



SUNSHINE TENNIS CLUB INC

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 – 2019

(June 2019)

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2018 – 2019

PRESIDENT	Sean Kelly
VICE-PRESIDENT	Michael Geard
SECRETARY	David Evans
TREASURER	Debbie Easter
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	Toni Hawkes
GENERAL COMMITTEE	Lenice Beard Harry Crowe Maxwell Crowe John Gericke Toni Hawkes Marilyn Marshall Raelene Sproule
CLUB PATRON	Simon Youl
CLUB COACHES	Dickson Tennis David Dickson/ Katherine Kelly
LIFE MEMBERS	Carol Drew Graeme Farrell John Gericke Lyn Glover Mark Kitchener Peter Rodgers

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PAST OFFICE BEARERS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
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	G. Hoppitt	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. Chivers
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

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
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
2017/18	M. Geard	D. Evans	S. Kelly	D. Easter
2018/19	S. Kelly	M. Geard	D. Evans	D. Easter

2018 – 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Life membership awarded to John Gericke

**Defibrillator installed in Clubroom kitchen
(purchased with funding support from Clarence
City Council)**

Key safe access installed for casual court hire

**Office desk space and built-in storage installed for
coaches**

Quiz Night (3 November 2018)

Club Open Day (11 November 2018)

Court re-surfacing (Courts #3 and #4)

New Club signage

**STC and Dickson Tennis participated in Clarence
Lions Run The Beaches Expo**

35 Plus Social Tennis Event (17 March 2019)

**Very busy year for our dedicated coaches Dickson
Tennis (David Dickson and Kat Kelly)**

**Grant from Communities, Sports and Recreation
awarded to part fund re-surfacing of additional
two courts in 2019-2020**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018 - 2019

Hello to all Sunshine Tennis Club members.

This is my first report as President of the tennis club and I would like to thank everyone for having supported me in this role throughout the past year. The Club's hard working Committee of **Michael Geard** (Vice President), **Debbie Easter** (Treasurer), **David Evans** (Secretary), **Lenice Beard**, **Harry Crowe**, **Max Crowe** (AYC Co-ordinator), **John Gericke** (Maintenance Officer), **Toni Hawkes** (Membership Officer), **Marilyn Marshall** and **Raelene Sproule**, have volunteered their time, skill and expertise above and beyond the call of duty. I encourage all members to consider serving on the Committee as fresh ideas and input are vital to the growth and future success of the Club.

Special thanks on behalf of the Club are due to Michael Geard, past President over three years from 2015-2016. Michael brought boundless energy to his role and can be justly proud of his many achievements in the interests of the Club during his term of office. He has continued to serve on the Committee as Vice President and is also editor and distributor of the ENews.

My thanks also go to David Evans, who took on the role of Secretary and has been a tower of strength to me, the Committee, the Treasurer, Friday mixed social tennis group and our Maintenance Officer during the year.

The work involved in managing membership applications, welcoming new members and activating court access is a very significant role. Toni Hawkes has performed this work with good cheer and great efficiency throughout the year, supported initially by Michael Geard and David Evans.

Sunshine Tennis Club has ended 2018-2019 in a very healthy operational and financial position, even though there were significant cost challenges to be addressed during the year. The major project completed was the re-surfacing of two of the Club's six artificial grass courts. Project work was undertaken by Synthetic Grass Solutions Tasmania (Greg McShane) to the highest professional standards. Financing of the court re-surfacing project was part funded through a Major Grant awarded to the Club in early 2018 through the Department of Communities, Sports and Recreation Tasmania.

Many thanks are extended to the co-ordinators of the various organised tennis groups including: **Celia Wedd** and **Lyn Rose** (Monday morning ladies group), **Belinda Kendall-White**, **Bev Fitze** and **Toni Hawkes** (Tuesday morning ladies group), **Brian May** (Tuesday morning mixed social group), **Edith Carr** (50+ ladies group), **Janet Eaton** (60+ ladies group), **Lenice Beard** (mid week ladies inter-club pennants), **Marilyn Marshall** (Wednesday evening intra-club competition), **Mike Palmer** (the very popular Thursday morning social group), **Sean Kelly** (Friday morning mixed social group), **John Beard** (Sunday morning social group). **Max Crowe** has done a great job throughout the year

in recruiting players and organising teams to represent the Club in the AYC pennants competition.

My sincere thanks also go to **John Foale** and **Steve Levis**, our co-ordinators with responsibility for refreshment supplies offered for sale at the Clubrooms. Their efficient management of beverage and snack supplies and banking of sales proceeds have been exemplary.

The Entertainment Book is a profitable fundraising opportunity for the Club and my thanks are due to **Alanna Rolph** who this year volunteered as co-ordinator with responsibility for sales and distribution of the Entertainment Books.

Thanks to **Kristina Casimaty** who has also been a loyal and cheerful volunteer in catering at the Club's social events, always providing delicious treats.

