

Serpell Tennis Club Electronic Newsletter

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Club Updates.

Annual General Meeting — The Annual General Meeting of the Serpell Tennis Club was held on Friday 26 August 2016. President Craig Roper presided over the meeting and invited the Committee of Management to present their reports. Treasurer, Spiz Thomas, updated the attendees on the club finances, which continue to be in great shape. Mary Staios presented the Membership Report, which shows that the clubs membership remains strong, although the number of members is down slightly on last year.

Membership fees will remain unchanged for the new year.

The 2016/17 committee was elected unopposed as follows:

President	Ross Hocking
Vice-President	Craig Roper
Secretary	Nima Goharpey
Treasurer	Speros Thomas
Membership Secretary	Mary Staios
Ordinary Members	Jennie Waters, David Booth, Jonathan Manton, Michael Assimo, Andrew Lack and Stefan Kazakis.

Stefan Kazakis is welcomed onto the committee for the first time and Andrew Lack, former president, is welcomed back after a year's absence. Ross Hocking replaces Craig Roper as president. Craig's excellent service as president over 3 years, as well as his overall great contribution to the club was recognised. Departing committee members Paul Carty and Jon Shaw were thanked for their significant work on the committee.

- In conjunction with the Serpell Primary school, we have been running the very popular Hot Shots program for primary school children. Under the watchful eye of Jennie Waters and Paul Baldwin, this program has been hugely successful with more than 170 kids trying tennis, many of them for the first time. Each Hot Shot'er received a Tennis Racket, T-Shirt and tuition as part of the program which is sponsored by Tennis Victoria.
- Saturday ERTA Competition tennis for both Juniors and Seniors are now playing their finals. Grand finals will be played on the weekend of September 4/5. Good luck to all teams who made the finals. The new season starts on the weekend of October 8/9, so if you would like to play in a team for the next season please let Jennie Waters (Juniors) or Paul Baldwin (Seniors) know. They will then place you in a team for the coming spring/summer season.
- The 2016 Club Championships will be held during September. Singles on the weekend of the 4th and Doubles on the 11th. Both Junior and Seniors may participate by placing your name on the board in the club house, or by letting Paul Baldwin or Jennie Waters know. You have to be in it to win it.

The winners of Singles Club Championship Results 2016, held on September 3-5 are:

- 18 & U Boys : Champion - Jack Murphy, Runner Up - Rafa Epstein
- 18 & U Girls: Champion – Eleni Thomas, Runner Up – Gemma Buxton
- 14 & U Girls: To be decided next weekend between Gemma Buxton & Celina Grimaldi
- 14 & U Boys: Champion - Ben Mansell, Runner Up – Phillip Alex
- Open Singles - Champion - Jack Murphy, Runner Up - Rafa Epstein

Happy Tennis.

Jack Murphy and Raphael Epstein



Ben Mansell (left) and Phillip Alex



Serpell Primary School Kids in the Hot Shots Program

Member of the Month...

Name: Louise Reynolds
 Birthday: 27th May
 Work/School: EnviroSP Australasia P/t—Admin Manager

I play tennis because... I love being with the girls and with my sister-in-law, Jan. We have been playing in the same team for over 20 years! It is a great way of getting exercise and having fun and of course.

My best tennis memory is... Winning a tournament at Melbourne Park/Rod Laver. And playing in a semi final at Serpells; we were playing on Court 1 and we had Geoff and his mate supporting us. We love having Geoff as our supporter as well as always being there to put our supper in the oven and help with any left overs!

What's on at Serpell...

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events at Serpell Tennis Club

- Sept 2 and 4 - Club Championships
- Sept 5— Committee Meeting
- Oct 8/9 - ERTA Summer Season Starts
- Oct 23 - Open Day/ Registration Day
- Dec 16 - Christmas Breakup

Keep up with all the latest news



Club Championships

Singles—Weekend of September 3–5
Doubles—Weekend of September 10–12
Sign Up in the Club House.

President's Report

2015/16 has been a great year for the club.

Our membership have been stable although slightly lower than last year.

Our Junior and Senior competitors were successful with some teams finishing in the finals. Overall, everyone seems to be enjoying being part of a team and competing with other clubs. The club uniform is certainly receiving positive comment from those at other clubs as does our clubhouse and facilities. It's great to see our reputation grow and all the hard work we put in makes a difference to members and visitors alike.

Monday morning players and the mid week ladies are a very strong and important part of the club and I personally would like to say thankyou to you all. It is so good to see the courts being used in the mornings by all ages.

Our Club Championships and The President's Cup competition were run successfully with many a laugh and a giggle by all participants. Events such as these bring everyone together and make the club what it is.

Our sponsors for the club events are Ray White Real Estate and Bendigo Bank . We are so grateful to have them both as major sponsors for their financial support and practical assistance with some of our events.

Wimbledon night was also a great success. The trivia questions were prepared by David Booth. Nima Goharpey ably performed the role of MC and as usual the catering was prepared by Jennie Waters and was absolutely fantastic.

Lachlan Roper and Christine Staios were selected by the club to participate in a Tennis Victoria Future Leaders program. There was a camp during the mid-year school holidays which Lachlan attended (Christine was ill and unable to make it) which matched them with mentors and focussed on preparation for a project at our club. They are working alongside the committee to deliver the Fast Four competition on a Friday afternoon to selected young people and their 40 hour project will be presented to Tennis Victoria at the end of this year. This not only helps younger club members learn about running programs and working on the committee, but teaches them leadership skills.

Paul Baldwin has continued coaching hundreds of students throughout the year and has also been willing to give up his time for our annual Junior Camp and other club activities. He is a great ambassador for our club.

I would like to say thankyou to the Committee and the members for supporting me as President over the past 3 years. I have really enjoyed serving you all.

I am stepping aside as Club President and taking the role of Vice President for 2016/17 and looking forward to continuing to build and grow a great club.



Craig Roper
 President

Birthdays and Celebrations: Best of wishes to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in September:

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| Ellen SOLOMON | Nima GOHARPEY |
| Geoffrey LEGGAT | Mary DOSSER |
| Glenise SMITH | David MORRIS |
| Ernst SCHULZE | John PHILLIPS |
| Ben MANSELL | Vera SCHULZ |
| Salim KHAN | Eleni THOMAS |
| Sophie MAY | Rohan HALLFORD |

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