$2-00 each day, which goes to purchase new, high quality balls for use each day. Mind you, there are always some players who grumble about the ball quality and make !

The Group get together at lunch [sharing with the Tuesday morning Social Tennis Group] in June and December to share the highs and lows of the game, with many tall tales being shared over a drink and lunch.

SEAN KELLY

AYC COMPETITION:

AYC 2 teams made the Grand Final, but were unsuccessful in bringing back the championship. Also Anne Kerr won most consistent in all Div 4.

MAX CROWE

Minutes of Sunshine Tennis Club Inc. Annual General Meeting held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 7th June 2016 at the Sunshine Tennis Club Inc., 11 Howrah Road, Howrah.

Present Mesdames: P.Field, D.Easter, C.Drew, R.Sproule, T.Hawkes,
C.McCormack.

Messrs: M.Gear, S. Kelly, D.Evans, M.Haas, M.Crowe, R.Easter,
B.McDermott, M.Woolley, T.Collins, P.Johnston,

Apologies Mesdames: A.Kerr, K. Kelly, H.Rogers, H.Porter, P.McGuire, B.
Kendall Wright, M.Marshall, L.Beard, M.Corney.

Messrs J. Gericke, P.Rogers, A.Porter, B.McGuire, G.Dennis, J.Beard,
M.Whelan, M.Corney.

Confirmation of 2015 AGM Minutes:

Moved : T.Collins

Seconded : M. Haas

CARRIED

Adoption of President's Report:

Moved : M.Gear

Seconded : R.Easter

CARRIED

Adoption of Treasurer's Report:

Moved : D.Easter

Seconded : C.Drew

CARRIED

Committee Reports :

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

Moved: M.Haas

Seconded : D. Evans

Election of Office Bearers:

Nomination of **President**: Michael GEARD

Nominated by : P.Bevilacqua
Seconded by : J.Gericke Elected

Nomination of **Vice President**: David EVANS

Nominated by : M.Easther
Seconded by : C.Casimaty Elected

Nomination of **Treasurer**: Debbie EASTHER

Nominated by : P.Rodgers
Seconded by : E.Gotowski Elected

Nomination of **Secretary**: Sean KELLY

Nominated by : J.Foale
Seconded by : D. Easther Elected

General Committee:

John GERICKE

Nominated by: H.Rodgers
Seconded by: P.Rodgers Elected

Michael HAAS

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

Lenice BEARD

Nominated by : A.Kerr
Seconded by : M.Geard Elected

Caroline McCORMACK

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

Raelene SPROULE

Nominated by : H.Probert

Seconded by : D.Daniels Elected

Annie KERR

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

Max CROWE

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

Toni HAWKES

Nominated by: R.Price
Seconded by: V. Kumar Elected

Marilyn MARSHALL

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

Auditor: Michael Richmond, Chartered Accountant was elected Club Auditor.

Moved by : D.Easther
Seconded by : T.Field

CARRIED

President's Report:

The President welcomed the new Committee for 2016-17 and wished the new Committee every success for the coming year.

The President also thanked the 2015-16 Committee members for their outstanding contribution to the Club in what had been a very successful, busy and demanding year.

General Business:

Notice of Amendments to the Constitution – Special General Meeting:

The President gave notice that the Constitution required amendments regarding the term of Office of senior Office Bearers and a Recommendation made by the Auditor re authorisation of payments by cheque.

A Special General Meeting would be called to present the proposed amendments following the advice of proposed changes to be sent to all Club members.

There being no further business – The Meeting closed: At 7.30pm

SUNSHINE TENNIS CLUB
Organised Tennis List as at **APRIL 2017**

EVENT	DAY & TIME	CONTACT	PHONE No.
WOMEN'S TENNIS			
Ladies Tennis	Monday 9.30am - 11.30am	Celia Wedd	6243 4065
Ladies Tennis Social	Tuesday 11.00am - 1.00pm	Belinda Kendall White	0417 407 696
Inter Club Mid-Week Ladies	Wednesday morning	Lenice Beard	6247 6875
Over 50 years ladies	Monday 12.30pm - 3pm	Edith Carr	6247 7386
Over 60 years ladies	Wednesday 9.30am	Janet Eaton	6244 2163
Over 50 years ladies	Friday 2.00pm	Alison O'May	6244 3866
MEN'S TENNIS			
Men's Tennis Social	Tuesday 8.30am - 11.00am	Brian May	62 489 885
MIXED TENNIS			
Intra AYC Mixed Pennant	Mon/Thu April - Sept 7pm	Co-Ordinator required	To be advised
Mixed Tennis Social Int-Adv	Monday 5.30pm - 7.00pm	Tony Field	0409 175 182
Mixed Tennis Social Int-Adv	Tuesday 7.00pm	David Hollick	62 442 872
Mixed Tennis Pennant	Wednesday 7.00pm	Marilyn Marshall	62489 002 or 0437 476 518
Tennis Social Mixed *NOTE: Mixed on Thursday: *8.30-11.00am in Summer AND 9.00-11.00am in Winter	Thursday 8.30am - 11.00am	Mike Palmer	6247 7315
Mixed Tennis Social	Friday 8.30am - 11.00am	Sean Kelly	62478 599
Mixed tennis Social	Sunday 9.00am - 11.30am	John Beard	62 476 875
Inter Club AYC	September - April 7.30pm	Maxwell Crowe	0438 447 259

JUNIOR TENNIS			
DICKSON TENNIS Coaches	Wednesday & FRIDAY 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Sean Kelly	62 478599 or 0448329771
SUNSHINE TENNIS CLUB COACH			
Juniors and Adult Coaching	As organised	"Dickson Tennis" Coaches - <i>David Dickson/Katherine Kelly</i>	0412 817 427