



# Tennis NT

## *Annual Report 2017 – 18*





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Schools part of the National Schools

**47**

Athletes and eleven coaches participate in NT representative teams

**26**

Tennis Australia Coach Members

**151**

People attend the 2017 Tennis NT Awards Night Partnership Program



**7**

Remote coaches undertake the Foundation Coaching Course in Beswick

**11,373**

Total recorded Hot Shots and School participants

**1,526**

Tournament experiences accessed

**2,552**

Club Members Registered



## 2017-18 Key Highlights

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Tennis Palmerston wins their first Club of the Year.



Warren Martin ends tenure as President of Tennis NT after 9 years of service.

Gary Bigg & Leanne Usher selected as part of the Officiating squad for the 2018 Australian Open Men's Singles Final.



Peter Politis wins 14/U Singles at Rod Laver Junior Championships

Darwin International Tennis Centre opens its gates for the first time, with a great turnout from the local community

A regional Talent Camp was held in Darwin with 24 students who also participated in the Evonne Goolagong Foundation Come n Try day.

New Darwin Line Umpires selected for ITF Pro Circuit events. Chris McLachlan selected for the Alice Springs Tennis International whilst Jennifer Roe was selected for the Cairns Tennis International

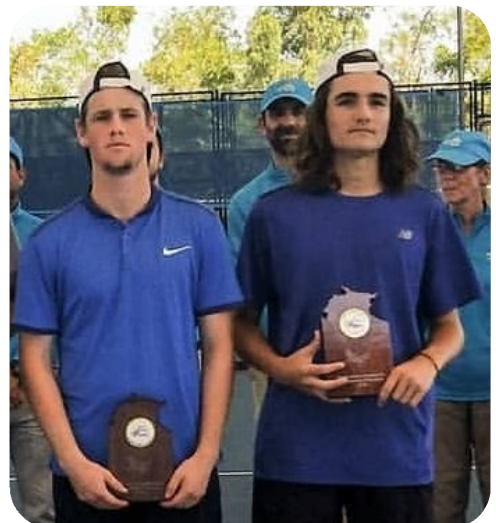
Maverick Banes (AUS) defeats Harry Bouchier (AUS) to take out the title of Singles Champion at the 2017 Alice Springs Tennis International.

Peter Politis and Michael Shephard win Doubles ITF Junior G5 in Darwin

Gardens Tennis claims victory at the Club Super Challenge for 2017

Essington International Tennis Academy grows to 25 regular participants

Jett Leong selected for Australian 14/U boys European Tour





## 2017-18 Key Highlights



Ash Barty visits the NT to announce her new role as National Indigenous Ambassador and visit the Tiwi Islands.

Nicolas Tremblay & Cooper Errey (VIC) - 12/U Doubles Champions at the Australian Grass Court Championships in Adelaide

Michael Shephard – (First Win) ITF Junior G5 Singles Champion in Darwin

7 Sport & Rec officers completed the Tennis Australia Foundation Coaching Course. 6 were from the Roper Gulf Regional Council and from the communities of Barunga, Beswick, Bulman and 1 from Wurrumiyanga, Tiwi Islands

A Regional Carnival including the Katherine Schools Tennis Gala day was held in Katherine with 128 participant turnout from the Roper Gulf region.



## President and Manager's Report

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It is with great pleasure that we present this report for the twelve months ending 30 June 2018, another year of development for the sport across the Northern Territory.

It is also where we reflect on the achievements and commitment displayed by many people within our tennis community. In November 2017 Tennis NT Warren Martin vacated the Tennis NT Presidency after nine years in the role. Warren's tireless efforts to progress the sport across the Territory in this time are greatly appreciated and we thank Warren on behalf of the broader tennis community for this service.

2017/18 was a year of change across the organisation with the focus required on the Marrara development, coupled with the growth of Indigenous programs and a raft of local and National initiatives providing both challenges and opportunities. This is further explored throughout this report.

It is pleasing to be presenting another strong year financially for the organisation with an operating surplus of \$75,388 reported for the twelve months. This follows a surplus of \$84,220 in 2016/17. It is noted that the aforementioned changes to the organisation will mean that prudent financial management will continue to be a focus of Tennis NT.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank the many people that make up the backbone of the sport across the NT. Without the work of the coaches, administrators, volunteers, officials, players and parents in our environment, the sport wouldn't be the same so we thank you for your ongoing work.

We have also benefitted greatly from the ongoing support provided by both Tennis Australia and the Northern Territory Government. The significant support provided by both parties is invaluable and allows Tennis NT to confidently pursue the growth of the sport knowing that there is likeminded support from key partners.

Tennis NT values our various sponsors and partners, who are listed in this report, all of which are integral in assisting us in our journey. The longstanding partnerships we have with these organisations are of considerable benefit to the sport and show us that tennis has the ability to engage a diverse group of stakeholders.

2017/18 has been a big year for the staff of Tennis NT with growth, new faces and a change of office all

presenting new experiences across the team. The passion and commitment to tennis shown across the team continues to be a standout and enables us to strive for the development of tennis in the various areas of the sport.

Finally we would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Tennis NT Board throughout 2017/18. In a year of change and growth the countless volunteer hours committed by the Board continue to hold us in good stead. The Board has also continued a strong focus on the various elements of Tennis NT's strategic plan which is into its third year. The six areas of this plan are outlined below.

### PARTICIPATION

#### **Provide opportunity to participate in tennis as a sport for life**

Throughout 2017/18 a strong focus remained on providing all Territorian's with the ability to participate in tennis.

Whilst the 2017 calendar year club membership figures show a small decrease in participation, it was pleasing to see increases in school participation, as well as participation in Tennis NT's Indigenous Program. In combination these figures show that more people across the NT are experiencing tennis and that modern trends in how sports are consumed are also being experienced with tennis.

A key pillar of tennis' approach to increasing participation is always through introductory programs which continues to be through the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Program. Having Hot Shots offered in all affiliated venues throughout 2017/18 through skilled and dedicated coaches provides a solid platform for tennis, as such it is pleasing to see this focus across the NT.

The traction tennis received in schools across the NT during the year was a real highlight. In all, 48 NT schools formally connected to tennis through the National Schools Partnership Program. When surveyed these schools indicated that a total of 11,373 students participated in school based tennis programs during the year. These programs, coupled with school gala days and interschool competitions are crucial to the ongoing attraction of junior participants to the sport.





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Tennis NT's Indigenous Program continued to excel in 2017/18 with advancements made in different areas of the NT. With over 800 participants experiencing tennis during the year as part of the program, strong partnerships being formed with regional councils and schools and formal education being delivered to key stakeholders, our aim to make the program sustainable is progressing well.

What has also been exciting to see is the uptake of tennis in remote areas which is dispelling the myth that tennis isn't a sport that will be pursued in remote areas of the NT. Finally, having Ash Barty being named as Australia's Indigenous Tennis Ambassador during a visit to Darwin and the Tiwi Islands was a great thrill and further illustrates the progress being made in the area.

### PLACES TO PLAY

#### Managed hierarchy of facilities

Bringing a major facility to Darwin has long been seen as the major missing link for the sport in the NT, as such it was exciting to see the gates open at the Darwin International Tennis Centre in June 2018. Having events and tournaments commence at the facility in June was good to see, however the challenge for the sport now is leveraging the facility to grow engagement in the sport. We look forwards to working with Tennis World, and all affiliates, in achieving this ambition.

The NT Facilities Strategy (2015) has continued to guide our work in facility development and management across the NT. Given the small number of tennis venues in the NT, achieving quality outcomes in all facilities and presenting an inviting shopfront for the sport will always be of high importance. Tennis NT looks forward to working with all affiliates in continuing to develop this space.

### COACHES

#### Increased capacity of coaches to develop tennis

Attracting and retaining coaches has long been a challenge in the NT and indeed across the country. Tennis NT acknowledges that the coaching network is critical to the stability and growth of the sport in the NT, as such we feel fortunate to have a high quality group of senior coaches driving the sport.

Tennis NT continued to provide opportunities for entry level coaches with foundation coaching courses

conducted and a range of development opportunities facilitated internal and external to club environments. These opportunities, along with different opportunities to coach representative team's interstate, will continue to be a focus for Tennis NT.

Tennis NT would also like to congratulate Pat Coburn on successfully completing Tennis Australia's High Performance Coaching Course during 2017/18. Pat has long been a leader in the coaching space and this is a significant achievement given the small number of coaches who are invited to undertake the course nationally.

### TALENT DEVELOPMENT

#### One National Champion that we are proud of

2017/18 was a fantastic year for talent development with a number of significant results continuing to show that the NT is a great place develop talented players. Among others, of note are the following results:

- Nicolas Tremblay winning the 12u Australian Grass Court Championships Double's Title
- Jett Leong (2) and Peter Politis winning interstate Gold Level events
- Peter Politis and Michael Shephard winning the Darwin Junior ITF Doubles Title
- Michael Shephard winning the Darwin Junior ITF Singles Title

Tennis NT acknowledges that success in this space relies heavily on various stakeholders and that the commitment of coaches, parents and players is all paramount to national success. With changes continuing to occur Nationally in this space Tennis NT looks forward to working with our affiliates in ensuring that talented NT players have the best opportunities in line with our strategic objective.

### TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIONS

#### Attract and retain highly engaged competitive players

Exploring the future of competition tennis in the NT was a focus of Tennis NT during 2017/18 with considerable amounts of work going into the development of a blueprint that will guide us moving forward. Tennis NT acknowledges that growing this space is crucial to the sustainability of tennis venues and that a united approach to this is required to have a real impact.

A highlight on the tournaments calendar was the Alice Springs Tennis International, run for the eighth time in Alice Springs. The support this event has received from



## President and Manager's Report



the Alice Springs tennis community is testament to everybody involved in the sport in Alice Springs. The involvement of Alice Springs based officials in this event, and many others, continues to be a highlight for our tennis community.

Like other areas of the sport, tournaments are often subject to change be it through new venues, changing demographics or the overall management of tournaments. Being such a crucial component of the sport, Tennis NT is invested in continuing to work with those who manage tournaments to ensure that they provide the appropriate experience for the volume of players who engage across the NT.

