

Annual Report

2023-2024





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Acknowledgement of Country

Tennis ACT proudly acknowledges the traditional custodians, ACT's Aboriginal communities and their rich culture and pays respect to their Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge Aboriginal people as Australia's first peoples and as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work, live and play.

Tennis Australia (TA) is the governing body of tennis in Australia. The Company was established by the Victorian, New South Wales, Queensland, West Australian, South Australian, Tasmanian and the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Associations in 1904 to allow for the staging of the first Australasian Men's Championships in 1905.

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About Us

VISION FOR TENNIS IN THE ACT AND REGION

A preferred view of the future of our game

Tennis will be a prosperous sport and recreational pursuit that delivers an exceptional and accessible active experience to communities throughout the ACT & Region.

OUR VALUES AND COMMITMENT

The way we will operate

Tennis ACT is committed to:

- Creating a strong sense of unity amongst the tennis community in the ACT & Region;
- Working in strategic partnerships with our major stakeholders, including Tennis Australia and the ACT Government;
- Maintaining constructive and progressive relationships with all stakeholders; and
- Conducting the sport and business of tennis with integrity and professionalism

TENNIS ACT MISSION

Our role in achieving the vision of our game

To grow, manage, promote and develop the sport of tennis throughout the ACT & Region by:

- Providing strong leadership and direction that guides the sport towards our vision;
- Advocating the accessibility of tennis as a sport for all people;
- Promoting the health, economic, social and entertainment benefits that tennis delivers;
- Preserving the rich heritage and traditions of tennis;
- Partnering effectively with Tennis Australia, government, corporate partners and our clubs; and
- Taking an active approach to the commercial development of the sport and industry in the region

TENNIS ACT LIMITED

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Graham Gordon*

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John Heinemann

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Arthur Ide*

Alison Ide OAM*

Clem Maloney*

Colin Mason

Frank Piggitt*

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Isobel Watson*

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Milo Bradley
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AFFILIATED CLUBS

Ainslie Tennis Club
Barton Tennis Club
Belconnen Tennis Club
Braddon Tennis Club
Bungendore Park Tennis Club
Campbell Tennis Club
Erindale Active Leisure Centre
Forrest Tennis Club
Googong Tennis Club
Jerrabomberra Tennis Club
Kaleen Tennis Club
Kambah Tennis Club
Kippax Tennis Club
Majura Tennis Club
Manuka Tennis Club
Melba Tennis Club
Murrumbateman Tennis Club

Narrabundah Tennis Club
North Woden Tennis Club
O'Connor Tennis Club
Old Parliament House Gardens
Tennis Club
Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club
Red Hill Tennis Club
Reid Tennis Club
Southlands Mawson
Tennis Club
Tennis World –
Canberra Tennis Centre
The Pines Tennis Club
Torrens Tennis Club
Turner Tennis Club
Wesley Uniting Church
Weston Creek Tennis Club
Yarralumla Tennis Club

AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

Australian National University
Canberra Grammar School
Gold Creek School
Radford College

OTHER AFFILIATED BODIES

Tennis Seniors ACT
Diplomatic Australian Tennis
Committee

Major Partners

Tennis ACT would like to thank their partners for their dedicated support. Without the support of our partners, we simply could not run tournaments, competitions or events. Many thanks to:



CEO's Report

In 2023-24, the ACT welcomed an elevated ATP125 and WTA125 combined event, with the newly named Workday Canberra International. While this event was the pinnacle for tennis within the ACT, at the grassroots, tennis was also elevated and 2023-24 was an exceptional year for Tennis ACT and tennis across the ACT & Region. Many thanks must be given to the dedicated, connected and collaborative tennis community including: coaches, volunteers, fans, families, partners and staff, all enabling great tennis, social connection, competition and fun for the whole region.

The highlights start with the growth of participation across the ACT & Region. Total participants across the region in 2023-24 came to 37,426, a new record for the region. Participation at schools increased to 19,137, up 6% year-on-year. There was also an 11% increase in online bookings via Book-A-Court, with more than 51,000 bookings through the year. This generated a 12% increase in revenue for local clubs. We saw a 14% increase in unique players compared to the same period last year. Alongside casual court hire and in conjunction with local and national marketing, there was also an increase in leads for Hot Shots and Cardio Tennis across the ACT & Region, up 31% and 56% respectively compared to the prior year.

Competitive play continues to be well supported across the ACT & Region. The Walking Clinic Canberra Tennis League saw approximately 1400 players and 465 teams participate in Adult and Juniors through 2023-24. In conjunction with other local competitions, competitive play opportunities for the ACT

& Region continue to provide diverse and inclusive formats of tennis for the entire community. Congratulations to all the teams and players who entered the numerous competitions and tournaments across the year. We look forward to continuing to see fair and fun competitive tennis across the ACT & Region throughout 2024-25.

Tennis infrastructure across the region continued to evolve. More venues implemented LED lighting solutions through 2023-24, providing a more sustainable solution for tennis in Canberra. We saw two major developments come to fruition in the North Woden Tennis Club's resurfacing of four hard courts and four synthetic grass courts. In collaboration with Aspen Medical, it was fabulous to see the All-abilities & Wheelchair Hub formally opened in October. Alongside this, Queanbeyan East Tennis Courts were fully redeveloped to hard courts, inclusive of two dedicated Pickleball courts, and Pickleball blended lines on one of the tennis courts. Other venues such as Weston Creek continued to gain traction towards new courts, providing for the greater Weston Creek region.

The aforementioned Workday Canberra International returned in an elevated status, with an ATP125 and WTA125. With new title partner, Workday, the event saw some of the best players in the world converge on Canberra from late December until the 7th of January. Packed stands through the week resulted in the highest ticket sales in the history of the event. Alongside high-quality tennis, the Tennis ACT team also delivered a range of events to make this year more inclusive than ever before, with

Pride Night, First Nation's Day, Women and Girls Day along with on court activations such as kid's 'coin toss', POP Tennis and the relaxed and welcoming Twilight Session.

The Tennis ACT team delivered and assisted with the delivery of numerous other community events across the year to showcase the benefits of tennis, our performance pathway, and the inclusive nature of the sport. Some of these events include: Community Tennis Day, Canberra Girls Get Active Day, Parliamentary Friends of Tennis, launch events for Paralympics Australia, Women and Girls in Leadership Brunch, Annual Tennis ACT Awards, Bruce Cup, Pizzey Cup, Todd Woodbridge Cup, Super 10s, Coaches Summits and Club Forums.

Lead by Milo Bradley and Nathan Price, performance tennis in the ACT continues to develop. The focus through 2023-24 was around re-forming the 'yellow and blue' team culture, especially in the younger age groups. This consisted of coach and parent education sessions, player development sessions and weekly squads, with the ultimate aim being to create a supportive and



connected environment for junior player performance to thrive.

All of these figures, events and projects continue to highlight the importance of tennis to the community and how it acts as the ideal vehicle for physical health, mental wellbeing and social connectedness. For all ages, levels and abilities, tennis has something to offer, and I'd like to thank our incredible tennis community – our clubs, volunteers, coaches, players, parents, teachers, administrators, Government stakeholders, officials and many more for the tireless efforts you have made to build tennis across the ACT & Region, positively impacting the entire community.

Looking towards 2024-25, the team, alongside the community, is well placed to continue to



grow the game. With a new Tennis ACT Strategy for 2024 – 2027, focused on seeing more people play tennis more often, regardless of how, where and what they play, it is an exciting time to be involved in our great

game. Once again, from the entire team at Tennis ACT, thank you for your support and we are looking forward to a bright 2024-25.

Mark La Brooy
Chief Executive Officer

A notable year



A THRIVING COMMUNITY

There have been many memorable performances and records set across Australian tennis these past 12 months. From getting more people to play the game to setting rankings highs and attracting more than 1.4 million fans to our summer events, it truly has been a remarkable year.

Around the nation, our vibrant community is growing as we continue to implement our Game On strategy. Coaches, volunteers, clubs, schools, administrators, officials and of course, across all levels of players – every possible area of tennis is thriving.

A lot of the excitement within our tennis community has come with the roll-out of revamped national programs – Hot Shots

Tennis and Cardio Tennis to coincide with a refreshed Tennis brand.

Tennis reclaimed the number one position as the most requested sport in Australian schools for the 2023 calendar year and we now have more than 3100 Partner Schools giving kids their first playing experiences.

Efforts to expand the support offered to the coaching network have begun to pay dividends with Tennis Australia Coach Members increasing 20 per cent this past year to a record 3500. In a substantial step towards gender equity, this number includes more than 1100 women coaches – an increase of 35 per cent on the previous year. It's still not where we want it to be, but it is strong progress.

Competition has long been the backbone of Australian

tennis and there are now more than 87000 connected players with a rating regularly taking part in Leagues and Tournaments. The introduction of a Coloured Ball Rating is helping coaches and parents find the appropriate level for kids getting started on their competition journey.

Complementary disciplines of tennis have also gained traction with 200 affiliated venues offering padel, pop or pickleball as part of their tennis programming – attracting new and old participants alike.

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Our leading athletes soared to new heights inspiring Australians to play along the way. Alex de Minaur became the first Australian man in 18 years to be ranked inside the world top 10

while both Storm Hunter and Matt Ebden claimed the number one ranking in doubles.

Jordan Thompson, Max Purcell, Rinky Hijikata, Adam Walton, Tristan Schoolkate, Alexei Popyrin, Aleksandar Vukic and Chris O'Connell are among an impressive cohort of Australian men achieving new ranking highs within the past year.

