

Tennis Sydney Inc. President's Report 2018



Introduction

This report provides an overview of Tennis Sydney Inc. activities for the 12 months to December 31, 2017.

2017 was a year of where the bulk of the Tennis Sydney Committee remained. Some committee members stood down and I would like to thank **Chris Morrison** and **Ryan Wright** for their service in 2016/2017. These losses though opened up spots for some new blood to join and to make their mark on the club.

Our tournament schedule was full with two GLTA sanctioned tournaments, AGLO and Peter Deacon, and five club tournaments including the Lawn Tournament moving to a new month and location at Maccabi Tennis. Mid-week competitions and Sunday Social were run at healthy participation rates. Membership was also maintained at strong levels.

Membership

Club membership is the main source of income of Tennis Sydney. At the end of 2017 there was a total of 237 members down 4% from 2016. Fair Day was a contributor to new memberships along with the coaching program. Concession rates continued to be available to eligible members for annual membership and Sunday Social player's fees.

Finance

For the financial year, Tennis Sydney made a net loss of \$603.00. The full account details are published in the Treasurer's Report.

A big thank you to **Chul Kim** for his work as Treasurer throughout this year. This was Chul's second year as Treasurer and he has done a commendable job managing the finances and keeping the club in a healthy position.

Tournaments

In 2017 we held the following tournaments:

1. Australasian Gay and Lesbian Open (January) Tournament Director (TD) **Damien O'Brien**
2. Club Singles Tournament (April) TD **Jon Zhu**
3. Club Doubles Hard Court Tournament (May) TD **Jon Zhu**
4. Compass Singles Tournament (July) TD **Damien O'Brien**
5. Club Doubles Grass Tournament (August) TD **Rob Ward**
6. Peter Deacon Spring Tournament (September) TD **Jon Zhu**
7. Compass Doubles Tournament (December) TD **Paul Burns**

The Australian Gay and Lesbian Open (AGLO) was held in January at Cintra Park as part of the Australian Summer of Tennis which included events from Perth, Melbourne and Tasmania. There was a strong representation from Tennis Sydney, our sister clubs especially Melbourne and Canberra and international players. The Player's Party was held on the Saturday night at Bar Cleveland which was a huge success.

Thank you to **Andrew Soo** for organising this event. The Peter Deacon Spring Tournament, was directed by our Vice-President **Jon Zhu**. Jon did a splendid job ensuring that the event was a success.

As with previous years the one day events held throughout the year were very popular with members with events being fully subscribed within days of the event opening. I would like to express my gratitude to the Tournament Directors of each of these events. Without your efforts they would not have been as enjoyable as they were.

I would also like to thank the Tennis Sydney Committee who support the Tournament Director in ensuring that the events run smoothly and successfully.

To all of our champions, congratulations on being the best in your divisions on the day.

Competitions

Our mid-week competitions enjoyed high participation rates this year. The different formats run in the Summer, Winter and Spring competitions saw strong fields in all divisions. It was pleasing to see some new faces in each division. The competitions were held over four locations: Parklands Tennis Centre; Moore Park Tennis Centre; Sydney Boys High School and Camperdown Centre for Tennis.

I would like to express my thanks to our Competition Coordinator **Rob Ward** for his hard work in getting these competitions up and running smoothly. In addition to putting the Tennis Sydney competitions together Rob also had a large hand in getting the Amazon's competitions up and running. To **Sue Wegener**, thank you for all your work in getting these competitions started and running as well. To all of the Division Captains, thank you for your work on a weekly basis ensuring that your respective divisions had all the requirements needed to run the competition. To **Tim Pailthorpe**, thank you for keeping the leader boards up to date on a weekly basis.

Sunday Social

Sunday Social Tennis is the weekly get together of our members and non-members for an afternoon of tennis. Sunday Social is held at Parklands Tennis Centre each Sunday, with the exception of when tournaments are being held. On average there has been between 50-60 players on a weekly basis. Sunday Social is a great way for new players to come along and see what Tennis Sydney is about. It caters for all levels from beginner to advanced.

I would like to thank the Tennis Sydney committee who ensures that this event runs smoothly on a weekly basis. Without all of your efforts this day would not run as smoothly as it does.

Sponsorship

Tennis Sydney is currently running without sponsorship however if there are any members who are aware of any sponsorship opportunities please speak with any of the committee members.

While they are not officially a sponsor, I would like to thank the team at **Tennis Ranch** for their continued support over the year. Therese and her team do a fantastic job and are always there to support any of our members with their tennis requirements.