### PROMOTION & ENGAGEMENT

Greater awareness of tennis through strong relationships

The changing face of tennis within the NT will provide the sport with new areas in which to engage others and promote the sport moving forward. Tennis NT has continued to engage and explore partnerships in various areas with opportunities in Indigenous Tennis and Asian Engagement being good examples of areas that have been facilitated by our changing environment.



**DAVID DE SILVA**

**Sam Gibson**

**President  
Tennis NT**

**Manager  
Tennis NT**







### **BUILDING ON STRENGTH**

Tennis is among the most successful sports in Australia in terms of participation and engagement rates. It is also the focus of the sporting globe each summer with world-class events such as the Australian Open.

Earlier this year, we conducted a comprehensive participation review with the aim of leveraging the current success of Aussie tennis for the next phase of ongoing growth in the sport.

During the last six months, I've travelled around the country as part of the extensive consultation with all key stakeholders. It has been a personal highlight of mine to be able to work on this review with the people involved in delivering our sport day in and day out across the country - the people responsible for building tennis into the success that it is today.

### **A THRIVING COMMUNITY**

Both in Australia and in Victoria, more people are enjoying the sport than ever. The 930,000-plus total participants who experienced tennis throughout the nation in 2017-2018 represented a 34 percent increase on the previous year. In NT alone, there were a staggering 15,118 participants in this period.

Increasingly, a lifelong connection to tennis begins with ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, the junior development pathway that also underpins Tennis Australia's hugely successful School Partnership Program.

Growth in schools has been particularly strong and the NT can be particularly proud that 48 primary schools are now official partner schools of this innovative program.

At a time when providing healthy activity for young people is a priority, opportunities to participate have never been stronger.

### **OPEN TO EVERYONE**

Passionate that tennis should be a sport for everyone, our values of equality, inclusion and diversity are ever-present. Regardless of ability, gender, race, age or sexual orientation, players are always be welcome.

Accessibility is also a priority in a more literal sense, as the expanding Book A Court program demonstrates. Providing casual players with the means to book and pay for courts online, the program is now available in 100 venues throughout the nation.

### **NATIONAL PRIDE**

Our record-breaking world class events not only inspire the tennis community at every level, but also help grow the game in a positive sense as revenue is invested back into the sport.

More than one million fans flocked to see the world's best players compete at Australian Open and Australian Open Series events last summer.

The Australian Open celebrated 30 years at Melbourne Park in January, with a record 743,667 fans experiencing new heights in hospitality and off-court entertainment, alongside captivating tennis. A fortnight of fiercely-contested matches showcased astonishing ability and unrelenting passion from the game's superstars.

It culminated in two stunning finals as Caroline Wozniacki claimed her first Grand Slam title with a three-set victory over Simona Halep and Roger Federer seized a record-extending 20th major title with a five-set win over Marin Cilic.



### A TEAM EFFORT

Growth – whether it be in participation numbers, revenue or the achievements of our players – would not be possible without the collective efforts of our passionate team members throughout Australia.

As our hard-working staff showcased the company values of excellence, humility, loyalty and team-work, there was a special point of pride when Jayne Hrdlicka was voted Tennis Australia's first female President and Chair in October. It was another inspirational turning point as the Australian tennis community comes together to achieve new heights in every endeavour.

Thank you, your staff and Board, for your tremendous contribution to those achievements.

Our pride in the many unparalleled milestones of another memorable year in tennis is surpassed only by our passion to build on them in the future.

#### **CRAIG TILEY**

Chief Executive Officer  
Tennis Australia





## About Us

### Heritage

Tennis NT was established in 1980 under the incorporated name of the Northern Territory Tennis Council. The organisation changed its incorporated identity in 2005 to Tennis NT Incorporated and trades simply as Tennis NT. Its establishment was the shared vision of the founding President, Mr Max Horton OAM and a small group of interested tennis players. Their vision foresaw the need for a 'parent body' to assume a role of guidance along with the benefits of establishing relationships with the Northern Territory Government and Tennis Australia.

### Tennis NT Strategic Plan: 2016 – 2020



At the end of 2015 Tennis NT adopted a new Strategic Plan, this followed consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. Tennis NT's Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2020 encompasses six areas and is underpinned by:

- Creating positive experiences
- Developing great places to be
- Establishing tennis as a sport for life

Our Vision: More people playing tennis

### Participation

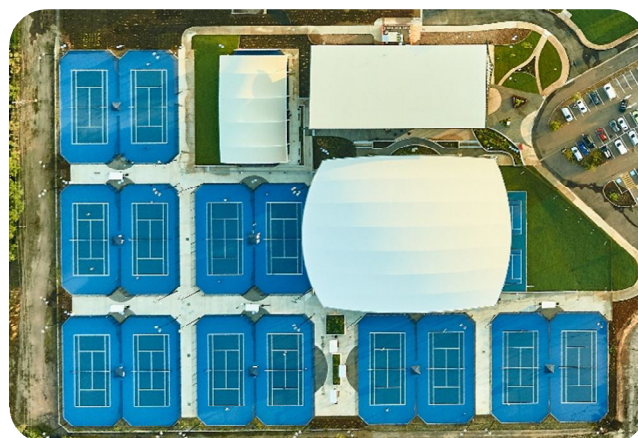
*Provide opportunity to participate in tennis as a sport for life*

- Support increased club capacity through the effective use of online systems
- Develop a Remote Community Engagement strategy through strong community partnerships
- Develop pathways and programs to ensure tennis is a sport for life
- Develop and implement targeted participation initiatives
- Establish tennis as a sport of choice for schools across the NT

### Places to Play

*Develop and support a managed hierarchy of facilities*

- A Regional Tennis Centre in Darwin: Develop a central focus for all levels of tennis and its development in the Territory
- Improved Venue Management Outcomes: Create sustainable venue management models with increased service delivery capacity
- New Courts to Service Growth: Drive new venue initiatives with key partners that meet future needs of changing communities
- Life-cycle investment into existing venues: Support venues to grow their capacity and implement capital renewal initiatives
- Hot Shots Courts at Existing Venues: Improve access to and experience of Hot Shots and introductory programs for participants



## Coach

*Increased capacity of coaches to develop tennis*

- Promote and provide coaches with an accessible education pathway and quality training and development opportunities
- Develop the capacity of coaches to become Centre Managers
- Improve the quality and breadth of club coaching programs
- Provide young coaches and new entrants opportunities to start the coaching pathway
- Maintain and reward club engagement in the NT Academies program
- Support the development of environments that attract quality coaches

## Talent Development

*One National Champion that we are proud of*

- Provide athletes of national interest appropriate opportunities to reach their potential
- Provide opportunities to participate in appropriate junior team tours
- Improve the capacity of clubs to develop talent
- Monitor club training regimes and supplement where necessary
- Maintain and reward club engagement in the NT Academies program



*Pictured: Talent 10s Players attend the National Final held in Melbourne.*

## Tournaments & Competitions

*Attract and retain highly engaged competitive players*

- Develop appropriate competitive pathways, including a Tennis NT Premier League
- Attract and retain players through best practice delivery of tournaments, competitions and events
- Provide participants with high quality first tournament and competition experiences
- Explore ways to provide greater access to competitive match play, including tournaments
- Increase the number and capacity of tournament directors and officials
- Explore options for innovative program delivery and alternative formats including FAST 4



*Pictured: Team Darwin claims the Kilgariff Plate title.*

## Promotion & Engagement

*Greater awareness of tennis through strong relationships*

- Develop and implement a comprehensive media & communications plan aimed at increasing the profile of tennis in the NT
- Align tennis development strategies with appropriate and complimentary Local and Territory Government strategies
- Develop and implement a Tennis NT Workforce Development Plan to meet the needs of the Tennis NT strategic plan
- Engage key stakeholders in the commercial development of tennis





## About Us

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### PRESIDENT

Mr David De Silva (from November 2017)

Mr Warren Martin (to November 2017)

### VICE PRESIDENT

Ms Kate Lee

### DIRECTORS

Ms Alicia Boyle

Mr Matthew Campbell

Mr Mark Motlop

Ms Anya Lorimer

Mr Charles Burkitt

### PATRON

The Hon Austin Asche AC

## Tennis NT Team

### MANAGER

Mr Sam Gibson

### PARTICIPATION LEADER

Mr Adam Forster (from April 2018)

### TENNIS OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Ms Erin Bormann

### COACH & TALENT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Patrick Coburn

### DEVELOPMENT COACH

Ms Jo-Anne Karaitiana

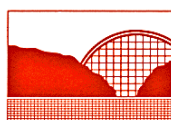
### INDIGENOUS PROGRAM MANAGER

Mr Joe Kelly

### BUSINESS & EVENTS OPERATIONS MANAGER

Mr Danial Stredder (from April 2018)

## Tennis NT Affiliated Members



Alice Springs Tennis Association



Tennis Palmerston



Gardens Tennis Club



Gove Peninsula Tennis Club



Katherine Tennis Club

## Tennis NT Associate Members



The Essington School Darwin



Tennis Seniors NT



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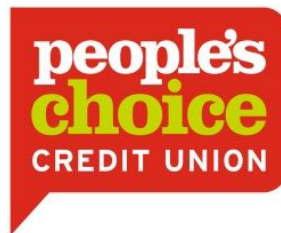
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### Our Partners

#### Major Supporters



#### Official Partners





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### Tennis NT Presidents

David De Silva	2017 - current
Warren Martin	2008 – 2017
Sandra Smiles	2001 – 2008
Max Horton OAM	1980 – 2001

### Life Members

5 November 2011	Patrick Coburn
19 March 2006	Thelma Britton John Britton
5 March 2005	Lyle Lee
7 Nov 1992	Max Horton OAM

### Special Service Awards

These Awards are presented in recognition of outstanding, significant, long-term service to tennis in the Northern Territory.