On the women's side Arina Rodionova, Olivia Gadecki, Kim Birrell, Taylah Preston and Storm Hunter all achieved career-high singles rankings while Ajla Tomljanovic, Daria Saville and Destanee Aiava reclaimed form following extended breaks from the game.

Our proud history as a leading tennis nation in team competitions continues with our Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup teams each advancing to the finals in their respective competitions in 2023. The men's team receive direct entry into the round robin stage of the 2024 Davis Cup finals as a result and have won their way through to the finals.

After a decade-long stint as Captain of the Australian women's team, we bade farewell to Alicia Molik in November. She leaves a lasting legacy having led the team to two finals and captaining no less than five Grand Slam champions during her reign.

In April, Sam Stosur made her debut as Billie Jean King Cup Captain as we held our first

tie on home soil since 2019 in Brisbane. Taylah Preston made an impressive debut helping the team qualify for the 2024 finals in November.

Our wheelchair athletes finished runners-up and third in the junior boys and quad draws at the World Team Cup in May. While at the IBSA World Games, our leading Blind/Low Vision athletes won seven gold medals. It was also a golden year for Australians performing at the ITF World Masters tournaments with 17 gold medals claimed at the teams and individual events.

These inspiring performances are the result of a clear strategy centered around developing the athlete and their teams both on and off the court.

A RECORD-BREAKING SUMMER

The global tennis season kicked off with a bang at the United Cup in Perth and Sydney. Team Australia had everyone on their feet with Alex de Minaur leading them into the semifinals taking out three top-10 players including world No.1 Novak Djokovic. Unfortunately, they were unable to clinch a finals spot going down to eventual champions Team Germany.

The new streamlined format for the event proved a resounding success with 15 of the 25 ties getting to a mixed doubles decider – eight of which ended in match tiebreaks.

The return of the much-loved Brisbane International to the Summer of Tennis calendar attracted more than 100,000 people to the Queensland Tennis Centre. Complementing professional events also held in Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra, the sport truly took centre stage across the nation in the lead-in to the Australian Open.

A historic Sunday start for the Australian Open main draw was embraced by more than 87,000 fans on-site and contributed to a 42 per cent increase in global broadcast viewership of the opening round of the tournament.

And the records didn't stop there with more than 1.1 million fans streaming through the gates of Melbourne Park during the three weeks cementing the AO's position as the most watched and attended Grand Slam.

The event was also confirmed as the biggest economic generator in Australian sport, delivering a record \$533.2 million in economic benefits to the Victorian economy.

The performance of our Australian players gave the crowds much to cheer with Alex de Minaur cementing his position as a second week Grand Slam contender. He led 15 Australian men in main draw singles – our biggest contingent since 1998.

Storm Hunter was the best performed Australian woman pushing into the third round after qualifying for the first time. Dane Sweeny and Omar Jasika rounded out the qualifiers – the most to do so since 1992.

At just 15 years of age, Emerson Jones won admirers for her grit winning her quarterfinal and semifinal matches on the same day. She was the first local in the AO girls' final for 16 years.

At the other end of the spectrum, persistence paid off in the most inspiring way for Perth-local Matt Ebden, who at 36 claimed a men's doubles Grand Slam on his 15th attempt alongside India's Rohan Bopanna.

THANK YOU

As we reflect on another successful year in Australian tennis, we celebrate strong performances on the world stage and are delighted to see the love of the game flow through the broader tennis community.

None of this is possible without the passion of coaches, administrators, volunteers, officials and delivery network and their commitment of time and effort. Thanks to each and every one of you.

Craig Tiley
Tennis Australia CEO





Tennis ACT 2023-24

Key Figures

PARTICIPATION



37,426
Participations

SCHOOLS



14,390
(+10.02%)
Primary School
Participants



48
Primary
Partner
Schools



12
Secondary
Partner
Schools



19,137
(+5.63%)
Total
Participants

COMPETITIONS

1,372

The Walking Clinic
Canberra Tennis
League players

465

Total Adult
Teams

199

Total Junior
Teams

77

Women's League
Participants

COURT HIRE



33
venues



51,800
Total bookings

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT



6100+
Facebook



2600+
Instagram

PROMOTION



1078
attendees
Community Tennis Day



1058
attendees
Canberra Girls
Get Active Day

FACILITIES

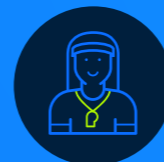


30
Venues with
LED lighting

COACHES



153
number of
Tennis
Australia
qualified
and trainee
accredited
Tennis
Australia
coaches



60
Women &
Girls Coach
Memberships

PERFORMANCE



1 National 12s
Clay Court Boys
Singles Finalist

Tommy Camus

1 National 12s Clay
Court Girls Singles
and Doubles Finalist

Pisyushi Bandara

1

Nationals 12s
Grasscourt
Doubles Champions

**Tommy Camus
& Jobe Dikkenberg**

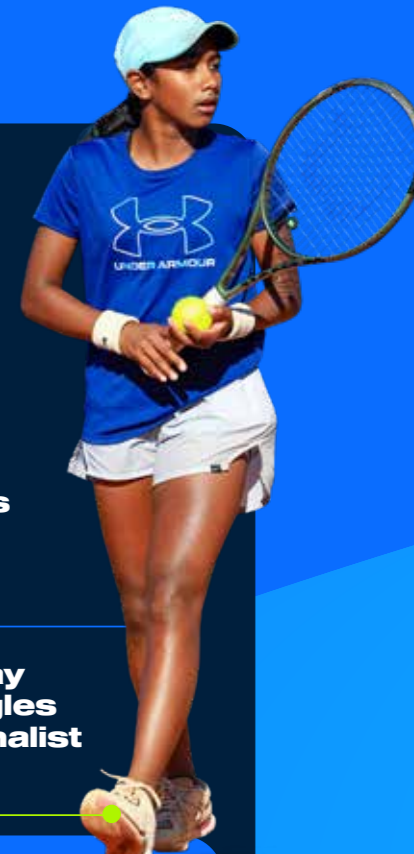
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Nationals 12s
Masters
Champion
Doubles

Tommy Camus

1 Player
selected
2024 'All
Australian
Team' Pizzey
Cup

Aliyah Dwyer



Inclusion & Diversity

WOMEN & GIRLS COMPETITION

Women's Tennis League

Listening to feedback from previous years, in 2023-24 Tennis ACT piloted numerous variations of a women's tennis league. The aim was to welcome women to competitive tennis in a format that suited their needs. The pilots focused on providing 'flex', meaning there is no commitment to play for the entire eight weeks and players could opt in or out as they pleased. The other key implementation was keeping competition to a limited length of time each week (7pm – 9pm), ensuring the player knew when they would start and finish. The initiative has delivered three pilots as a doubles format, with women being paired up according to standard (or UTR if applicable), age and experience. Across the three seasons (October 2023, February 2024 and May 2024), consisting of a total of 24 weeks, 77 women competed in the Women's Tennis League, with participation growing each season. Women's Tennis League will continue in 2024-25 with an expansion into two venues.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Women Leaders in Tennis

The Women Leaders in Tennis Program aims to support women in tennis, helping them build knowledge, skills and confidence to step into leadership positions in their tennis communities. In 2023-24 six women from Kaleen, Barton, Melba, Manuka and Tennis World participated in the program. The

participants were part of a four-month learning journey involving face-to-face workshops and online learning covering topics such as leading self, leading others and leading change.

Learn 2 Lead

Learn to Lead is targeted at girls aged 14–18 years old. The program aims to equip young women with leadership skills and confidence to lead change within their local communities. It is an eight-week program made up of face-to-face and online experiences. The 2024 program saw 10 participants and the 2023 program saw 11 participants take part. The programs were delivered between 25th July–10th September 2023 and 25th May–30th June 2024.



TALENT

#Nolimits girls squads

Launched in Term 4 2023, the program provides the opportunity for girls aged 8-10yrs to train and develop together in a fun, safe environment at their club. Four programs were delivered at four venues, totalling 32 girls that have taken part in the program.

ACT INDIGENOUS TENNIS CARNIVAL

Tennis ACT hosted the ACT Indigenous Tennis Carnival on Friday 21st June 2024 at the Canberra Tennis Centre.

The carnival was open for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth aged between 10 and 18 years, with 40 participants from different schools across the ACT & Region attending. The carnival is a celebration of Indigenous culture



through sport, art and music. It included the following cultural and tennis activities:

- Welcome to Country
- Traditional Smoking Ceremony
- Basket weaving
- Boomerang throwing

- Tennis clinics with Tennis Australia qualified coaches
- Hot Shots Tennis competition
- Morning tea and lunch provided
- Gift packs for each participant.

The carnival was a great success. Thank you to Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (TOAC) and all of the school teachers and students who supported this great event.



THE LORD'S TAVERNERS ALL-ABILITIES MULTI SPORTS DAY

The All-abilities Multi Sports Day was sponsored by The Lord's Taverners ACT charity and was held at The Dome in Fadden on Wednesday 10th April 2024. Over 150 school children attended the day which was a roaring success. Tennis ACT partnered with Rising Star Tennis Academy to deliver the tennis component.

This was a fantastic event where six different sports came together for the day to deliver a fun and rewarding day for all involved. The Lord's Taverners ACT is a charity dedicated to helping young and disadvantaged Canberrans play sports when they might not otherwise have the opportunity to do so.