Special recognition and thanks are due to our very busy and dedicated coaching team at **Dickson Tennis (David Dickson and Katherine Kelly)**. David and Katherine are now into the third year of their association with the Sunshine Tennis Club and we very much hope for a successful and mutually beneficial relationship with over the longer term. All of the junior players and parents very much appreciate the caring and professional services provided by Dickson Tennis. Playing tips and training routines provided to the Club's senior members during adult coaching sessions have also been of great value.

David and Katherine offered their services in support of the Club's Open Day and at the Clarence Lions Club "Run the Beaches" event at Bellerive Beach. Our coaches hosted Special Olympics sessions at Sunshine, as well as regular match play sessions for juniors on Friday evenings throughout the year. Club members John Foale and Ross MacKenzie have assisted at the Friday evening sessions, manning the BBQ to feed the hungry players and parents. Katherine is nominated as Tournament Director for the Junior Development Series tournament to be held on 9 June 2019 at the Sunshine Tennis Club.



David Dickson and Katherine Kelly

Many other volunteers have greatly assisted the Club throughout the year, notably **Richard Easter** (with support from **Debbie Easter**) who drafted and submitted the most recent application to the 2018-2019 Major Grant

Program. Sunshine Tennis Club's submission to the Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation for part funding to re-surface two additional courts has been successful. The Club greatly appreciates the efforts of Hon Jacque Petrusma MP, Minister for Sport and Recreation, for her support of our application for grant funding. Letters in support of the Club's submission were also kindly provided by Tracy Sparks, Property Officer, Clarence City Council, and Simonne Allwright, Club Development Co-ordinator, Tennis Tasmania.

Sunshine Tennis Club is supported by great list of loyal sponsors and on behalf of the Committee and all members I sincerely thank each and all of them for their ongoing financial and in-kind assistance. Current sponsors are: **Caltex Howrah (Barb and Gerry Dilger), Charlotte Peterswald (Harry Coomer), Conrad Design (Graphic Design and Web Creative), Eastern Shore Doctors. Eye Spy Signage, Tim Pain Podiatry. NILS Network of Tasmania Inc** are thanked for their generous sponsorship over the past three years.

Of course our Club would struggle to survive and prosper without the involvement and active participation of its dedicated members. The 2018-2019 Committee has worked hard to ensure that all members have every opportunity to enjoy social and competition tennis and the first class facilities on offer at Sunshine Tennis Club.

Wishing you good times in tennis throughout 2019-2020.

Sean Kelly

President 2018-2019



Sean Kelly, Club President 2018-2019, and Michael Geard, Vice President/Past President 2015-2018

CLUB FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS 2018 – 2019

Highlights from a busy year at Sunshine Tennis Club



Coaches' office and built-in storage
(installed by Wonderful Wardrobes)



Defibrillator installed in
Clubroom kitchen

Court re-surfacing (Court #4)



Court re-surfacing (Court #3
nearing completion)

Visit to Sunshine Tennis Club by Hon
Jacquie Petrusma MP, Minister for
Sport and Recreation, for viewing of
re-surfaced courts and formal
announcement of 2019 Major Grant
funding (April 2019)



ORGANISED TENNIS GROUPS - REPORTS

Sunshine Tennis Club's organised tennis groups run year-round schedules and offer a range of playing opportunities for members, guests and visiting players. The groups cater for varying levels of tennis skill and fitness and ensure that all six courts and our excellent Clubroom facilities are in regular use. New players are guaranteed a very warm welcome should they wish to join in. Reports follow from around the playing groups (with co-ordinators' contacts).

Monday Morning Ladies

Up to 16 intrepid ladies support this social doubles group, starting from 8:45 am and braving all weathers (up to a point). The ladies group set a fine example at the start of each busy week at Sunshine, with players often slugging it out on 4 courts and extras waiting in the wings. Some of our group previously played in an intra-club teams event and their inclusion has greatly improved numbers and standard of play. Our ladies are mainly 60+ and enjoy not only the benefits of the physical exercise, but also the equally energetic exercise of the vocal chords over coffee in the Clubrooms on completion of play. Player numbers vary depending on the weather, grandparent duties, grey nomad travels and other fixtures on the social calendar. New players to the group are always welcome, irrespective of age and ability. Many thanks from Toni Hawkes to Lynn Rose for co-ordinating this friendly playing group.

Lyn Rose (Telephone: 0362 479 551)

Tuesday Morning Mixed Doubles

The Tuesday morning social group, with 12-16 regulars playing year round, continues to enjoy good quality and competitive tennis. Doubles combinations are usually well matched in skill and fitness levels, often resulting in sets being decided by a tight 6-5 game tally. On completion of play most of the social group wander up to Banjos at Shoreline Plaza to enjoy a coffee and wide ranging chat. Any Club members or visiting players who may wish to join in with this friendly group will always be made most welcome.