19 Nov 2016	Kathy Brummitt
6 Nov 2010	Nicky Mayer
1 March 2008	Brendan Higgins
17 Feb 2007	Di MacDonald Brenton Milner
19 March 2006	Ivy Batten Stephen Brown Jaki Hill Connolly
28 Feb 2004	Warren Foote Mereme Hyde
1 March 2003	Maggie Burke Carl Black Patrick Coburn Paul Ngamoki
24 Feb 2001	Colin Keily
26 Feb 2000	Jan Horsfall Horry Kneebone (dec) Lyle Lee
13 Feb 1999	John Britton Betty Crabb Mike Geddes Julie Mortensen Geoff Vandendriesen (dec)

### Austin Asche Trophy

#### Policy

The Austin Asche Trophy is awarded to a junior touring player recognising the following criteria: Performance against Interstate Competitors, Sportsmanship, Contribution to Tennis in the Northern Territory and Attitude on and off the court.

#### Austin Asche Trophy Winners

2016-17	Kenneth Prete
2015-16	Liam Franklin
2014-15	Liam Franklin
2013-14	Caitlyn Mitchell
2012-13	Michael Shephard
2011-12	Tom Zaleski
2010-11	Kassandra Dunser
2009-10	Kassandra Dunser
2008-09	Kassandra Dunser
2007	Kassandra Dunser
2006	Ashlee Brown
2005	Ashlee Brown
2004	Ashlee Brown
2003	Peter Parian
2002	Sarah Andrews
2001	Sarah Andrews
2000	Sarah Andrews
1999	Stephanie Lim
1998	Nicholas Bent



*Pictured: 2016-17 Austin Asche recipient Kenneth Prete with Austin Asche AC.*



## About Us

### Club of the Year

2016-17	Tennis Palmerston
2015-16	Darwin Tennis Association
2014-15	Alice Springs Tennis Association
2013-14	Alice Springs Tennis Association
2012-13	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2011-12	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2010-11	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2009-10	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2008-09	DTC Sports
2007	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
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2004	Alice Springs Tennis Association
2003	Katherine Tennis Club
2002	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2001	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club



*Pictured Above: Club of the Year winners, Daniel & Elysha of Tennis Palmerston, and below with ecstatic club members.*



### Most Outstanding School

2016-17	The Essington School, Darwin
2015-16	Nightcliff Primary School

### Excellence in Officiating

2015-16	Gary Bigg
2016-17	Jennifer Roe

### Volunteer Achievement Award

2016/17	Charles Webb
2015/16	Kathy Brummitt

### Club Volunteers of the Year

#### Alice Springs Tennis Association

2016-17	Lloyd Remedio
2015-16	Karen Jones
2014-15	Julie Dawson
2013-14	Debbie Diemer
2012-13	Karen Brown
2011-12	Luke Horsfall
2010-11	Gary Bigg
2009-10	Tony Jennison
2008-09	Virginia Moore
2007	Bruce Scobie
2006	Craig Gallagher
2005	Chris Schultz
2004	Bruce Scobie
2003	Mark Baxter
2002	Andy Roberts
2001	Stephen Brown
2000	Geoff Hood

#### Darwin Tennis Association

2016-17	Charles Webb
2015-16	Ruth O'Brien
2014-15	Natalie La Pira
2013-14	Kathy Hutt
2012-13	Dung Buckingham
2011-12	Des McLellan
2010-11	Gary McCulloch
2009-10	John Britton
2008-09	Nil Nomination
2007	Ian Redmond
2006	Kevin Stephens
2005	John Britton
2004	Jo Bruce
2003	Mark Bruce
2002	Jo Bruce
2001	Jock Bremner
2000	Cas Fletcher





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### *DTC Sports*

2011-12	Lynda Valentine
2010-11	Andrew Moo
2009-10	Warren Martin
2008-09	Ranta Lye
2007	Peter Baden
2006	Leonie Stokes
2005	Paul Stevens
2004	Leanne Tilley-Dunser
2003	Deanne Coburn
2002	Richard Waterson
2001	Megan Brown

### *AWOF Sports*

2015-16	Helen Coburn
2014-15	Ewa Finch
2013-14	Terry Franklin
2012-13	Priscilla Franklin

### *Gove Peninsula Tennis Club*

2016-17	Sarah Carlile
2015-16	Les Mitchell
2014-15	Billy Howes
2013-14	Ledua Gentle
2012-13	Eugene Venter
2011-12	Renae Lane
2010-11	Paul Mery
2009-10	Paul Mery
2008-09	Donna Banks
2007	Michael Higgins/ Garry Hinchcliffe
2006	Susan Guerini
2005	Garry Hinchcliffe
2004	Tracy Naughton
2003	Brendan Higgins
2002	Nicky Mayer
2001	Mereme Hyde
2000	Paul Ngamoki

### *Groote Eylandt Tennis Club*

2004	Alan McVicar
2003	Gerry McLennan
2002	Gerry McLennan
2001	Michelle Wallace
2000	Sharon Currie

### *Kakadu Tennis Club*

2002	Richard Hutton
2001	Guy Boggs
2000	Peter Hurst

### *Katherine Tennis Club*

2016-17	Rebecca McGrath
2015-16	Sarah Hurley
2014-15	David Brummitt
2013-14	Kathy Brummitt / Amanda Kingdon
2012-13	Lisa Alexander
2011-12	Michelle Kealy

2010-11	Kathy Brummitt
2009-10	Nil Nomination
2008-09	Steven Budarick
2007	Lisa Alexander
2006	Nil Nomination
2005	Greg Henschke
2004	Kathy Brummitt
2003	Fiona Upstill/ Fiona Walker
2002	Jan Henschke
2001	Ruth Murphy
2000	Maggie Burke

### *Tennis Palmerston*

2016-17	Donna & Matt Cartwright
2015-16	Ken Parker
2014-15	Ethan Prosser
2013-14	Karyn Gossow
2012-13	Angelique Bos
2011-12	Robyn Woods

### *Palmerston Tennis Pro*

2008-09	Jessica Kendall
2007	Michael Kelley Cheryl Kelley
2006	Judith Schneider
2005	Donna Johnson
2004	Nil Nomination

### *Sanderson Tennis Club*

2004	Sam Giess
2003	Tim Nixon
2002	Oscar Parian
2001	Oscar Parian
2000	Oscar Parian

### *Tennis Borroloola*

2006	Delia Farlam
2005	Tania Mackay
2004	Delia Farlam

### *TCA - NT*

2005	Robyn Woods
2004	Ryan Popovsky
2003	Robyn Woods
2002	Jaki Hill Connolly
2001	Jaki Hill Connolly
2000	Milo Bradley

### *Tennis Seniors NT*

2009-10	Thelma Britton
2008-09	Pam Long
2007	Nil Nomination
2006	Norm Hawthorne
2005	Sally Thomas
2004	Nil Nomination
2003	Nil Nomination
2002	John Britton
2001	Thelma Britton
2000	Marie Le Cornu



## About Us

### USA College Scholarships

Name	Year	University
Caitlyn Mitchell	2014	Sam Houston State University
Matthew Delsar	2013	Goshen College Indiana
Hrehan Hakeem	2009	Mississippi State University
Ashlee Brown	2007	Arizona State University
Sarah Andrews	2004	Michigan State University
Benita Bittner	2000	University of North Texas
George Dubrava	2000	University of Tennessee and University of Alabama/Birmingham
Dominic Hall	1997	Austin Peay State University Tennessee
Priya Jayaraman	1993	University of Memphis
Ken Phillips	?	?

### National Champions

#### SINGLES

Name	National Title	Location
Kassandra Dunser	2010 14s Grasscourt Nationals	Mildura VIC
Kassandra Dunser	2008 14s Claycourt Nationals	Perth WA
Ashlee Brown	2006 16s Winter Nationals	Bendigo VIC

#### DOUBLES

Name	National Title	Location	Partner
Nicolas Tremblay	2018 12s Grasscourt Nationals	Adelaide	Cooper Errey Vic
Liam Franklin	2015 14s Rod Laver Platinum	Brisbane	Michael Shepherd Vic
Kassandra Dunser	2010 14s Grasscourt Nationals	Mildura VIC	Brooke Rischbieth SA
Kassandra Dunser	2009 14s Spring Nationals	Perth WA	Brooke Rischbieth SA
Emily Webb	2009 14s Winter Nationals	Brisbane QLD	Brooke Rischbieth SA
Emily Moo	2009 12s Autumn Nationals	Mildura VIC	Olivia Tjandramulia QLD
Kassandra Dunser	2008 14s Spring Nationals	Perth WA	Lyann Hoang QLD
Kassandra Dunser	2008 12s Autumn Nationals	Mildura VIC	Brooke Rischbieth SA
Ashlee Brown	2006 16s Hardcourt Nationals	Bendigo VIC	Anna Wishink TAS
Hrehan Hakeem	2005 14s Hardcourt Nationals	Gosford NSW	Matt Reid NSW

### State Rankings as at 30 June 2018

#### Men (Open)

1. Ben McLachlan
2. Jeremy Slee
3. Kenneth Prete
4. Liam Franklin
5. Daniel Parker
6. Jett Leong
7. Kyran Bishop
8. Peter Politis
9. Ethan Scobie
10. Luke Horsfall

#### Boys' 16/u (up to BY 2002)

1. Kenneth Prete
2. Liam Franklin
3. Jett Leong
4. Peter Politis
5. Patrick Findlay
6. Talen Andrews
7. Nicolas Tremblay
8. Miguel Manganjani
9. Thomas Van Haaren
10. Oscar Leong

#### Boys' 14/u (up to BY 2004)

1. Jett Leong
2. Patrick Findlay
3. Nicolas Tremblay
4. Oscar Leong
5. Taj Cannard
6. Corey Pollock
7. Angus Cameron
8. Levi Hansen
9. Michael Jazyschyn
10. Ashan Fonseka

#### Boys' 12/u (up to BY 2006)

1. Oscar Leong
2. Taj Cannard
3. Levi Hansen
4. Cooper Blanch
5. Leo Campbell
6. Lincoln Pratt
7. Alexander Lee
8. Rafael Fulmanski
9. Koorosh Taheri
10. Andrew Jazyschyn

#### Women (Open)

1. Rosie Henderson
2. Keely Bishop
3. Grace Henderson
4. Alice Glover
5. Breanna Drew
6. Jemma Gossow
7. Micaela Hull
8. Chloe Shoyer
9. Jenna Green
10. Darlyhne Lillico