MARYMEAD ACTIVE INCLUSION COME AND TRY DAY

In partnership with Marymead, Tennis ACT hosted the Active Inclusion Come and Try Event

on Saturday, 16th December 2023. This event provides an opportunity for individuals, clubs and local community groups to access tennis opportunities where they ordinarily may experience barriers to participation.

The event gives local children who are neurodiverse an opportunity to participate in a range of sports in a supportive and inclusive environment. Alongside tennis, visitors on the day participated in volleyball, cricket, Aussie rules, rugby league, athletics, roller derby, squash and many other fun activities. Representatives from each sport were onsite to talk with visitors, along with allied health professionals. This is the third year the event has been held, and each year it continues to grow, with over 100 primary and secondary aged students enjoying the day with their family and carers.

2023 ACT WHEELCHAIR OPEN

The 2023 ACT Wheelchair Open

was held on the 26th – 28th September with a strong international field participating. A number of events were held across the different wheelchair divisions. Australia's Ben Weekes defeated Tomoya Tachi from Japan in the men's singles final. The final drew a large crowd as spectators and fans were keen to watch Paralympian Weekes who has won numerous international titles over his career. The women's final saw Zixi Ma from China defeat Yuma Takamuro from Japan in a blockbuster final. Jin Woodman from Australia won the Quad event and promising Australian junior Benjamin Wenzel won the boy's event.

Athletes, coaches and staff enjoyed a number of activities during the week including the welcome dinner, sightseeing activities and the trophy presentation. It was a great honour for Tennis ACT to host the best international wheelchair players in the world in the Nation's Capital.

2024 ACT PLAYERS WITH INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT (PWII) OPEN

The 2024 Signature ACT PWII Open was held at the Canberra Tennis Centre on the 18th and 19th of May with players from across Australia participating in this pivotal event where the Australian team is selected. A number of events were held including numerous divisions across both the adult and junior divisions.

The event was of the highest standard. World number 1, top seed and five-time world champion Archie Graham, in his classification was the men's singles winner, defeating second seeded Hunter Thompson 6-4, 4-6, (10-8) in the match of the tournament. The Australian representatives played scintillating tennis with a powerful display of big serving and punishing groundstrokes to the delight of the large crowd. Kelly Wren defeated Andriana Petrakis 4-6, 6-1, (10-5) in the Women's singles final which was another close final and impressive level



of tennis from both players.

The event was played on clay and provides valuable competitive match play experience before the Australian team heads to Europe for the Virtus Global Games in France which is the PWII World Championships. Well done to all of the players

for displaying fantastic sportsmanship. A special thank you to Jay Schuback – Australian PWII Team Manager, Alison Scott – National PWII Coach and Ben Robertson – National Wellbeing Manager for all of the wonderful support they provided over the national training camp and tournament.



Play

CLUB

ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

Digital tennis court hire in the ACT & Region continues to enhance the accessibility of tennis facilities with 33 venues offering court hire online via ClubSpark, and another five using a third party court hire system.

The ClubSpark system has enabled clubs to manage their website, memberships, events, and court booking seamlessly. More than 51,800 online bookings were made in 2023-24 with 72,600 hours played and 3384 new participants to tennis in the last year, with a growth of 29% from the previous year. The Australian Open continues to drive participation within our sport with January being the biggest month for bookings in the twelve-month period with 8085 hours booked.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

In 2023-24 the team worked closely with club committees to perform and undertake the Health Indicator of Tennis (HIT) tool to understand the health of the venue in terms of its overall venue sustainability as well as educating clubs and identifying areas of opportunity for each venue to continue to grow the sport.

Across the year, three club forums were held by Tennis ACT. These events provided an opportunity for the clubs to be upskilled and educated across numerous topics, while also creating a chance for local networking. Topics included Pickleball and POP Tennis, Child Safety as well as a 'Thank You' event at the Workday Canberra International 2024.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Aspen Medical All-abilities and Wheelchair Hub Open Day
 - North Woden Tennis Club held their official All-abilities & Wheelchair Hub open day with more than 130 people in attendance
- Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club Open Day
 - More than 300 people attended the Grand Opening of Queanbeyan East Tennis Club's Pickleball and tennis courts
- Club Forums held
 - Pickleball and POP Tennis Workshop
 - Child Safety
 - 'Thank You' event at Workday Canberra International 2024
- 28 completed HIT Tool Audits
- 100% clubs in ACT and region have an active Club Action Plan

SCHOOLS

Over the 2023-24 period, participation numbers for schools in the ACT increased by 6% compared to 2022-23. During this calendar year the Todd Woodbridge Cup, a competitive pathway for Years 3 and 4 to participate in tennis during school, was successfully held. Tennis ACT maintained frequent engagement with schools to ensure that coaches, teachers, and sport coordinators were satisfied with the assistance and guidance provided. Thanks to collaborative efforts between Tennis Australia and Sporting Schools, more than 40 schools in the ACT accessed grants to deliver tennis through either a teacher delivered, or a coach delivered program.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Students playing tennis in schools increased from 18,117 to 19,137
- Students playing tennis in primary schools was 14,390
- Students playing tennis in secondary schools was 4,747
- 60 schools offering tennis as part of their Health and Physical Education Program during school hours



Competitive Play

CANBERRA TENNIS LEAGUE

The Walking Clinic Canberra Tennis League (CTL) continued to be a successful player pathway for competitive tennis at all ages. Approximately 1400 active players took the court across our leagues in the last 12 months. The Autumn 2024 CTL presentation saw 130 participants come to celebrate their team's achievements, a record-breaking attendance.

The Walking Clinic continued to play a major role in supporting our leagues and competitions

and we thank Ricky and the team for the important part they play in supporting the local tennis community.

ADULT LEAGUE

Tennis ACT continued to provide several competitive opportunities for our affiliated members through interclub competitions. Across our Monday/Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday leagues, a variety of formats were delivered, including both singles and doubles ensuring a competition that is suitable for everyone. In 2023-24, The Walking Clinic Adult Leagues saw a total of 465 teams participate in Winter (90),

Spring (141), Summer (91) and Autumn (143) competitions.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The green and yellow ball leagues provided strong competition for the junior players in the region to continue developing their game. In 2023-24, there was a total of 199 teams competing across the Spring (109) and Autumn (90) seasons. Tennis ACT would like to thank all junior league club coordinators, coaches, team supervisors and parents for their continued support and commitment to players and the competition throughout the year.





EVENTS

WORKDAY CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL

The Workday Canberra International was a wonderful kick-off to the 2024 Summer of Tennis as we welcomed WTA tennis back to the Nation's Capital for the first time in well over a decade. With the vision of creating the Capital's premier summer sporting event, the team developed a plan centred around high quality tennis, with an 'up close' fan experience like no other, while also showcasing the best food and wine of the ACT and region.

The event showcased the future of both global and Australian tennis. Emerging superstars such as **Jakub Mensik** (CZE), **Gabriel Diallo** (CAN) and **Emerson Jones** (AUS) were joined by established ATP and WTA Top 10 players David Goffin

(BEL) and Sara Errani (ITA).

Amongst these, our champions who prevailed will no doubt continue to make their mark on both the ATP and WTA tours. Germany's Dominik Koepfer lived up to his No.1 seed billing taking out the Czech teenager Mensik in two thrilling sets whilst Spain's Nuria Parrizas-Diaz fought off the challenge of Harriet Dart in a wonderful women's final. All matches being played out in front of a packed centre court at the Canberra Tennis Centre.

We welcomed over 10,000 spectators throughout the week and whilst the action on the court was the core attraction, off court the event provided a platform for tennis to engage, support and promote all the work we are doing to grow the game, deliver equality and inclusion whilst developing future champions.

We were also delighted to welcome a new title partner, Workday, who will be with us for the next three years and our thanks go to all our other event partners including the ACT Government, Capital Hotel Group, Next Gen Canberra, as well as Parker Financial, Samwise Australia, and our local beverage partners Underground Spirits, Lake George Winery and BentSpoke Brewery. Without their support, the event is simply not possible.

Thank you also to every one of our volunteers, ballcrew, officials, Tennis ACT and Tennis Australia staff who were all critical to the staging of the tournament. We have put in place all of the key ingredients to ensure we deliver on our ambition to become Canberra's premier sporting event.

Lawrence Robertson
Tournament Director

HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout the week there were a number of additional activations and community events held:

- 🕒 Pride Day, Women & Girls Day and First Nations Day
- 🕒 Hot Shot Tennis racquets and POP paddles were made available for attendees to use across 10 mini-courts
- 🕒 Tennis World Canberra showcased Cardio Tennis on courts 21 and 22 throughout the week
- 🕒 Club thank-you function held to recognise the contributions of volunteers from tennis clubs across the ACT and Region, with 64 club presidents and committee members in attendance
- 🕒 Main draw competitors Astra Sharma and Sara Errani engaged with The Walking Clinic Canberra Tennis League Junior players in a tennis challenge run by Get Set Tennis
- 🕒 15 Canberra Hot Shots kids had the opportunity to participate in coin toss opportunities, they were chosen based on the values they portrayed during the Super 10s competition
- 🕒 Underground Spirits served a limited-edition Canberra International Gin flavour with a strawberries & cream cocktail
- 🕒 Women & Girls Leadership Brunch was held with a total of 60 women
- 🕒 ACT & Regional Coaches' Summit provided 62 coaches with a chance to network, establish connections and kick off the new year revitalised through world-class professional development

EVENTS

ACT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tennis ACT delivered the ACT Junior Championships from 11th-15th April 2024 in the lead up to the 12u and 14u Australian Claycourt Championships. The tournament is a key pathway for junior players to compete for junior tour points, as well as providing the opportunity to compete against one another. A total of 262 players competed for the 500 points up for grabs and gained key match experience on the clay.