Brian May (Telephone: 0362 477 260)

Tuesday Morning Ladies

This smaller social tennis group is very similar in make-up to the Monday morning ladies group, with some participants regularly playing on both days. There is healthy social competition within the group. Various playing formats (regular doubles, American doubles, and even fives and sixes) are adopted, depending on numbers present on any given day. This minimises idle time between matches so that no player has to wait long on the sidelines before

hitting the court. Our group use up to 3 courts throughout the year which sometimes means the men and women players from the early session need an always polite hurry-up. Starting time has recently shifted to 10:30 am and this has proven to be more convenient schedule for a number of our players. New players are always most welcome to join in.

Bev Fitze (Telephone: 0362 478 121) **Tony Hawkes** (Mobile: 0409 730 066)

Midweek Ladies Inter-Club Pennants

Sunshine Tennis Club fielded teams in two divisions in the 2019 Autumn Roster. Our Division 1 team (Debbie Easter, Natasha Erends, Sarah Stoneman and Rosie Stuart) lost by a narrow margin in the recent semi-finals, with the result affected due to player injury. The Division 2 team, made up of Lenice Beard, Christine Jeffrey, Ailsa Richard (on loan from Tarooma Tennis Club) and Raelene Sproule, also enjoyed a very successful pennants. The team played Geilston Bay in the finals, a very strong combination that prevailed on the day. Congratulations to all our Sunshine ladies on their wonderful pennants performances.



Lenice Beard (Telephone: 0362 476 875)

Wednesday Evening Mixed Social Competition

Four competition rosters were conducted throughout the past year, each scheduled to coincide with school terms. All of the rosters has been great fun and very competitive. Due to insufficient vacant spots in our teams for the summer roster some positions had to be shared between our regular players and new starters. This has opened up the competition to additional players, in many cases drawn from a younger age bracket. A similar approach to team selection has been adopted in the current winter roster.

Many thanks to all players for their support and assistance, in particular Helen Probert (now retired from Wednesday evening competition), John Beard, Colan Clay and Chris Ikin. These players and several others in the group have kindly assisted with operating the court lighting, floor sweeping and tidying up in the Clubrooms, putting out the rubbish bins and ensuring that Clubhouse doors and all court gates were locked on completion of play.

Any members who wish to join in with this intra-club competition are always most welcome.

Marilyn Marshall (Mobile: 0437 476 518 Email: marilyn.marshall@gmail.com)

Thursday Social Tennis 8:30- 11:00

It has been another happy and successful year for the Thursday social group with an average of 16 to 20 players joining in each week. The group hosted a Biggest Morning Tea on 16 May to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Tasmania. The event was well supported and extremely successful, with \$820 raised. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to this very worthy cause. Special thanks go to Bev Fitze and Toni Hawkes for setting up the Clubrooms and running the raffle. The Rotary Club of Howrah also deserve special thanks for their generous donation to this important fundraising effort.



Michael Palmer (Telephone: 0362 447 315)

Friday Morning Mixed Doubles

Some of the hardiest players appear on court shortly after 8:00 am, apparently immune to the chills of the winter months. Others amble along at any old time! Some players expect to play with new tennis balls on every occasion (a stretch for the co-ordinator as the playing fee is pegged at \$2 per person). Champagne tennis is hard to achieve on a beer budget.

Most of our players turn up with very good attitudes, ready to play in a friendly, supportive and skilled fashion, although mood swings can occur at

any time as the morning goes on. Results seem to be influenced by external factors, such as getting out of bed too early (or on the wrong side), sleeping in or due to a wide range of other excuses: forgot my racquet, or I think I played pretty well but, oh well, you can't pick your partners etc etc. In any case, the Friday morning social tennis group offers a great opportunity for like-minded players to apply their skills, experience all of the ups and downs of tennis, but also have lots of fun belting passing shots down the tram lines, lobbing over the top or spinning the ball at the feet of opponents. Sometimes rude words can be heard, although rarely directed at opposing players. All is forgotten at the handshake at the net.

The Friday morning mixed doubles group play good standard tennis year round, with only rare cancellation or interruption due to adverse weather conditions. Matches usually conclude by 11:00 am, time enough for most players to have enjoyed up to five sets. All of the on-court stresses are quickly forgotten over a well-earned coffee and Senior's scone at Banjos at Shoreline Plaza, although there is usually some analysis of the morning's play.



Combined Tuesday/Friday morning social tennis group (2018 Christmas luncheon)

Do come along and join us for a hit of social tennis, with a competitive edge. I'm sure that it will be a very enjoyable experience.

Sean Kelly (Mobile: 0448 329 771 Telephone: 0362 478 599)

Sunday Morning Tennis

The Sunday morning tennis group has expanded over the past year, with up to 20 players of similar standard regularly participating. There has been a notable improvement in the skill levels of a number of the players. Several players in the group also participate in the Wednesday evening intra-club competition roster. Games are often very hard fought, which makes for enjoyable and exciting tennis.

If your tennis is of a reasonable standard and you are unable to make time to play mid-week, then our Sunday morning group may offer the perfect opportunity to join in. Playing tennis is proven to be very beneficial for health and fitness for all ages.

John Beard (Mobile: 0417 305 511)



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