#### Girls' 16/u (up to BY 2002)

1. Keely Bishop
2. Grace Henderson
3. Alice Glover
4. Jemma Gossow
5. Micaela Hull
6. Sidni Finch
7. Trepina Campbell
8. Tegan Genockey
9. Sofia Ferro
10. Julia Van Den Berg

#### Girls' 14/u (up to BY 2004)

1. Jemma Gossow
2. Sidni Finch
3. Trepina Campbell
4. Tegan Genockey
5. Sofia Ferro
6. Tayla Gossow
7. Eva Harris
8. Patsy Ryan-Betts
9. Tumi Kgosiemang
10. Aila Heron

#### Girls' 12/u (up to BY 2006)

1. Tegan Genockey
2. Sofia Ferro
3. Eva Harris
4. Tumi Kgosiemang
5. Sadie Jakubiszyn
6. Ava Willoughby
7. Maggie Harris
8. Rania Shelford
9. Christina Prete
10. Kara O'Brien



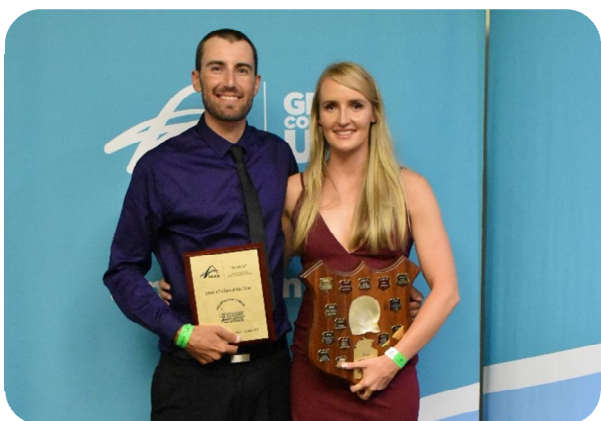


## About Us

### Awards Night

The Annual Awards Night remains a highlight on the Tennis NT calendar. The 2017 Dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom at SKYCITY Darwin on Saturday 11 November. 151 guests experienced an evening of entertainment and celebrations acknowledging the achievements of the tennis community, both on and off-court.

Congratulations to the award winners on the night and all who work hard across the year to make tennis a great sport across the Territory.



For the first time in the sixteen year history of the award *Tennis Palmerston* was announced as the recipient of the prestigious Club of the Year award. The award is the result of the hard work and dedication of the team to growing and developing their club and tennis as a whole.



*Tennis NT Patron Austin Asche AC with Kenneth Prete, winner of the Austin Asche Trophy.*



### Awards Category Winners were:

<i>Austin Asche Trophy</i>	Kenneth Prete
<i>Club of the Year</i>	Tennis Palmerston
<i>Excellence in Officiating</i>	Jennifer Roe
<i>Most Outstanding School</i>	The Essington School, Darwin



### *Club Volunteers of the Year*

Alice Springs Tennis Ass	Lloyd Remedio
Darwin Tennis Ass	Charles Webb
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	Sarah Carlile
Katherine Tennis Club	Rebecca McGrath
Tennis Palmerston	Donna & Matt Carwright

### *Volunteer Achievement Award*

Charles Webb

### *Open Points Circuit*

Men	Ben McLachlan
Women	Rosie Henderson

### *Junior Athlete of the Year*

Male	Liam Franklin
Female	Rosie Henderson



## Participation Report

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### National Programs

#### Participation Leaders

One of the many resources utilised in the Northern Territory in order to drive promotional activities is the Participation Leader position. The provision of this role also assists in the creation of necessary relationships within all areas, such as schools, clubs and communities in order to achieve the stable and sustainable growth witnessed from year to year.

The Participation Leader is the first point of call for Territory Clubs when it comes to programs and initiatives centred around participation in tennis. This includes but is not limited to ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, Fitbit Cardio Tennis, Schools Programs, the Power and Water Regional Development Program and Community Play.

#### ANZ Tennis Hot Shots

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots (ANZTHS), incorporating smaller courts, smaller racquets and low-compression tennis balls, is the fun and easy way to learn tennis.

In 2017-18 there were six registered ANZTHS deliverers in the Northern Territory providing programs participants. These deliverers have assistant coaches working under them delivering Hot Shots at their clubs and in school programs. There were 23 Assistant coaches used throughout the Territory during this period.



### Tennis in Schools

#### Tennis Australia's Partnership and Play School Tennis Programs

During 2017-18 the Australian Government's Sporting Schools Program continued to assist Territory schools to actively promote sport as part of their PE lessons. Schools apply for funding through the program and then select its sport of choice, Tennis Australia offers two programs as part of the Sporting Schools initiative, based on the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots program. The Partnership and Play Programs are made up of fun tennis activities which support skill acquisition and movement all whilst 'playing the game' in a meaningful way.

*48 NT Schools signed up to the National Schools Partnership Program*

*11,373 children registered to Hot Shots through the Schools Program*

*The Essington School won the Tennis NT Most Outstanding School*



## Participation Report

### Tennis NT Partnership Program Schools as at 30 June 2018

Metro (Darwin)	Metro (Palmerston)	Northern	Central	Southern
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nakara Primary</li> <li>•Nightcliff Primary</li> <li>•St Paul's Primary</li> <li>•Essington School Darwin               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•St Mary's</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Leanyer Primary               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Jingili Primay</li> <li>•Malak Primary</li> <li>•Millner Primary</li> <li>•Alawa Primary</li> <li>•Good Shepherd Leanyer Campus</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Wagaman Primary</li> <li>•Karama Primary</li> <li>•O'Loughlin Catholic College</li> <li>•St John's Catholic College</li> <li>•Manunda Terrace Primary School</li> <li>•Marrara Christian College</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rosebery Primary</li> <li>•Humpty Doo Primary</li> <li>•St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary</li> <li>•Berry Springs Primary               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Girraween Primary School</li> <li>•Gray Primary</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Woodroffe Primary               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Good Shepherd Palmerston Campus</li> <li>•Good Shepherd Howard Springs Campus</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Palmerston Christian School               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Bakewell Primary School</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Bees Creek Primary School</li> <li>•Sattler Christian College</li> <li>•Forest Parade Primary School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nhulunbuy Christian College</li> <li>•Alyangula Area School</li> <li>•Alyarrmandumanja Umbakumba School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•MacFarlane Primary               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Katherine South Primary</li> <li>•Casuarina Street Primary</li> <li>•Mataranka School</li> <li>•Timber Creek School</li> <li>•Tipperary Station School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•OLSH College (Traeger)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ross Park Primary</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Alice Springs School of the Air               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Araluen Christian College</li> <li>•Sadadeen Primary School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Tennis NT Play Program Schools as at 30 June 2018

Metro	Northern	Central	Southern
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nightcliff Primary School</li> <li>•Berry Springs Primary</li> <li>•Malak Primary School</li> <li>•Marrara Christian College               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Parap Primary School</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Rosebery Primary School               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Wulagi Primary</li> </ul> </li> <li>•The Essington School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Dundee Beach Primary School               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nhulunbuy Primary</li> <li>•Numbulwar School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Mataranka School</li> <li>•Yarralin Primary</li> <li>•Bulla Camp Primary</li> <li>•Amandidji Primary               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ngukurr Primary</li> <li>•Kiana Primary</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ross Park Primary</li> </ul>

### ANZ Racquet Roadshow

Tennis Australia and ANZ give schools who registered to the Partnership Program the opportunity to apply for free 19 inch racquets for each of their transition students through the ANZ Racquet Roadshow. This fantastic offer was taken up by 11 schools within the territory, with a total of 464 racquets handed out. 3 schools were also lucky enough to receive a visit from Todd Woodbridge as part of the program.





## Participation Report

### Interschool's Tennis Competition

During Term 4 2017 Tennis NT hosted a Red Ball Gala day at Gardens Tennis Clubs. Schools that had participated in a Tennis program that year were invited to the participation event. The event catered for both the grade 3 and 4 students alongside the older grade 5 and 6 children. The day was a great success and a fantastic end to, what was for some, their first ever experience of competitive tennis.

### Tennis 360

Gardens Tennis, Tennis Palmerston, Tennis Sanderson and Tennis Alice Springs continued with the Tennis 360 data collection during the reporting period. These three clubs recorded their participation stats over the course of two designated weeks during the school term. The data is then placed into a table creating an easy and assessable way to evaluate how each club is performing in different participation areas. This data is then presented to the Tennis NT Board and assists Tennis NT in making informed strategic decisions. Having a solid base of historic data allows us to assist the clubs work strategically towards achieving their goals and creating sustainable business plans for 17/18.

### Player Registrations

Tennis in the NT faced some challenges during 2015/16 with many influential coaches / operators leaving the NT. Overall there was a decrease within the Northern Territory of 9% following on from the increase of 9% in 2015/16. Tennis NT will continue to work with all regions and assist the clubs in an effort to regain the growth trends across the Territory.