12U & 14U AUSTRALIAN CLAYCOURT CHAMPIONSHIPS

From the 16th-21st April 2024, The Canberra Tennis Centre hosted the 12u & 14u Australian Claycourt Championships with a total of 376 players competing across the singles, doubles and mixed doubles for the two age groups.

Singles Champions:

12u boys Christian Joseph (QLD)
12u girls Ana Maric (VIC)
14u boys Ethan Domingo (NSW)
14u girls Emilie Chen (NSW)

Doubles Champions:

12u boys Jiacheng Andrew Chen & Sebastian Lavorato (NSW)
12u girls Ana Maric (VIC) & Lara Wu (SA)
14u boys Hayato Sata & Jonathan Zhang (VIC)
14u girls Emilie Chen & Vesna Marinkov (NSW)

TENNIS WORLD EVENTS

Across the second half of 2023, Tennis World Canberra successfully hosted the 2023 Open 3K Tennis World Canberra (Indoor) with 77 entries, the 2023 O3K J125 Tennis World Canberra with 115 entries and the ACT 2023 JTP 250 Rafa Nadal Tour event with 128 entries.

From the 8th-11th March 2024, Tennis World hosted the 2024 O3K J125 with 193 entries across the 18 events on offer. Between the 24th-27th May 2024, Tennis World also hosted the 2024 O3K JP250 J125 event with a total of 252 entries across the 20 junior and open events. We thank the team at Tennis World for their continued support and their commitment to delivering tournaments to a high standard.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES

The Junior Development Series (JDS) continues to provide juniors with key tournament exposure. In 2023, across the eight events, there was a total of 892 entries. The 2023 Champion of Champions saw 97 players invited to participate based on their performance throughout the year. Participation continues to grow across the JDS tournaments in 2024, with 457 total entries across the first four events.



MIDWEEK WOMEN'S TENNIS LEAGUE

The 2023-24 year has seen our competition grow from 44 active players to 50 players to co-ordinate each week.

Overall, we have 64 players who have experienced our concertina ladder format. Injury and holidays still influence who is available to play. Belconnen Tennis Club is still the base for our competition, and we are very grateful to have the full use of their courts on Tuesdays. A big thank you to Barbara Tai who organises the court bookings each term. However, with the growth in numbers we are now also using Melba Tennis Club, but this is not regular each week. Narelle Sykes at Melba is very helpful booking a court when needed. Players receive an email on Sunday night with the list of players and when they check in to play each week they notify us of their availability for the following week. We operate with seven groups most of the time but one week we had nine groups.

We continue to only run our competition during school terms and break for school holidays. Therefore, we have four ladder competitions a year and they are Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. A presentation lunch is held at the conclusion of each with prizes awarded in three main categories, awarding winners and participation.

For Melbourne Cup we ran a special tournament 'fun day' for those who didn't want to miss their tennis to attend a Melbourne Cup luncheon. We then had a Christmas Gala Day in December at the end of our Spring ladder competition. Jean Penny organised the round robin draw, and we mixed up the players, so they were given a variety of competition. It was a great success and now the committee has decided to run two gala days a year with the second one falling midyear and we call it Wimbledon Gala Day.

Our committee of four has a constant task of managing the order of players each week but the task is more familiar and getting easier for us. Michele Grant is the Treasurer; Brenda Neal is our Secretary and Julie Howe is the fourth member. Unfortunately, Sue Willis had to resign from our committee this year. Sue was a valuable member of the committee and introduced this ladder format so we could all still play competitive tennis on Tuesdays.

Midweek Women's League in its ladder format is proving to be a great success. Many of the women have now started playing in senior's tournaments outside Canberra as players range from 30 – 82 years of age. Three to four sets of tennis are guaranteed each Tuesday.

Betty Smith
 President
 Midweek Women's League





TENNIS SENIORS ACT

The 2023-24 year has been a brighter year for Tennis Seniors ACT (TSACT). Our tennis players once again gave support to other senior divisions by attending several social and ITF interstate tournaments in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia.

We have new members on our committee as we battle to deal with electronic banking, computer generated memberships, registrations and social media. We have a new look SunSmart uniform and a website and Facebook page that is regularly updated.

Tennis Tasmania hosted the Australian Seniors Team and Individual Championships in January 2024 at the Domain Tennis Centre along with seven local suburban tennis clubs. 123 teams played in Hobart and surrounding suburbs with ACT taking six ladies teams and six

men's teams to compete in various age groups. TSACT had success in the ladies 70/75/80 with Div 2 taking the gold medal. Our other teams played well coming in at various positions in their age groups. Our new uniform was a success, and we welcomed a few new players who experienced this event for the first time. Interstate players had to be used to help form some of our teams. Next year we travel to Adelaide and teams are already gearing up. The individuals followed the team's week where other ACT players competed, but their opponents were too strong. Well done to all who competed in the teams and individuals events.

The ACT Seniors Championships (Easter) were held from 29th March to 1st April 2024. The weather was great with four fine sunny days, enabling the running of a successful tournament. The clay courts were in top condition and players expressed favourable

comments to play on good clay courts in good weather conditions. Kalju Liiband, the groundsman, did a great job maintaining the courts through the event. This year we had 125 players which was up from 116 in 2023, with a few highly ranked players including 10 past and present Australian team representatives, along with several international players providing for some strong and competitive tennis. Leonie Ainsworth was the best performing ACT player winning the women's 65 singles, doubles and mixed. Her partners being Helen Holcombe and Tim Harris, both ACT players. A big plus again this year was access to Next Gen café for food and refreshments with 'specials' provided to the players. A 'meet and greet' for players was held at Next Gen on the Thursday night before the tournament. On Saturday night an informal dinner was held at Jamison Southern

Cross Club. Congratulations and thanks to Pat Moloney for administering the tournament, Mark Crawley for refereeing, Sue Willis for organising Next Gen arrangements and Hilary Bridgen as Masseur.

Nine Sunday round robins were played at Belconnen Tennis Club or Weston Creek Tennis Club. The competitors in the round robins were competing

for the Venezuela Cups, which are presented to the most successful players over the year. The 2023 winner was Valerie Gavin and the runner-up Tony Dromgool.

At the Christmas dinner our two major awards were presented. The Frank Thornton award for achieving the most notable tennis success over the past year went to Ros Balodis. The George Henshilwood Award for administrative work went to Karen McLennan. A new award was introduced this year by Sue and Peter Willis to honour their parents. The Willis Award is a gold trophy awarded to a Golden Oldie and the winner was Graeme Rossiter.

Tennis Seniors Australia's AGM was held in January at The Domain Tennis Centre; Warren Müller was reappointed as TSA's Public Officer. The Presidents and Secretaries of the State and Territory divisions only met once, via Zoom, with the National Executive of Tennis

Seniors Australia over this last year. The main discussion items were TSA funding, social and competitive tennis, the annual carnival, other tournaments, and divisional updates.

We celebrated eight of our members turning 80 in 2024 at a luncheon held on the 21st of July at the Trevino's Restaurant Gold Creek Golf Club where 81 members and guests attended the luncheon.

Our membership to 30th June 2024 totals three life members and 161 regular members. Financially TSACT is in a sound position, with money in the bank and no expected large financial outlays.

The successful running of Tennis Seniors ACT during 2023-24 is attributed to the good work put in by the committee members. I thank them all for their support and contribution.

Graham Smith
President
July 2024



People

COACHES

With record-breaking enrolment in courses, workshops, and professional development, coach development had an incredible year.

COURSES

The online Participation Coaching Course, the Stringing Certification Course, and the Pop & Pickleball Coaching Course were among the inaugural offerings. 93 coaches participated in 10 courses across the year. Four coach developers have been recruited to assist in delivering these courses.

WORKSHOPS

11 workshops attracted a record 387 participants, making them the most popular program for coaches in Canberra. Workshop topics included tennis for primary & secondary schools, Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, blind and low vision tennis, complementary formats and developing talent green ball and developing talent red ball.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Possibilities for professional growth for coaches were also highly regarded; 11 professional development forums involved 220 participants.

WOMEN & GIRLS

Another outstanding year with five events and 74 participants. An all-time high in Women & Girls coach membership and tremendous interest in the inaugural #Nolimits Girls Squad.

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

Coach development broke records in this category by drawing 360 participants over four events. Tennis World Canberra established a Blind & Low Vision coaching program for the first time in Canberra, following the inaugural Blind & Low Vision coaches' workshop. In 2024-25, there will be the first-ever Wheelchair tennis coaches' workshop.

COACH MEMBERSHIP, ENGAGEMENT AND SATISFACTION

There are 153 Tennis Australia coach members, breaking previous records, including a record 60 female coach members. Over the year 158 coach exchanges were completed, aimed at supporting and developing coach businesses across the ACT & Region. In Tennis Australia's national satisfaction survey, ACT ranked second nationally for coach satisfaction.



OFFICIATING

It's been a big year in ACT with six new officials joining the officiating team, four from Weston Creek and two from Tennis World Canberra, one being local legend Kalju Liiband clay court King.

Tennis officiating in the ACT plays a pivotal role in maintaining the enjoyment, integrity and fairness of the sport. Officials "Serve the Game", often the unsung heroes, ensuring matches are conducted with adherence to rules, thus upholding the spirit of fair play that is integral to tennis. The recruitment and training of officials in the ACT are crucial aspects that ensure a steady supply of qualified individuals who can effectively manage and oversee tennis matches at various levels.