This year, we were successful in receiving another grant, this time from Tennis Australia. This grant will be put towards the coaching program which has been popular with members not only our beginners but also our more experienced players.

Communication and Legal Issues

The main communication with Tennis Sydney members is via the website, newsletter or through our social media channel on Facebook. I would like to thank **Stephen Quedi**, while he was on the committee, for his work on ensuring that the website and social channels were managed and up-to-date.

To **Jon Zhu** for your work on getting the new website up and running, it has been a labour of love however it would not have happened without you driving the project. To **Byron Watson**, thank you for the work you did on this project as well.

To **Andrew Soo**, thank you, for furthering the identity of the club both locally and internationally with his video content. His work has fostered member involvement and enthusiasm and Tennis Sydney now has an archive of well-produced video content.

Thank you to **Tye Brown** of Aquawebs designs for all his work with the website throughout the year. To assist us with the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the new Tennis Sydney website, Macadamia was bought in. Thank you to **Louis** and **Joel** for their work to date and moving forward.

Chul Kim as our Public Officer lodged our statutory returns with the Department of Fair Trading, which we are legally required to do, many thanks to Chul for ensuring that this happened. To **Peter Grogan and Michael Atkinson** for their professional advice in relation to compliance and constitutional issues, thank you.

Social Events

This year saw the return of the ten pin bowling night at Entertainment Quarter. A fun night was had by all and this was thanks to the efforts of **Andrew Soo** for his organising of the night.

Our Christmas Party and Oscars presentation was held at Bar Cleveland with special guest appearance by **Australian Tennis Champion, Casey Dellacqua**. I would like to thank **Josef Garrington** for his organisation of these event.

Insurance

Our membership with Tennis NSW continues to provide all our members with Personal Sports Accident Insurance and Insurance Protection to the club (Public Liability), along with a range of other advantages as detailed on our website.

Fundraising

During the year the club had two major fundraising events, the Lawn and Compass Doubles Tournaments, and funds were also raised by other activities such as the Bake-off and a small portion of the entry fees for the one-day tournaments. In 2017 we raised \$5,387.45 and it was decided that this be shared between Silver Rainbow and their Virtual Visitors program - \$4,887.45 and ACON - \$500.

Silver Rainbow - Silver Rainbow provides national coordination and support activities promoting the well-being of LGBTI elders and the ongoing delivery of the LGBTI awareness training to the aged care sector.

I thank our members for your generosity in supporting these organisations and the committee for their time in organising the events.

Committee

Tennis Sydney is very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteer committee members who have given up their time to assist in the running of the club. I thank them for their time, services, support and professionalism in organising all the activities of the club for the benefit of its members.

At the AGM held in May 2017 the following members were elected to the committee. **Damien O'Brien** (President), **Jon Zhu** (Vice-President & Design and Creative Coordinator), **Evan Knowles** (Secretary), **Chul Kim** (Treasurer), **Stephen Quedi** (Communications Coordinator), **Rob Ward** (Competition & Coaching Coordinator), **Andrew Soo** (Video Coordinator), **Josef Garrington** (Social Coordinator), **Oscar Modesto** (Membership Coordinator), **Byron Watson** (Website Coordinator).

During the year **Stephen** and **Byron** stepped down from their roles for personal reasons however the rest of the committee remained for the entire year.

To **Ray Lance** and **Duddy Apriadi** who are not on the committee however do work behind the scenes and to them I wish to extend my thanks.

I would like to thank everyone on the committee for their hard work and dedication to Tennis Sydney. Your work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by myself and the members of the club. Without you Tennis Sydney would not be the successful club that it is.

In Conclusion

It has been another successful year for Tennis Sydney. The club is in a strong position both financially and from a membership standpoint. All of our events from tournaments, competitions and Sunday Social have solid participation and we have a good spread of skill level in all grades.

The club is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who make up the committee and ensure that the club continues to offer events both on and off court for all Tennis Sydney's members. I call on any members who would like to join the committee to nominate themselves at the upcoming election.

After four years on the committee, three as President, I have decided to stand down from the committee. I want to thank everyone who has worked with me on the committee over this time for your support and friendship. It has been challenging at times however I am proud of what we have managed to achieve for the club and its members. I am looking forward to enjoying the benefits of the club as a member and wish the new President and new committee the best of luck as they drive the club forward.

Damien O'Brien
President
Tennis Sydney Inc.