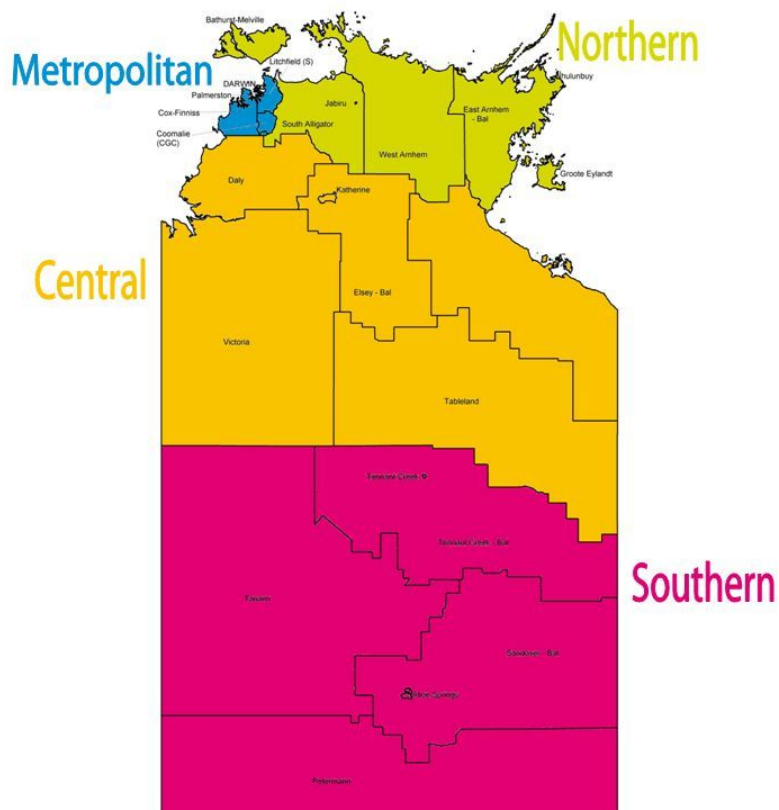
	Registered @ 31 Dec 2016	Registered @ 31 Dec 2017	
<i>Metropolitan</i>	1195	1302	
<i>Northern</i>	122	90	
<i>Central</i>	253	28	
<i>Southern</i>	1139	1132	
<b>TOTAL</b>	2709	2552	5.8% decrease

### Schools Survey and Registered Hot Shots Participants

Partnership schools around Australia were surveyed as to how many children took part in a tennis program during the financial year. Previously each school was required to register their students to Hot Shots and received a free t-shirt for each child in return for their time. Children were still able to register for Hot Shots and receive a free t-shirt. The 2016-17 survey results were:

	Students
<i>Metropolitan</i>	9,887
<i>Northern</i>	88
<i>Central</i>	824
<i>Southern</i>	574
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,373

## Northern Territory Tennis Regions



### Tennis Sanderson

In 2017/18 Jo-Anne Karaitiana continued to deliver coaching at Tennis Sanderson until the end of May 2018 when the Darwin International Tennis Centre Opened and coaching was shifted there. Tennis Sanderson in the reporting period was able to:

- Offer ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, group coaching, squads, semi-privates and private lessons every weekday afternoon and Saturday morning
- Have over 30 ANZ Tennis Hot Shots players participating on Saturday mornings
- Introduced 82 players to the game of tennis through ANZ Tennis Hot Shots and the foundation program at Tennis Sanderson
- Created a girls only squad for the current tournament level players in Darwin
- Added 4 coaches in Natalie Roe, Oscar Ferdinands, Rosie Henderson and Kyle Granger to the coaching team at Tennis Sanderson
- Built the facility to have over 70 participants per term
- Re-engaged previously inactive players



## Participation Report

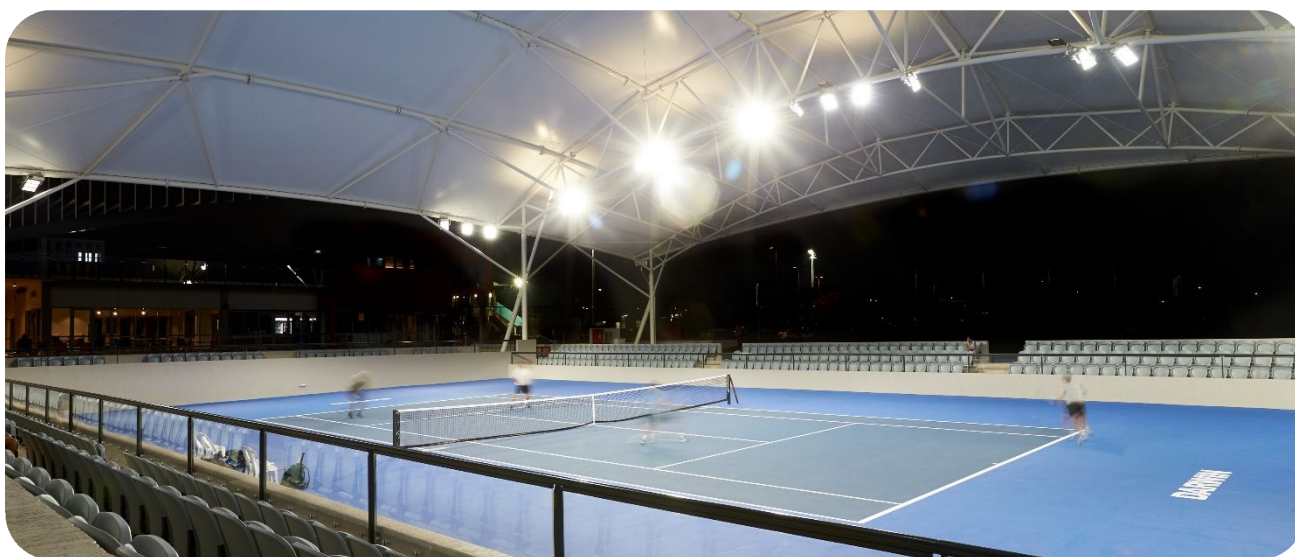
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### Places to Play

#### Darwin International Tennis Centre

In June 2018 construction of the \$16.7m tennis facility at Marrara was completed and the keys were handed over to Tennis NT. It began with a soft opening with Darwin Clubs invited to bring their Friday night match play to the Darwin International Tennis Centre on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>. The new centre is home to:

- Fifteen Plexipave courts, all fully lit with one covered
- One Championship Size show court, fully covered with 500 fixed seats
- Eight under cover ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Courts
- Office space for Tennis NT
- Café and operating facilities
- Conference & meeting space with up 200 capacity
- Additional car parking



#### Book A Court Program

Book a Court is an online court booking and payment platform for affiliated tennis clubs. It's easy to use for both players and club administrators, which means more time on court for everyone! When players book a court online they're sent a PIN for direct access to their court, or if there is no connected pin pad available, the player is provided with alternative instructions to access the court. The Northern Territory currently has two venues with a fully operational Book a Court system, Tennis Palmerston and the Darwin International Tennis Centre.

Tennis Australia is placing significant emphasis on providing innovation in access to tennis venues across Australia, as such Book A Court will continue to be a priority. Tennis NT will continue to work with clubs and Tennis Australia, in the expansion of this program.





## Participation Report

### Indigenous Tennis Program

Tennis NT's Indigenous Tennis Program (ITP) has made a real impact over the past 12 months through targeting specific communities in remote NT and forging strong partnerships with Regional Councils and their schools. Through their support we have been able to deliver on our commitment in providing consistent community visits, this has allowed us to deliver the rapport required to establish the trust of the Regional Councils, schools and community members.

During 2017/18 Tennis NT's Indigenous Tennis Program visited 18 remote communities throughout the NT, delivering tennis to 884 Indigenous youth.

The program has been successful in delivering the following:

- Organised and structured tennis activities through the school and after school programs of each community.
- Through in school programs Tennis NT has been able to capture the data using school enrolments.
- Through our partnership with Roper Gulf Regional Council, 7 sport and rec officers completed the Foundation Coaching Course in early April in the community of Beswick. The first coaching course delivered by Tennis Australia to take place in a remote region of Australia
- Through our working relationship with the Department of Education, we were able to conduct our inter community challenge at their Health, Sports & Athletics Carnivals with a cluster of communities attending these events.
- Two Regional Talent camps were held during the reporting period, one being held in Katherine where 30 students from schools of the Roper Gulf Region attended and the other in Darwin with students from Wurrumiyanga Community (Tiwi Islands).



## *Coach & Talent Development Report*

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### *A National Talent Model*

2017-18 was a time of consolidation for athlete development in the NT. With Tennis Australia's Talent model in full swing Semester 2 2017 started with three athletes between 13 and 15 years meeting Tier 2 and one meeting Tier 3 criteria. These priority players were supplemented by two Tier 4 invites, one player in the 16years + category and eleven in the 12 years and under program.

Regular sessions were planned and delivered by Tennis NT CTDM Pat Coburn with session plans being recorded on Tennis Australia's AMS system and then distributed to NT club coaches at the end of each week. Programs varied for each player depending on age and Tier classification starting from one on court session for most of those in the 12's program through to 4 on court and 2 strength and conditioning sessions for those in Tier 2.

The first training semester of 2018 saw two athletes in Talent (13 to 15 years) meeting Tier 2 and two meeting Tier 3 criteria. These were supplemented by four Tier 4 invites, two player in the 16years + category and twelve in the 12 years and under program.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2017 Liam Franklin (boarding at Brisbane Boys College) continues to train with the NA Brisbane as a Tier 3 athlete.

### *Club Talent Days*

Tennis NT CTDM delivered camps or talent days at each of its affiliated clubs with a qualified coach. In all 34 players and 4 coaches were impacted by these camps.

### *Super 10s*

Super 10s was again a highlight of the talent year. The seasons held in Darwin and Palmerston collectively attracted 27 individual players including 2 from Katherine. These seasons were followed by the Talent 10s match play camp which involved 4 coaches and 16 players including 2 from Katherine and 2 from Alice Springs. From the camp 8 players (7 Darwin and 1 Alice Springs) and two coaches were selected to form the NT contingent that participated in the 2018 Talent 10s National Camp.



## ***Coach & Talent Development Report***

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### ***Athlete Tournament Support***

Tennis NT supported individuals on tour by sending coaches to all three Platinum events plus the Bruce Cup. In the reporting year this included the October 2017 Australian Clay Court Championships in Canberra (NT CTDM plus 7 players plus 1 private coach), the October 2017 Bruce Cup in Shepparton (NT CTDM plus 14 players) the December 2017 Australian Championships in Melbourne (NT CTDM plus 10 players plus 2 private coaches) and the April 2018 Australian Grass Court Championships in Adelaide (Tennis NT CTDM plus 6 players and 1 private coach). The best result during these events was Jett Leong winning the Bruce Cup individual singles event in Shepparton and Nicolas Tremblay winning the 12 Boys Doubles title at the Australian Grass Court Championships in Adelaide (partner Cooper Errey Vic).

### ***Looking Forward***

It's important to acknowledge our outstanding on court performances in the reporting period. This has included 3 wins in interstate Gold level singles events (Jett Leong Bruce Cup Singles event, Vic Junior Hardcourt Championships 14 singles and Peter Politis TCA Victoria Age Championships 14 singles) along with Nicolas Tremblay's win in the Platinum 12 boys doubles at the Australian Grass Court Championships.