Recruitment of tennis officials in the ACT typically begins with a passion for the sport and a desire to contribute beyond playing. Many officials start their journey as avid tennis enthusiasts, drawn to the idea of actively participating in and giving back to the game they love. This year TA Officiating introduced a new role, 'Competition Assistant', targeting any person wanting to try officiating at a community level. The process involves a 90-minute online course, plus half a day practical training with a Tennis Australia Officiating Coach.

Aspiring officials in the ACT embark on a journey that combines technical knowledge with practical experience, ultimately enriching their own understanding of the sport while serving the tennis community with dedication and professionalism.

The role of a tennis official extends beyond the court and beyond the rules. Our mission as officials is to "Serve the Game", to nurture its legacy, and to ensure it thrives for generations to come.

Special acknowledgement and thank you to our ACT officials for their dedication and commitment.

Rick Lavers

Officiating Development Coordinator (NSW/ACT)

HIGHLIGHTS

Coach development set 18 records throughout the amazing year; some of the most notable ones are shown below.

- 🕒 62 coaches attending the coach summit held in January 2024
- 🕒 Eight coaches attending the inaugural – women's trainee coaching course
- 🕒 15 coaches attending inaugural – blind & low vision coaches' workshop
- 🕒 153 total coach membership
- 🕒 60 women & girls coach membership



Places

GUNGAHLIN / AMAROO TENNIS FACILITY

After quite a journey since the election commitment by the ACT Government to fund the Amaroo Tennis Centre four years ago, we are eventually headed into the final straight. An Estate Development Plan, rezoning applications, two rounds of community consultation and many planning meetings have eventually led to an approved development application. This allows for the project to be put out to public tender for construction, hopefully meaning that actual construction can begin in 2024.

NORTH WODEN TENNIS CLUB REDEVELOPMENT

This year saw the long-awaited completion of the redevelopment of the courts at the North Woden Tennis Club. Starting with the complete reconstruction of the four hard courts, and once they were completed, the rehabilitation of the surface and laying of four brand new synthetic grass courts. Congratulations to the former and current presidents of the club, Terry Lennard and Jillian Mitchell respectively for their perseverance and hard work in seeing this project through to completion. The club remains

one of the primary venues for the ACT wheelchair tennis program, and the addition of proper concrete pathways for the hard courts have also been an invaluable addition.

WESTON CREEK EXPANSION

The next major project off to be completed will be the expansion of the Weston Creek Tennis Club. Off the back of an \$800,000 commitment from the federal government, \$100,000 from the ACT Government and a \$100,000 commitment from the Tennis Australia National Court Rebate Scheme, this project

will see the construction of two new hard courts, along with the resurfacing of two synthetic grass courts. Planning will be done for an additional two hard courts which can hopefully be added at a later stage. This project is ready for the submission of the development application and construction commencement will be dependent on the timing of this process. Years of lobbying by former presidents Peter Ward and the late Graeme Rossiter have made this possible, and we look forward to significant progress in 2024.

QUEANBEYAN EAST REDEVELOPMENT

The long underutilised and badly damaged three court facility in Wanniasa Street in Queanbeyan East has been completely transformed thanks to the hard work of Wendy Grant and her team at Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club. What was a slippery and damaged synthetic surface now has two full size hard courts, two purpose-built Pickleball courts and one court with blended lines, creating a thriving hub for Pickleball in the region while also providing additional courts for the social and competitive tennis programs run by the club. Contracting Dynamic Sports for the reconstructed sub-base, and

acrylic surfacing, and Light-up-Sports for the new LED lighting, the outcome is exceptional and already seeing extensive use. Funding from the NSW government, the club and Tennis Australia all contributed to the success of this project.

FUNDING

Infrastructure developments in our sport are extremely dependent on the contributions of funding bodies such as local, state and federal government. While the clubs in the ACT and region have become accustomed to the increased requirement to generate funds for their sinking funds to enable significant works at the venues, the reality is that grant funding will continue to be required for larger projects. In recent times we have seen significant contributions from the NSW Government in Queanbeyan, The Federal Government in Weston Creek, The ACT Government in Amaroo, North Woden, Manuka, Melba, Turner, Kippax & Kambah. Through the National Court Rebate Scheme and the Bushfire Recovery Fund, Tennis Australia has also contributed significant funding at various venues including the Canberra Tennis Centre, Manuka, Queanbeyan Park, North Woden and Weston Creek.



SUSTAINABILITY

The ACT & Region have led the way in the conversion of lighting at tennis clubs to energy efficient LED's. With very few exceptions, the clubs in the region have already made this switch, largely thanks to the support of the grant program of ACT Sport and Recreation and rebate funding made available by Tennis Australia. Concerted efforts will be made to ensure that the final clubs are assisted to get funding to make the conversion. Several clubs, as well as Tennis World at the Canberra Tennis Centre have committed to the responsible recycling of tennis balls and other items where possible.



Promotion



MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Tennis ACT has a close relationship with local media outlets across Canberra. A number of media opportunities were held over the year with our stakeholders including the ACT Government, Events ACT, North Woden Tennis Club, and a wide range of local clubs and committee members.

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

By increasing the reach of Tennis ACT's digital presence and enhancing the marketing capabilities of our local clubs and coaches, our digital marketing has helped grow

the profile of tennis in the ACT & Region. Attracting record audiences through the imaginative and collaborative content generated during the Workday Canberra International.

By leveraging these gains made through the Summer of Tennis, we've been able to amplify local talent, showcase grassroots events, and connect with the local tennis community like never before. As we continue to build on the successes of ACT's widespread ClubSpark adoption and digital enablement, our digital marketing will play an increasingly key role in connecting target segments to local providers. Over the past year, our digital marketing has helped foster a love for our

sport in the ACT & Region. As as we look to the next financial year, we believe our innovative use of digital marketing tools will continue to turn more Canberrans into tennis fans, followers, and players.

MAJOR EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Major campaigns held throughout the year included Summer of Tennis leverage campaign, Workday Canberra International, Community Tennis Day, Canberra Girls Get Active Day and participation campaigns featuring Court Hire, Hot Shots Tennis and Cardio Tennis.

TENNIS ACT AWARDS

Tennis ACT hosted the annual awards celebration at Manuka Oval, 17 September 2023. Over 120 guests attended including club committees, coaches, volunteers, board members and staff. It was a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the fantastic achievements in our tennis community.

Two ACT winners went on to represent the ACT at the Newcombe Medal, including Ros Balodis in the Most Outstanding 30+ Tennis Senior and Charlie Camus Junior Athlete of the Year. Both Ros and Charlie went on to win their categories, showcasing the ACT on the national stage.

2023 TENNIS ACT AWARD WINNERS

Coaching Excellence – Club: Sandy Moore

Most Outstanding School: Red Hill Primary School

Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative: Marymead Catholic Care – Neurodiversity Come & Try Day

Excellence in Officiating: John Blom

Most Outstanding 30+ Tennis Senior: Ros Balodis

Most Outstanding Tennis Club: Melba Tennis Club

Volunteer Achievement Award: Narelle Sykes

ACT Adult Club Player of the Year: Daniel Green

ACT Junior Club Player of the Year: Rayan Kheradpezhoh

Coaching Excellence – Development: Myles Emery

Coaching Excellence – Performance: Alun Jones

Junior Athlete of the Year – Male: Charlie Camus

Junior Athlete of the Year – Female: Alisha Kumar

ACT Player of the Year: Nick Kyrgios

WALK OF FAME

No WOF this year (due to two inductees at the 2023 Centenary)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CANBERRA GIRLS GET ACTIVE DAY

Canberra's largest community sports event returned on Sunday 3rd March at the Canberra Tennis Centre.

Tennis ACT teamed up with 16 sports across the capital to host a free community event aimed at inspiring, energising and empowering young women to be more active.

Women and girls had the opportunity to try out a number of sports onsite, free seated massages from CBR Massage, roaming characters, face painting, tunes from a local DJ and much more.

There were free Hot Shots Tennis classes running all morning by Tennis World Canberra, and the first 200 kids through the gate received a free tennis racquet to start their tennis journey.

The day saw a record of 1078 people through the gates in two hours.

ACT WOMEN IN SPORT & LEADERSHIP BRUNCH

The ACT Women in Sport & Leadership Brunch was hosted on 1st March at the Canberra Tennis Centre. Over 70 guests attended which included partners, club presidents, ACT Government and representatives from local sports.

Tennis ACT Board Director Robyn Hendry MC'd the event, while guests heard from Kim Brennan AM (nee Crow) who is a sixteen-time national champion, two-time World Champion, three-time Olympian and Olympic gold medallist.



Performance

AUSTRALIAN TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2024

TEAM ACT

11/u Boys: 8th Place

11/u Girls: 7th Place

13/u Boys: 6th Place

13/u Girls: 6th Place

15/u Girls: 9th Place

15/u Boys: 7th Place

2023 October:

Bruce Cup Team: 5th Place

2024 May:

Pizzey Cup Team: 5th Place

NOTABLE PERFORMANCE POINTS

- **1 National 12s Clay Court Boys Singles Finalist:**
Tommy Camus
- **1 National 12s Clay Court Girls Singles & Doubles Finalist:**
Pisyushi Bandara
- **1 Nationals 12s Grasscourt Doubles Champions:**
Tommy Camus & Jobe Dikkenberg
- **1 Nationals 12s Masters Champion Doubles:**
Tommy Camus
- **3 Players are selected to Tennis Australia's European Jr Tours:**
Jobe Dikkenberg, Tommy Camus, Piyushi Bandara
- **2 ACT players are selected into the 2024 NTA in Brisbane:**
Elijah Dikkenberg & Oscar Andrews
- **1 Player selected 2024 'All Australian Team' Pizzey Cup:**
Aliyah Dwyer



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30 June 2024

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The Directors present their report together with the financial report of Tennis ACT Limited ('the Company') for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and the auditor's report thereon.

1. Directors

The Directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

President

B Fuller	Lawyer	President since September 2019
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Company Secretary

M La Brooy	Chief Executive Officer	CEO and Company Secretary since July 2023
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Directors

B Fuller	Lawyer	Director since June 2011
C Paris	Public Administrator	Retired November 2023
L Stone	Chartered Accountant	Retired November 2023
R Hendry	General Manager	Director since June 2016
S Plummer	General Manager	Director since August 2017
A Bartlett	Lawyer	Director since November 2019
A Landrigan	General Manager (Retired)	Director since November 2019
P Trenbath	Partner Media Agency	Director since November 2020
J Bilston	Partner Consulting Agency	Director since November 2023
W Grant	Public Administrator	Director since November 2023

2. Directors' Meetings

The number of Directors' meetings (including meetings of committees of Directors) and number of meetings attended by each of the Directors of the Company during the financial year are:

Director	Board Meetings		Finance & Audit Committee Meetings		Integrity Committee Meetings		Commercial Committee Meetings	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
M La Brooy	6	6	6	6			4	4
R Hendry	6	6					4	4
B Fuller	6	6					4	4
C Paris	2	1					4	4
L Stone	2	2	4	4				
S Plummer	6	3	6	4				
A Bartlett	6	4						
A Landrigan	6	4	6	6				
P Trenbath	6	5					4	4
J Bilston	4	3	1	1				
J Bilston	4	4						

A – Number of meetings held during the time the Director held office during the year

B – Number of meetings attended

3. Short and long-term objectives and strategies for achieving those objectives

The Company's objectives and strategies are to grow, manage, promote and develop the sport of tennis throughout the ACT and region by:

- providing strong leadership and direction that guides the sport towards our vision;
- advocating the accessibility of tennis as a sport for all people;
- promoting the health, economic, social and entertainment benefits that tennis delivers;
- preserving the rich heritage and traditions of tennis;
- partnering effectively with Tennis Australia, government, corporate partners and our clubs; and
- taking an active approach to the commercial development of the sport and industry in the region.

The Company, being an associate member of Tennis Australia Limited, receives grant funding that forms an integral part of the funding required for the Company to achieve its short and long-term objectives.

In the unlikely event that grant funding from Tennis Australia should cease or be reduced, it is the view of the Directors that the Company would still be able to continue meeting its objectives, albeit to a lesser extent.

4. Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Company during the course of the financial year were the promotion and development of the game of tennis in the ACT and region, and to provide recreation, sports and other facilities for members and non-members of the Company. No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

5. Performance measures

The Company has an annual review process that ensures key performance indicators (KPIs) are set and assessed to ensure the above objectives and strategies are being achieved to the highest degree possible.

6. Operating and Financial Review

The Company's net result for the year ended 30 June 2024 was a net deficit of \$61,156. This compares with a net deficit of \$140,281 for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Company's net operating result (before depreciation and amortisation) for the year ended 30 June 2024 was a net surplus of \$407,744 (2023: \$299,511).

7. Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

In the opinion of the Directors there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the financial year under review.

8. Events subsequent to reporting date

In the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report there have been no events, items or transactions of material or unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years..

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024 (CONTINUED)

9. Likely Developments

The Directors do not anticipate any major changes in the basis of operations of the Company and the future results of those operations in subsequent financial years.

10. Members equity

The Company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is an entity limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards meeting any obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2024 the number of members was 7,549 (2023: 7,068).

11. Indemnification and insurance of Officers

Indemnification

The Company has agreed to indemnify the Directors of the Company against all liabilities to another person (other than the Company or a related body corporate) that may arise from their position as Directors of the Company, except where the liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith. The agreement stipulates that the Company will meet the full amount of any such liabilities, including costs and expenses.

Insurance Premiums

Tennis Australia, through a national insurance scheme, provides the Company with Directors' and officers' liability, legal expenses and insurance contracts, for current and former Directors and Officers of the Company.

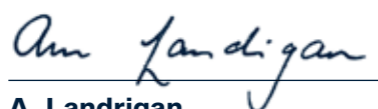
12. Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration

The Lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 65 and forms part of the Directors' report for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



B. Fuller
President



A. Landrigan
Director

Dated at Canberra 29th day of August 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	927,337	692,400
Trade receivables and other assets	11	227,149	425,829
Financial Assets	12	1,000,000	800,000
Total current assets		2,154,486	1,918,229
Property, plant and equipment	13	6,999,636	7,425,681
Right-of-use assets	14	1,102,547	1,066,758
Total non-current assets		8,102,183	8,492,439
Total assets		10,256,669	10,410,668
Liabilities			
Trade payables and other payables	15	415,041	522,846
Employee benefits	16	70,443	60,686
Income received in advance	17	129,553	9,710
Interest bearing liabilities	18	152,238	170,275
Lease liabilities	19	16,585	17,345
Total current liabilities		783,860	780,862
Employee benefits	16	23,360	12,534
Interest bearing liabilities	18	270,000	421,626
Provisions	20	–	7,142
Lease liabilities	19	1,164,220	1,112,118
Total non-current liabilities		1,457,580	1,553,420
Total liabilities		2,241,440	2,334,282
Net assets		8,015,229	8,076,386
Members' equity			
Retained earnings		6,811,095	6,872,251
Reserves	21	1,204,135	1,204,135
Total members' equity		8,015,230	8,076,386

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue	5	407,368	458,091
Total revenues		407,368	458,091
Other income	6	1,324,831	1,310,712
Total other income		1,324,831	1,310,712
Expenses			
Tournaments and competitions expenses		(164,907)	(251,066)
Commercial operations expenses		(454,152)	(455,199)
Participation expenses		(205,024)	(237,590)
Media and communications expenses		(263,962)	(281,404)
Finance and administration expenses		(653,678)	(602,052)
Total expenses		(1,741,723)	(1,827,312)
Finance income		29,971	–
Finance costs		(81,603)	(81,772)
Net finance (costs)	8	(51,632)	(81,772)
Deficit for the year		(61,156)	(140,281)

The statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	1,204,135	7,012,532	8,216,667
Deficit for the year	–	(140,281)	(140,281)
Balance at 30 June 2023	1,204,135	6,872,251	8,076,386
Balance at 1 July 2023	1,204,135	6,872,251	8,076,386
Deficit for the year	–	(61,156)	(61,156)
Balance at 30 June 2024	1,204,135	6,811,095	8,015,230

The statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from customers		2,099,776	1,580,324
Cash receipts from government grants		132,219	75,358
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(1,548,459)	(1,288,068)
Interest received		29,971	–
Net cash from operating activities		713,507	367,614
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	13	(9,045)	(46,472)
Receipt from matured term deposit		800,000	–
Investment in term deposit		(1,000,000)	(800,000)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(209,045)	(846,472)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest paid	8	(35,180)	(37,386)
Repayment of borrowings		(169,663)	(274,916)
Lease payments (principal and interest)		(64,682)	(61,071)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(269,525)	(373,373)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		234,937	(852,231)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		692,400	1,544,631
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	10	927,337	692,400

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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1. Reporting entity

Tennis ACT Limited (the “Company”) is a company domiciled in Australia. The Company is a company limited by guarantee. The address of the Company’s registered office is:

1 Riggall Place
Lyneham, ACT 2602

The Company is a not for profit entity and the principal activities of the Company during the course of the financial year were the promotion and development of the game of tennis in the Australian Capital Territory and region.

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures made by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. Details of the Company’s material accounting policies are included in Note 3. Changes in material accounting policies are described in Note 3(k).

The financial statements is the first general purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with Australian

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 21st August 2024.

(b) Basis of measurement

The financial report has been prepared on the historical cost basis.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company’s functional currency.

(d) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

(e) Going concern

As noted in Note 24, the Company is economically dependent upon Tennis Australia and receives grant funding that forms an integral part of the funding required for the Company to achieve its short and long-term objectives.

In the unlikely event that grant funding from Tennis Australia should cease or be reduced, it is the view of the Directors that the Company would still be able to continue meeting its objectives, albeit to a lesser extent.

The Directors have concluded that it is appropriate that these financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, taking regard of the above.

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3. Material accounting policies

(a) Financial instruments

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These have been consistently applied to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(i) Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument, and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transaction costs, except for those carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured initially at fair value. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities are described below.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Except for those trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component and are measured at the transaction price, all financial assets are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs (where applicable).

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments are classified into the following categories upon initial recognition:

- Amortised cost
- Fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)
- Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs, finance income or other financial items, except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within other expenses. Classifications are determined by both:

- The Company's business model for managing the financial asset
- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs, finance income or other financial items, except for impairment of trade receivables, which is presented within other expenses.

(iii) Subsequent measurement of financial assets

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the assets meet the following conditions (and are not designated as FVPL):

- They are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets and collect its contractual cash flows
- The contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding

After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Company's cash and cash equivalents, trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instrument as well as long-term deposit.

The Company do not hold any financial assets at FVOCI.

3. Material accounting policies (continued)

(a) Financial instruments (continued)

(iv) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits with maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Company in the management of its short term commitments.