While we celebrate these achievements we also know that past glory is quickly forgotten. Future success is owned by our emerging players and with scarce resources necessitating choices, we look forward to discussions with our local coaching fraternity and Tennis Australia's Performance Department around our player development structure and future resource allocation to deliver the Northern Territory's next wave of on court success.

### ***Acknowledgements***

The continuing support of the centre managers in the Athlete Development space needs to be acknowledged. Without exception they have generously and enthusiastically provided their facilities, whenever asked. To the coaches that go above and beyond expectations to enhance the development of our next group of nationally competitive players, we thank and admire you.

Lastly we would like to thank those within our Territory Tennis community that have provided our coaches the crucial personal support they have needed to continue their work.





## Coach & Talent Development Report



### Coach Education

During the 2017-18 year foundation coaching courses were held in Darwin (8 participants in December) and Beswick (7 participants in April).

In January Tennis NT's CTDM Pat Coburn graduated from Tennis Australia's High Performance Coaching Course.

### Coach Development

Tennis NT continued to provide unique coach development opportunities. These ranged from group workshops to reports on individual players through to individual coach mentor sessions encompassing both their coaching and business practices. The individual nature of many of these coach development opportunities allowed messages to be tailored specifically to the challenges each coach faces.

### 2018 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference

For the first year since its inception no NT registered coaches attended the 2018 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference held in Melbourne just prior to the Australian Open.



Australian Grand Slam  
Coaches' Conference

### Talent Development Coaches

The Talent Development Coaches program is the vehicle through which Tennis Australia invests in its network of highly skilled private coaches. During the reporting year Sam Giess (Gardens Tennis Club) met criteria and was able to take advantage of the travel subsidies on offer attending all the Clay Harcourt and Grass National Championships. In addition to travel grants this group of coaches who are recognised for their proven ability to develop young players continue to be provided with additional professional development opportunities.

### Tennis Australia Coach Membership

NT coaches continue to engage with Tennis Australia's Coach Membership with the following numbers registering in 2017-18.

Qualified / Business – 10  
Trainee – 16



## Coach & Talent Development Report

### 2017 Australian Teams Championships

Tennis NT fielded teams in the boys 12 and 14 and the girls 12 age groups. The boys 12's finished 8<sup>th</sup> of 12 teams while the boys 14s finished 6<sup>th</sup> of 11 teams and the girls 12's finished 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 teams. Peter Politis playing at number one in the 14 boys produced some outstanding tennis coming back from a set down on all three occasions to win his singles rubber against Vic, NSW and WA.



### 2017 Queensland Regional Junior Teams Carnival

Tennis NT was represented in all divisions of the 2017 Queensland Junior Teams Carnival. The event held in December 2017 comprised mixed teams of 6 players in the 11s, 13s, 15s, and 17s age groups.

The 11s placed 7 of 16, the 13s 9 of 16, the 15s 16 of 16 and the 17s 14 of 14. Participation in the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival provides vital representative opportunities and enables many Territory players to experience their first interstate tennis competition at an appropriate standard. Providing our older athletes the opportunity to represent the Territory is a particular bonus.



### 2017 School Sport Australia Bruce Cup

The Northern Territory team travelled to Shepparton for the 2017 Bruce Cup. In our most competitive performance ever the team won 42% of rubbers finishing sixth out of the eight teams participating. Jett Leong went undefeated at number one boy and won the individual singles event. Patrick Findlay finished fourth in the individual event and Nicolas Tremblay won the consolation event. The Team was supported by *Manager Ewa Finch Coach Megan Politis and Assistant Coach Tennis NT CTDM Pat Coburn.*

Tennis NT continued to support school sport in trials, skill sessions, gala days, the 12 and under school sport exchange and the Bruce Cup. In exchange our coaches benefit from experiencing firsthand the student management strategies and practices employed by the teachers involved in school sport.





## Coach & Talent Development Report



### 2018 Australia Made Foundation Cup

The Foundation Cup is a team's event for boys and a girl's from regional Australia. Teams of 4 compete in separate male and female divisions. The NT and Tasmania compete against regional teams from NSW, Vic, Queensland, SA and WA. In a terrific performance by the NT teams the girls team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and the boys team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jemma Gossow (5 from 7 singles) Trepina Campbell (6 from 7 singles) Tegan Genockey (5 from 7 singles) were outstanding contributors in the girls team while Jett Leong (6 from 7 singles) and Nicolas Tremblay (5 from 7 singles) led the way for the boys.



### 2018 Talent 10s National Camp

The Northern Territory sent 4 boys and 4 girls to the newly modelled Talent 10s National Camp. No longer a State vs State competition, the camp format saw players from various states placed into teams to ensure they could compete at their level. With players mixing between states our players benefited by making many new friends and experiencing the different playing culture that came with each individual.





## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### People's Choice Credit Union NT Leagues



*Pictured: Kilgariff Plate Champions Ben McLachlan, Kenneth Prete, Rosie Henderson & Jo-Anne Karaitiana.*

People's Choice Credit Union were once again strong supporters of Tennis NT. Their partnership supported various Leagues across the year. With their support, Tennis NT successfully ran two Junior Leagues, one Senior League and the Kilgariff Plate Play-off. With Alice Springs once again the reigning champions, the Darwin team travelled to Alice Springs to compete in the Play-off event, which was hosted alongside the Alice Springs Tennis International. However this time, it was Darwin who came through with a decisive victory, claiming the night 5 rubber to 0. A total of 72 Junior positions and 36 Senior/Premier positions were filled across the two seasons, along with numerous reserves, who are an integral part of the Leagues.

Tennis NT gratefully acknowledges the support provided by *People's Choice Credit Union*, which is invaluable to the continuation of quality Leagues.

### Open Points Circuit

The *Open Points Circuit* (OPC) is comprised of seven tournaments conducted across the Northern Territory. This circuit provides individuals with the opportunity to compete for OPC points as well as a cash bonus of \$500 for the winning Male and winning Female at the end of the circuit. This bonus is awarded at the Annual Awards Night. The OPC tournaments and winners are:

#### *2018 Water Dynamics & Sterling NT Palmerston Open*

Ben McLachlan GT & Rosie Henderson TS

#### *2018 Gardens Tennis Open*

Brandon Truong QLD\* & Jenna Svatos NSW\*

#### *2018 HKTC Alice Springs Open*

Jeremy Slee ASTA & Kelly Bishop ASTA

#### *2018 Katherine Open*

Jett Leong GT & Jemma Gossow TP

#### *2018 Darwin Open*

Edward Bourchier TAS\* & Amber Marshall SA\*

#### *2018 92<sup>nd</sup> NT Open Championships*

Harry Bourchier TAS\* & Amber Marshall SA\*

#### *2018 Pump & Power Open*

Sam Longhurst SA\* & Erica Williams SA\*

#### *2018 Scope Building Classic*

Sam Longhurst SA\* & Keely Bishop ASTA

339 players competed during this year's Circuit, with 203 Male and 136 Female players.



*Pictured: Winning teams from JTL Season 6 & STL Season 3.*



## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### Open Points Circuit Honour Roll

Men	1st		2nd		3rd	
2017-18	Ben McLachlan	GTC	Jeremy Slee	ASTA	Daniel Parker	TP
2016-17	Ben McLachlan	DTA	Max Tolstoy	DTA	Daniel Parker	TP
2015-16	Daniel Parker	TP	Liam Franklin	AWOF	Kyle O'Donoghue-Ellis	GT
2014-15	Daniel Parker	TP	Jake Woods	ASTA	Nick Whyte	ASTA
2013-14	Nick Whyte	ASTA	Ethan Scobie	ASTA	Matt Dudley	AWOF
2012-13	Daniel Parker	TP	Nick Whyte	ASTA	Nathan Hawke	DTA
2011-12	Ryan Palfrey	DTC	Kacy Brennan	DTC	Nicholas Munro	DTC
2010-11	Ryan Palfrey	DTC	George Shepheard	TNT	Kaelan Bates	DTC
2009-10	Ryan Palfrey	DTC	Nathan Hawke	TNT	Nicholas Munro	DTA
2008-09	Ryan Palfrey	DTC	Daniel Parker	PTP	Mark Pead	DTA
2008	Daniel Parker	PTP	Luke Bosio	DTC	Nicholas Munro	DTA
2007	Adil Hakeem	DTA	Jarron Kretschmann	ASTA	Nicholas Munro	DTA
2006	Jed Stanford	DTA	Chris Letcher	ASTA	Adil Hakeem	DTA
2005	Ben Howen	ASTA	Dominic Hall	DTC	Nicholas Munro	DTA
2004	Dominic Hall	DTC	Adil Hakeem	DTC	Isaac Wardle	DTC
2003	Tony Rehn	DTA	Dominic Hall	DTC	Adam Gromadzki	DTA
2002	Brett McLellan	DTC	Bruce McIver	DTC	Adam Gromadzki	DTA

Women	1st		2nd		3rd	
2017-18	Keely Bishop	ASTA	Rosie Henderson	TS	Jemma Gossow	TP
	Jo-Anne Karaitiana	TS				
2016-17	Rosie Henderson	DTA	Madeleine Murray	AWOF	Jenna Green	ASTA
2015-16	Ilse Huiskes	GT	Rosie Henderson	GT	Eilis Kruger	AWOF
2014-15	Bonnie Usher	ASTA	Rebecca Rayner	AWOF	Ashley Diemer	ASTA
2013-14	Bonnie Usher	ASTA	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC	Katherine Campbell	ASTA
2012-13	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC	Katherine Campbell	ASTA	Bonnie Usher	ASTA
2011-12	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC	Bonnie Usher	ASTA	Emily Moo	DTC
2010-11	Emily Moo	DTC	Madeleine Murray	DTC	Matilda Hurst	DTC
2009-10	Tarlina Tipungwuti	DTA	Emily Moo	DTC	Kassandra Dunser	DTC
2008-09	Emily Webb	DTC	Madeleine Murray	DTC	Kassandra Dunser	DTC
2008	Matilda Hurst	DTA	Emma Labessa	DTC	Emily Webb	DTC
2007	Tarlina Tipungwuti	DTA	Matilda Hurst	DTA	Kassandra Dunser	DTC
2006	Amanda Grahame	TNT	Nancy Ferguson	DTA	Kassandra Dunser	DTC
2005	Ashlee Brown	DTC	Samantha Lim	DTA	Jennifer Woerner	DTC
2004	Jayne Robinson	DTC	Ashlee Brown	DTC	Nicole Baxter	DTC
2003	Jayne Robinson	DTC	Nicole Baxter	DTC	Sarah Andrews	DTC
2002	Sarah Andrews	DTC	Suzie Dubrava	DTC	Khia De Silva	DTC



## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### Events Calendar

The Northern Territory had another busy tournament schedule with 1 Australian Pro Tour tournament, 1 ITF Junior Grade 5 tournament, 8 Australian Money Tournaments, 10 Junior Tour tournaments and 11 Junior Development Series tournaments.

#### *Australian Pro Tour*

The Pro Tour is a series of professional tennis events that act as a bridge between junior events and the ATP/WTA Tour. These events provide an opportunity for players to earn their first World Ranking Points.

Pro Tour events are staged predominantly in regional areas across Australia. The Northern Territory held a single Men's only event in Alice Springs that saw 57 athletes competing.

#### *Australian Money Tournaments (AMTs)*

AMTs are semi-professional tournaments introduced by Tennis Australia in 2006. They are designed to create quality match play opportunities and help with the transition of post junior athletes.

The Northern Territory conducted 1 Platinum; 2 Gold; 1 Silver and 4 Bronze AMTs.

Of the 8 AMT tournaments, 16 events offered Australian Ranking Points and prize money. 374 competitors entered which is an increase of 21.04% over the previous reporting period.

#### *Junior Tournament (JT)*

The JT is an umbrella tour that provides a competition pathway for aspiring junior players. These tournaments offer Australian Ranking points across the 12/U, 14/U and 16/U age groups.

The Northern Territory conducted 2 Gold; 1 Silver and 4 Bronze JT tournaments during the reporting period.

Of these 7 JT tournaments, 71 events offered Australian Ranking Points for both boys and girls across the three age groups. 581 competitors entered which was a decrease of 43.76% over the previous reporting period.

#### *Junior Development Series (JDS)*

The JDS sits under the JT in the Competition Pathway and is designed for beginner to intermediate players, giving them their first tournament experience. These tournaments are conducted around Australia.

Now in its fifth year the JDS attracted 466 competitors over the 7 tournaments that were on offer across the Northern Territory. This is a decrease of 36.16% compared to the previous reporting period.





## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### Competitor Analysis

The following table identifies the number of competitors at each level of tournament. A total of 1,526 Competitive opportunities were accessed. This was a decrease of 26.95% over the previous reporting period. The perceived decrease was caused by the revamp of the calendar of events across the NT, which saw a few tournaments move from the first half of the year to the second, therefore placing them outside the current reporting period.

<i>Level</i>	<i>Pro Tour</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>AMT</i>	<i>JT</i>	<i>JDS</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
ITF	57	83				
Platinum			86			
Gold			88	235		
Silver			41	74		
Bronze			159	272		
JDS					466	
<i>Totals</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>581</i>	<i>466</i>	<i>1,561</i>



## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### Australian Pro Tour

The *Alice Springs Tennis International* was held from September 18 – 23, 2017 for the eighth time at Tennis Alice Springs. The tournament remained the first leg of the Northern Circuit on the ITF Futures calendar (Alice Springs, Brisbane, Toowoomba and Cairns) on the Australian Pro Tour.

Tennis NT would like to acknowledge the continued sponsorship of the Northern Territory Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation, together with Alice Springs Town Council and local sponsors, the *ibis Styles Alice Springs Oasis* as the official hotel, *Emu Runs Tours* for providing tournament incidentals, together with the significant investment of Tennis Australia.



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Three countries were in attendance at the *Alice Springs Tennis International* including Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. There was an increase in local Northern Territory player participation, with nine entered into the qualifying draw for 2017.

Once again thanks must be extended to the small but dedicated team of local officials and volunteers in Alice Springs. It is this group of devoted people that truly give this event such a fantastic community feel and ensure that the event runs smoothly both on and off the court, year after year. Of course, last but by no means least, thank you to the many ball kids who helped make the finals a memorable event.

Tennis NT gratefully acknowledges the host venue, Alice Springs Tennis Association and Tennis Alice Springs. Special thanks are extended to Gary Bigg for loaning his personal vehicle to facilitate a range of Community Activations.

### Darwin Tennis International

#### Men's Singles

2011 Isaac Frost AUS  
2010 John Millman AUS  
2009 Dayne Kelly AUS

#### Women's Singles

Casey Dellacqua AUS  
Olivia Rogowska AUS  
Alicia Molik AUS

### Alice Springs Tennis International

#### Men's Singles

2017 Maverick Banes AUS  
2016 Marc Polmans AUS  
2015 Robin Stanek CZE  
2014 Brydan Klein GBR  
2013 Jordan Thompson AUS  
2012 Matthew Barton AUS  
2011 Michael Look AUS  
2010 Colin Ebelthite AUS  
2009\* Jamie Baker GBR

#### Women's Singles

Olivia Rogowska AUS  
Sacha Jones AUS  
Sacha Jones AUS

\*The tournament was played in Darwin in a 'caretaker' role until the facility upgrade in Alice Springs was completed.



Pictured: Dane PROPOGGIA (AUS) & Scott PUODZIUNAS (AUS),  
Doubles Champions 2017 Alice Springs Tennis International



Pictured: Maverick BANES (AUS), winner 2017 Alice Springs Tennis International

## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### Darwin Open

In 2018, the Darwin Open dropped its junior events to but remained an AMT Gold, and was the first in a trio of events intended to entice interstate competitors to compete in the NTs mini-circuit, which culminated in the ITF Junior International.



2018 Winners Edward Bourchier (TAS) & Amber Marshall (SA).

The SKY CITY Darwin Open attracted 80 entries across 4 events. Overall, this event showed a 74.92% decrease from the 2017 entries. This is due to the removal of the JT and JDS events from the Darwin Open.

Ben McLachlan, local Gardens Tennis coach, was once again the standout for the NT, making the Men's Doubles finals. Unfortunately, McLachlan & partner Marko Jovanovic (NSW) were unable to claim victory, going down in a match tie-break to Edward Bourchier & Thomas Youl of Tasmania.

As always, the success of such events is reliant on the group of devoted officials who once again helped make the SKY CITY Darwin Open such a success.

**Referee** Warren Martin

**Court Supervisors** Sue Bormann  
Jenny Roe  
Alicia Boyle

### Darwin Open Honour Roll

Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2018	E. Bourchier	A. Marshall
2017	D. Polkinghorne	A. Smith
2016	D. Polkinghorne	A. Smith
2015	V. Crivoi	Z. Zlochova
2014	M. Robins	Z. Zlochova
2013	D. Polkinghorne	D. Hollands
2012	D. Polkinghorne	T. Tipungwuti
2011	D. Polkinghorne	T. Tipungwuti
2010	R. Palfrey	A. Hadzic
2009	R. Palfrey	J. Swift
2008	H. Hakeem	S. Lim
2007	E. Bourchier	N. Ferguson
2006	S. Robertson	A. Graham
2005	B. Howen	A. Brown
2004	B. Howen	A. Hubacek
2003	D. Fernandez	K. Condon
2002	C. Ebelthite	S. Andrews

### 92<sup>nd</sup> NT Open Championships

The 92<sup>nd</sup> NT Open Championships, which was an AMT Platinum, JT bronze and JDS event, attracted 300 entries across 19 events. Overall event entries increased 13.64%.

2018 saw a new cache of champions ready to claim the title and have their names etched into the Parap Cup (Men's Trophy) and Barden Trophy (Women's Trophy), with the no returning champions there to contest the crown this year.



In a case of déjà vu, the men's singles finals saw the Bourchier brothers from Tasmania face off for the title once again. Edward was unable to back up his win from the Darwin Open however, with younger brother Harry too dominant, claiming a decisive victory 6-2 6-1.

The Women's singles saw Amber Marshall's good form continue, claiming back-to-back titles and marking herself as a strong contender for the following ITF Junior event.





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*Pictured: NT Open Winners & Runners Up with Past Champion Sybil Klose and Life Member Pat Coburn and ball kids.*

Tennis NT would like to acknowledge the City of Darwin for their ongoing sponsorship of both tournaments, along with those who partnered with Tennis NT for the first time, Colemans Printing & Signage, Sinclair Foods & Fusion Exhibition and Hire.

Tennis NT would also like to thank the dedicated group of volunteers and officials who continue to help make the NT Open Championships such a success.



**Referee**  
**Court Supervisors**

Warren Martin  
Sue Bormann  
Jenny Roe  
Alicia Boyle  
Virginia Moore

**Chair Umpires**

Rosario Corvaia (WA)  
Leanne Usher (NT)

**Lines Umpires**

Gary Bigg  
Virginia Moore  
Jenny Roe  
Alicia Boyle  
Chris McLachlan

**Physio**

Sue Bormann  
Rhys Janes

### Darwin Junior International

2018 saw the return of an ITF Junior event to Darwin with the Darwin Junior International (Grade 5) being hosted for the first time since 2009. The tournament was the last in the swing of 3 events which began the June-July tournament season.

There were six countries represented across the Girls and Boys draws, including Australia, the United States of America, Austria, Singapore, Ireland and Japan. It also provided opportunity for 10 Northern Territory local athletes to compete in their first International Junior event.

It was ex-Territorian local Michael Shepherd and current NT player Peter Politis that truly shone through during the event, both managing to qualify for the Main Draw. Politis went on to win his first round match, before being knocked-out in the second round. Shepherd, however, went all the way and claimed the title, defeating NSW player Nikita Volonski 6-4 6-2.



Shepherd and Politis (*pictured below, right*) then teamed up to pull off an outstanding performance in the Boys Doubles Final, coming from a set behind to secure victory 0-6 6-4 [10-7] against fellow Aussies, third seeded pairing Haru Sonton (Qld) and Cooper White (VIC).