(v) Non-derivative financial liabilities

The Company has the following non-derivative financial liabilities: interest bearing liabilities, bank overdrafts and trade and other payables.

Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value, and, where applicable, adjusted for transaction costs unless the Company designated a financial liability at fair value through profit or loss.

Subsequently, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method except for derivatives and financial liabilities designated at FVPL, which are carried subsequently at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss.

All interest-related charges and, if applicable, changes in an instrument's fair value that are reported in profit or loss are included within finance costs or finance income.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost or deemed cost less accumulated depreciation (see below) and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of property, plant and equipment at 1 July 2004, the date of transition to AASBs, was determined by reference to its cost at that date.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials, direct labour, the initial estimate, where relevant, of the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and an appropriate proportion of production overheads. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

(ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Company and its cost can be measured reliably. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in the statement of profit or loss as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment.

The estimated useful lives in the current and comparative periods are as follows:

- Leasehold land and buildings 7 – 40 years
- Plant and equipment 3 – 10 years
- Courts and court equipment 5 – 50 years

The residual value, the useful life and the depreciation method applied to an asset are reassessed at least annually.

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3. Material accounting policies (continued)

(c) Impairment

(i) Financial assets (including receivables)

AASB 9's impairment requirements use forward-looking information to recognise expected credit losses – the 'expected credit losses (ECL) model'. Instruments within the scope of the requirements include loans and other debt-type financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The Company makes use of a simplified approach in accounting for trade and other receivables and records the loss allowance at the amount equal to the expected lifetime credit losses. In using this practical expedient, the Company uses its historical experience, external indicators and forward-looking information to calculate the expected credit losses using a provision matrix.

The Company assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 120 days past due.

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Company is exposed to credit risk.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are probability-weighted estimates of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (ie the difference between the cash flow due to a Company in accordance with the contract and the cash flow that the Company expects to receive).

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

Presentation of allowance of ECL in statement of financial position

Loss allowance for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

(ii) Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets, other than inventories, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable asset group that generates cash flows that largely are independent from other assets and groups. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

(d) Employee benefits

(i) Long-term employee benefits

The Company's net obligation in respect of long-term service benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. The

3. Material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Employee benefits (continued)

(i) Long-term employee benefits (continued)

obligation is calculated using expected future increases in wage and salary rates including related on-costs and expected settlement dates, and is discounted using the rates attached to the corporate bonds at the balance sheet date which have maturity dates approximating to the terms of the Company's obligations.

(ii) Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

(iii) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are expensed at the earlier of when the Company can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits and when the Company recognises costs for a restructuring. If benefits are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months at the end of the reporting, then they are discounted.

(iv) Defined contribution plans

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed as the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is available.

(e) Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

(f) Revenue and other income

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

(i) Revenue recognition policy for revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15)

AASB 15 requires revenue to be recognised when control of a promised good or service is passed to the customer at an amount which reflects the expected consideration. The customer for these contracts is the fund provider.

Generally, the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Company have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations. Costs are recognised on an accrual basis.

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3. Material accounting policies (continued)

(f) Revenue and other income (continued)

(i) Revenue recognition policy for revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15) (continued)

Grant income from Government and Tennis Australia

Grant income arising from an agreement which contains enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied. This is generally the case for the monies from the Government and the performance obligations are varied based on the agreement.

Within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, generally the revenue recognition is based on either cost or time incurred which best reflects the transfer of control.

Affiliation fees

Revenue from affiliation fees is recognised in the profit or loss in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The stage of completion is assessed by reference to the period to which membership relates.

(ii) Revenue recognition policy for revenue streams which are either not enforceable or do not have sufficiently specific performance obligations (AASB 1058)

Grant income

Assets arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 are recognised at their fair value when the asset is received. These assets are generally cash but may be property which has been donated or sold to the Company at significantly below its fair value.

Once the asset has been recognised, the Company recognises any related liability amounts. Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any difference between the recorded asset and liability.

Capital grants

Capital grants received under an enforceable agreement to enable the Company to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be controlled by the Company (once complete) are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project as there is no profit margin. For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Company.

Volunteer services

The Company has elected not to record volunteer services in the financial statements. Volunteer services received relate to assistance in the organising and running of tennis events throughout the ACT and region.

(iii) Significant estimate and judgements relating to revenue

For many of the grant agreements received, the determination of whether the contract includes sufficiently specific performance obligations was a significant judgement involving discussions with several parties at the Company, review of the proposal documents prepared during the grant application phase and consideration of the terms and conditions.

3. Material accounting policies (continued)

(f) Revenue and other income (continued)

(iii) Significant estimate and judgements relating to revenue (continued)

Grants received by the Company have been accounted for under both AASB 15 and AASB 1058 depending on the terms and conditions and decisions made.

If this determination was changed then the revenue recognition pattern would be different from that recognised in this financial report.

(g) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company uses the definition of a lease in AASB 16.

(i) As a lessee

Initial recognition and measurement

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Company allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative standalone prices. However, for the leases of property the Company has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Company by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain re-measurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Company determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payment;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and

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3. Material accounting policies (continued)

(g) Leases (continued)

(i) As a lessee (continued)

- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Company is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero. The Company presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property in property, plant and equipment and lease liabilities in loans and borrowings in the statement of financial position.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Company has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases, including IT equipment. The Company recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Company allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

Leases with significantly below-market terms and conditions

The Company has elected to record leases with significantly below-market terms and conditions ('peppercorn leases') at cost rather than fair value.

The Company has the right to use a part of Block 10 and 12 for \$0.10 per annum. This property is used for operation of Tennis and the lease term ends in 2103. As the lease was deemed below market value the Company has adopted the amendments made to AASB 16 and AASB 1058 which allows for these leases to be recognised at cost rather than market value.

(ii) As a lessor

When the Company acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Company makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying assets. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Company considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

If an arrangement contains lease and non-lease components, then the Company applies AASB 15 to allocate the consideration in the contract.

The Company recognises lease payments received under operating leases as income on a straight-line basis over the lease term as part of 'Rental income'.

3. Material accounting policies (continued)

(h) Finance income and costs

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested. Interest income is recognised as it accrues, in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings. All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

(i) Income tax

The income of the Company is exempt from income tax, and accordingly, no provision has been made in the accounts for income tax payable.

Withholding tax from other jurisdictions is provided when the liability is due and payable.

(j) Goods and services tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

(k) New accounting standard adopted

The Company adopted Disclosure of Accounting policy: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards (Amendments to AASB 1049, 1054, and 1060) from 1 January 2023. Although the amendments of accounting policies did not result in any change to the accounting policies themselves, they impacted the accounting policy information disclosure in the financial statement.

The amendments require the disclosure of 'material', rather than 'significant', accounting policies. The amendments, also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting entities to provide useful, entity-specific accounting policy information that users need to understand other information in financial statements.

Management reviewed the accounting policies and made updates to the information disclosed in Note 3 Material Accounting Policies (2023: Significant Accounting Policies) in certain instances in line with amendments.

A number of other new accounting standards are also effective from 1 July 2023 but they do not have a material effect of the Company's financial statements.

(l) New accounting standards and interpretations not yet adopted

There are no standards or amendments that have been issued but not yet effective that are expected to have a significant impact on the Company.

The Company has not adopted, and currently does not anticipate adopting any standards prior to their effective dates.

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4. Determination of fair values

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods.

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly"
- Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

Where applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

5. Revenue

(i) Revenue from contracts with customers – AASB 15

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Affiliations and registrations	63,691	60,414
Entry fees	32,080	37,413
Program and event income	133,200	206,965
Sponsorship and advertising	165,911	138,940
Other	12,486	14,359
	407,368	458,091

(ii) Timing of revenue recognition

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Services transferred at a point in time	177,766	258,737
Services transferred over time	229,602	199,354
	407,368	458,091

6. Other income

Revenue recognised under AASB 1058 Income of NFP entities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Government funding – operating	6,563	119,689
Tennis Australia funding	904,875	800,410
	911,438	920,099

Revenue recognised under AASB 16 Leases

Rental income	413,393	390,613
	1,324,831	1,310,712

Government grants

In the 2022/23 financial year the Company received ACT Government grants relating to the Triennial Sport & Recreation Operational Program, the Sports Loan Interest Subsidy Scheme (SLISS) and Canberra International and ACT Clay court International events.

In the 2023/24 financial year the Company received ACT Government grants relating to the Sports Loan Interest Subsidy Scheme (SLISS).

7. Other expenses

The Company has the following key expenses

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Depreciation expenses:			
Plant and equipment	13	5,333	5,552
Car park and landscaping	13	56,337	56,288
Leasehold land and buildings	13	88,458	88,039
Courts and court equipment	13	284,962	258,048
Right-of-use assets	14	33,810	31,865
		468,900	439,792
Employee benefits		850,827	728,995
Superannuation		80,894	76,564
Insurance expense		13,243	13,175
Impairment loss/(gain) on trade receivables		(12,500)	25,000

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8. Net finance costs

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Interest income on term deposit	29,971	–
Total finance income	29,971	–
Interest expense on borrowings	35,179	37,386
Interest expense on lease liabilities	46,424	44,386
Total finance cost	81,603	81,772
Net finance costs	51,632	81,772

9. Auditor's remuneration

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Auditor of the Company		
<i>KPMG Australia</i>		
Audit and review of financial reports	17,370	16,660
	17,370	16,660

10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Bank balances	927,337	692,400
Cash and cash equivalents	927,337	692,400

11. Trade and other receivables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade receivables	207,116	350,393
Less allowance for impaired receivables	(12,500)	(25,000)
Prepayments	3,417	4,693
Other receivables	29,117	95,743
	227,150	425,829

12. Financial Assets

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Term deposit	1,000,000	800,000
	1,000,000	800,000

The term deposit earns 4.82% and is held with ANZ. Maturity is in May 2025.

13. Property, plant and equipment

	Leasehold land and buildings \$	Plant and equipment \$	Courts and court equipment \$	Car park and landscaping \$	Total \$
Cost					
Balance at 1 July 2022	5,031,839	162,770	5,652,597	932,825	11,780,031
Additions	4,118	–	36,199	6,155	46,472
Disposals	–	–	–	–	–
Disposals	–	–	–	–	–
Balance at 30 June 2023	5,035,957	162,770	5,688,796	938,980	11,826,503
Balance at 1 July 2023	5,035,957	162,770	5,688,796	938,980	11,826,503
Additions	9,045	–	–	–	9,045
Disposals	–	–	–	–	–
Balance at 30 June 2024	5,045,002	162,770	5,688,796	938,980	11,835,548
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance at 1 July 2022	(1,311,860)	(145,525)	(2,122,706)	(412,804)	(3,992,895)
Depreciation charge for the year	(88,039)	(5,552)	(258,048)	(56,288)	(407,927)
Balance at 30 June 2023	(1,399,899)	(151,077)	(2,380,754)	(469,092)	(4,400,822)
Balance at 1 July 2023	(1,399,899)	(151,077)	(2,380,754)	(469,092)	(4,400,822)
Depreciation charge for the year	(88,458)	(5,333)	284,962)	(56,337)	(435,090)
Balance at 30 June 2024	(1,488,357)	(156,410)	(2,665,716)	(525,429)	(4,835,912)
Carrying amounts					
Balance at 1 July 2022	3,719,979	17,245	3,529,891	520,021	7,787,136
Balance at 30 June 2023	3,636,058	11,693	3,308,042	469,888	7,425,681
Balance at 1 July 2023	3,636,058	11,693	3,308,042	469,888	7,425,681
Balance at 30 June 2024	3,556,645	6,360	3,023,080	413,551	6,999,636

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14. Right-of-use assets

(i) Amounts recognised in the statement of financial position

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance as of 1 July – Property	1,064,053	1,035,471
Additions and reassessments to right-of-use assets	69,599	58,233
Depreciation expense for the year	(31,597)	(29,651)
Balance as of 30 June	1,102,055	1,064,053
Balance as of 1 July – Equipment	2,705	4,919
Depreciation expense for the year	(2,213)	(2,214)
Balance as of 30 June	492	2,705
Balance as of 30 June – right-of-use assets	1,102,547	1,066,758

The Company leases two properties and a photocopier. Both property leases are long-term leases, running to at least 2059, inclusive of extension options reasonably certain to be exercised. The photocopier lease operates until June 2024.

The Property leases contain the following arrangements:

- The Company leases land from the Commonwealth for peppercorn rent;
- The Company subleases the entire Property to Next Generation Clubs Australia Pty Limited, refer to note 22; and
- Next Generation Clubs Australia Pty Limited lease an office facility in the building back to the Company; and
- The Company has granted access to Tennis Australia Limited, under the brand of Tennis World, refer to note 22.

(ii) Future lease payments

The total future lease payments (including those lease payments that are not included in the measurement of the lease liability, e.g. for short-term leases and leases of low-value items) are disclosed for each of the following periods.

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Less than one year	62,324	61,071
One to five years	247,411	233,439
More than five years	1,845,321	1,795,837
	2,155,056	2,090,347

15. Trade and other payables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade payables	13,985	12,087
Other payables	401,056	510,759
	415,041	522,846

16. Employee benefits

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current		
Provision for long-service leave	4,503	5,793
Provision for annual leave	65,940	54,893
	70,443	60,686
Non-current		
Provision for long-service leave	23,360	12,534
	23,360	12,534

17. Income received in advance

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Grant income	125,000	–
Other income	4,553	9,710
	129,553	9,710

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18. Interest bearing liabilities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current		
Tennis Australia loan (unsecured)	62,238	80,275
ANZ Commercial loan (secured)	90,000	90,000
	152,238	170,275
Non-current		
Tennis Australia loan (unsecured)	–	61,626
ANZ Commercial loan (secured)	270,000	360,000
	270,000	421,626

Tennis Australia loan

Project facility loan of \$62,238 is repayable in tranches over the next 12 month pursuant to the loan amortisation schedule prepared by Tennis Australia Limited. The average interest rate charged on this loan during the year was 4.70% (2023: 2.67%)

ANZ Commercial loan

Termination date of the ANZ loan is 1 July 2025 and is subject to renegotiation for a further term. Annual principal repayments each May are \$90,000 and the applicable interest rate is Daily BBSY 1 month (4.4% at June 30 2024) plus a margin of 1.42% (2023 4.35%+1.42%).

Tennis ACT have provided a general security charge to ANZ for the value of the loan.

19. Lease liabilities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current		
Property	16,585	14,591
Equipment	–	2,754
	16,585	17,345
Non-current		
Property	1,164,220	1,111,648
Equipment	–	470
	1,164,220	1,112,118
Total lease liabilities	1,180,805	1,129,463

20. Provisions

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Non-current		
TACT Officials	–	7,142
	–	7,142

A reconciliation for the provision is provided below.

	TACT Officials \$
Opening	7,142
Provision during the year	–
Reversal during the year	(7,142)
Balance as of 30 June 2024	–

21. Capital and reserves

Asset revaluation reserve

The revaluation reserve relates to the revaluations of property, plant and equipment. As a result of the retirement of the buildings, courts and car park during the 2013-14 year, the asset revaluation reserve was adjusted to ensure it only reflected revaluations on existing assets.

Members equity

The Company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is an entity limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards meeting any obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2024 the number of members was 7,549 (2023: 6,402).

22. Operating leases

Leases as lessor

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are receivable as follows

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Less than one year	247,407	302,968
Between one and five years	1,064,629	1,006,872
More than five years	9,401,475	9,085,752
	10,713,511	10,395,592

During the financial year ended 30 June 2024, \$413,392 was recognised as income in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in respect of operating leases (2023: \$390,613). Next Generation Clubs Australia Pty Limited subleases Block 10 under an agreement and operates a sporting club. Tennis Australia, under the Tennis World brand, operates a facilities management business at the Canberra Tennis Centre.

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23. Financial instruments

The following table shows the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities.

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Financial assets measured at amortised cost			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	927,337	692,400
Trade Receivables (gross)	11	207,116	350,393
Term Deposit	12	1,000,000	800,000
		2,134,453	1,842,793
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost			
Trade payables	15	13,985	12,087
Other payables	15	401,056	510,759
ANZ Commercial loan (secured)	18	360,000	450,000
Tennis Australia loan (unsecured)	18	62,238	141,901
		837,279	1,114,747

24. Related party transactions

The Company, being an Associate member of Tennis Australia (TA), receives shared services benefits from TA. These benefits include accounting, human resources, legal and information technology, and integrity and compliance resources. These services were provided for nil consideration. Tennis Australia, under the Tennis World brand, lease area at the Canberra Tennis Centre from the Company, refer to note 22.

The names of each person holding the position of Director/Company Secretary of the Company during the financial year were: B Fuller (President), M La Brooy, C Paris, L Stone, R Hendry, S Plummer, A Bartlett, A Landrigan and P Trenbath, J Bilston, W Grant

Directors of the Company are acting on an honorary basis and do not receive any director fees.

The key management personnel for Tennis ACT includes the CEO and Senior Management.

Key management personnel compensation

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Short-term employee benefits	567,251	549,064
Post employment benefits	57,950	58,715
Total compensation	625,201	607,779

In addition to salaries paid, key management personnel may receive cash incentive bonuses based on key performance indicators.

25. Economic dependency

The Company, being an associate member of Tennis Australia Limited, receives grant funding from Tennis Australia Limited that forms an integral part of the funding required for the Company to achieve its short and long-term objectives.

In the unlikely event that grant funding from Tennis Australia Limited should cease or be reduced, it is the view of the officers that the Company would still be able to continue meeting its objectives, albeit to a lesser extent.

26. Contingent liabilities

During the 2019-20 reporting period and early in the 2022-23 reporting period, potential legal matters arose that could possibly result in costs to be incurred in future periods. At the date of this report, the potential legal matters have not been progressed and no further correspondence received. Due to the inherent uncertainty of these matters including any financial effects, no provision has been recognised in relation to these matters in the financial statements.

27. Subsequent events

In the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report there have been no events, items or transactions of material or unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

In the opinion of the Directors of Tennis ACT Limited ('the Company'):

- (a) the Company is not publicly accountable;
- (b) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 41 to 63, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001,
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Canberra 29th Day of August 2024

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:



B. Fuller
President



A. Landrigan
Director

LEAD AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

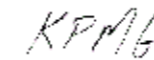


Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of Tennis ACT Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Tennis ACT Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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Adrian Nathanielsz
Partner
Melbourne

29 August 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Tennis ACT Limited

Opinion

We have audited the **Financial Report** of Tennis ACT Limited (the Company).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Company gives a true and fair view, including of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes, including material accounting policies
- Directors' Declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the Directors of Tennis ACT Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this Auditor's Report.

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Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Tennis ACT Limited's annual report which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, and in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Material misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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Adrian Nathanielsz

Partner

Melbourne

30 August 2024