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### NT Open Honour Roll

Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles		Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2018	H. Bouchier	A. Marshall		1971	W. Ravenswood	S. Klose
2017	D. Polkinghorne	A. Smith		1970	W. Ravenswood	L. Young
2016	D. Polkinghorne	M. Haet		1969	W. Ravenswood	Y. Cosgrove
2015	V. Crivoi	Z. Zlochova		1968	W. Ravenswood	Y. Cosgrove
2014	D. Polkinghorne	Z. Zlochova		1967	R. Berry	Y. Cosgrove
2013	K. Hensel	I. Holland		1966	W. Ravenswood	A. May
2012	R. Palfrey	E. Burns		1965	K. Chin	M. Callier
2011	J. James	T. Tipungwuti		1964	K. Chin	C. McConaghy
2010	E. Bouchier	A. Hadzic		1963	K. Chin	J. Calvert
2009	E. Bouchier	J. Swift		1962	R. Forscutt	J. Calvert
2008	C. Marsland	A. Hadzic		1961	E. Hamilton	J. Calvert
2007	E. Bouchier	N. Ferguson		1960	E. Hamilton	J. Koehne
2006	C. Letcher	N. Ferguson		1959	E. Hamilton	V. Clarke
2005	S. Robertson	A. Brown		1958	R. Forscutt	V. Clarke
2004	B. Howen	M. Sorbello		1957	K. Chin	V. Clarke
2003	M. Leong	K. Condon		1956	J. Casson	S. Robertson
2002	B. McLennan	D. McIntyre		1955	J. Faull	V. Clarke
2001	B. McLennan	N. T. K. Trang		1954	J. Trama	Miss Radford
2000	M. MacMahon	D. Blackwell		1953	A. Alle	Unknown
1999	S. Martin	D. McIntyre		1952	N. Belle	Mrs. Hart
1998	J. Gould	N. Sewell		1951	H. Chia	Not Conducted
1997	J. Gould	D. Blackwell		1950	E. Davies	Not Conducted
1996	M. MacMahon	D. Blackwell		1949	J. Falk	Not Conducted
1995	D. Culley	R. Balodis		1948	A. Swan	Not Conducted
1994	D. Culley	D. Blackwell		1947	E. Hargreaves	Not Conducted
1993	D. Culley	D. Blackwell		1940-46	Not Conducted	Not Conducted
1992	M. Hill	R. Tucker		1939	H. Foster	Not Conducted
1991	P. Davis	R. Tucker		1938	K. Fuller	D. Abott
1990	B. Tucker	R. Walker		1937	A. Dawson	D. Abbott
1989	W. Foote	C. Biurra		1936	K. Fuller	Mrs. Smythe
1988	W. Foote	C. Finnegan		1935	A. Bush	Unknown
1987	W. Foote	M. Lonergan		1934	C. Webb	Unknown
1986	A. Evans	L. Weetaseke		1933	C. Webb	Mrs. Forster
1985	A. Evans	K. Ballard		1932	R. Edwards	M. Lord
1984	N. Coltos	S. Duigan		1931	C. Webb	L. James
1983	K. Robinson	C. Miller		1930	K. Curry	L. James
1982	A. Lane	N. Leipus		1929	G. Webb	Unknown
1981	A. Lane	J. Brimson		1928	R. Edwards	Ms. Blesser
1980	R. Berry	J. Brimson		1927	R. Edwards	Not Conducted
1979	R. Berry	J. Brimson		1926	H. Naylor	Not Conducted
1978	R. Staines	J. Brimson		1925	A. Brown	Not Conducted
1977	R. Berry	L. Horton		1924	A. Brown	Not Conducted
1976	R. Staines	K. Clothier		1923	G. Feakes	Not Conducted
1975	I. Bidmeade	L. Horton		1922	J. MacKenzie	Not Conducted
1974	W. Ravenswood	R. Theiss		1921	E. Dennis	Not Conducted
1973	W. Ravenswood	J. Brimson		1920	E. Dennis	Not Conducted
1972	W. Ravenswood	S. Klose				



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### NT Junior Championships & Darwin Junior Titles

The NT Junior Championships JT Gold and Darwin Junior Titles JT Gold were conducted back to back and attracted 304 competitors (an increase of 27.73% compared to 2016-17).

The NT Junior Championships, now in its sixth year as a JT Gold continues to be an attractive tournament for interstate travellers to attend, it is the on-going attractiveness of the escape from winter and quality tennis that has allowed the Darwin Junior Titles to receive and upgrade and also become a Gold JT event. The implementation of back-to-back Gold JT events has prevented the significant drop in numbers typically seen between the NT Junior and Darwin Junior events, with players opting to stay on and continue competing, rather than heading off to other states.

Standard Based Junior Development Series events were also conducted alongside these tournaments. 127 beginner to intermediate players (an increase of 30.92% compared with 2016-17) participated in numerous events including: Red, Orange & Green Ball singles and doubles, and 10&U Singles. These Standard Based events conducted at the same venue and at the same time allows for younger players to experience the culture of a tournament, the fun that can be had, and perhaps aspire to becoming a future tennis star. These events also allow older juniors to give back to the tennis community by assisting the beginner players in areas such a scoring and general match awareness.

As always, Tennis NT thanks the group of dedicated volunteers and officials without whom, the NT Junior Championships and Darwin Junior Titles would not run so smoothly.

<i>Referee</i>	Jenny Roe
<i>Court Supervisors</i>	Sue Bormann Warren Martin Alicia Boyle Virginia Moore Dennis Haupt (SA)
<i>Venue</i>	Darwin International Tennis Centre



### Intra-Territory Travel Grant

Throughout 2017-18 travel grants continued to be offered to tournament competitors and coaches traveling to Territory tournaments.

The travel grant continues to provide funding to those athletes and coaches travelling outside their home region to attend intra-Territory events / tournaments.



Tennis NT acknowledges People's Choice Credit Union for their valuable support.

### Officials Development

Four officials' development sessions were conducted during the reporting period. These were conducted at the Alice Springs Tennis International in the Southern Region, with 5 officials in attendance. Three were then held in the Metropolitan Region in April prior to the beginning of the tournament season. One was held at Casuarina Senior College with approximately 14 High Performance Sports Program students. The remaining two courses were then held on the same night, with Virginia Moore (ASP) running a Line Umpires course with 9 attendees, whilst Gary Bigg ran an Introductory Chair Umpiring Course for 4 current officials.

Tennis NT appreciates the effort of those current officials who continue to put the time and effort into training and supporting new officials on their journeys.





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*Pictured: Attendees of the April Introductory Line & Chair Umpires Courses.*



*Pictured: Local Alice Springs Officials provided seven of the ten line umpires needed for a Pro Tour event*

As always, the summer of tennis proved a busy time for the local Alice Springs Officials, with a select few of them earning their places at the Playford Challenger, Sydney International and ASB Classic (NZ) prior to their annual pilgrimage to the Australian Open.

The main highlight for the 2018 Australian Open came right at the end of the event, when Gary Bigg and Leanne Usher made the prestigious team of officials selected to work the Men's Open Finals between (6) Marin Cilic [CRO] and eventual champion, (2) Roger Federer [SUI].



*Pictured: The 2018 Australian Open Men's Singles Finals Officiating team, including Gary Bigg & Leanne Usher of Alice Springs.*



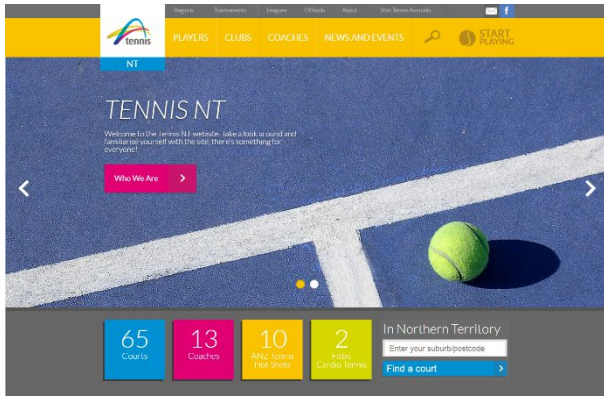
*Pictured: Local Alice Springs Line Official Leanne Usher (bottom right) with the team at the ASB Classic, Auckland, NZ.*



## Promotion & Engagement

### [tennis.com.au/nt](http://tennis.com.au/nt)

Tennis NT's website continues to be utilised as an effective means of publishing information relevant to Tennis NT, it's partners and services offered, along with the promotion of programs and events.



### Social Media

Tennis NT continues to successfully use social media to engage with and provide information to its members, along with engaging with the various clubs Facebook pages through upcoming events, tournaments and news stories.

This platform continues to prove a crucial element to keeping fans engaged, while appealing to a wider audience with constant and relevant updates.

Tennis NT's Facebook likes continued to rise again this financial year, showing an increase of 19% coming from a variety of different countries. 61% of Tennis NT's followers are females with the most popular demographic following Tennis NT being Females aged between 35 – 44 years old (21%).

Throughout the year Tennis NT's posts reached a total of 38 different countries, this is done via shares and likes, and will continue to grow as the total number of likes keeps increasing. Tennis NT's Twitter continues to grow and engage a wider audience, with 109 followers at the end of the reporting period, an increase of 14.73% compared to last period.

Instagram was a new addition to Tennis NT's social media repertoire in the first half of 2018 and through the promotion of it via various tournaments and events within June, it rapidly gained 126 followers. With a full reporting period ahead of it, it should continue to prove a useful method of communication to an ever-growing audience.



### Media

Regular and event specific circulation of media releases to Territory media outlets proved to be beneficial in gaining exposure for tennis, particularly during tournaments.

482 articles were accounted for during the 2017-18 period, a decrease of 5.85% from the previous period. These articles were extracted from the pages of the *NT News*, *Sunday Territorian*, *Darwin & Palmerston Sun*, *Katherine Times*, *Centralian Advocate* & *The Standard (Warrnambool)*.

International tournaments, particularly the Pro Tour Event in Alice Springs and opening of the Darwin International Tennis Centre, provided the highest exposure opportunities within the print media.

Radio stations, *Hot 100*, *Mix 104.9* and *ABC Radio* provide coverage in their local sports reports when briefed with media releases. Radio interviews were also conducted with ABC's *Grandstand*, *Darwin Mornings* and *Saturday Breakfast*.



Alice Springs tennis officials Gary Bigg and Leanne Usher at Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne Park, on Sunday before adjudicating the Australian Open men's singles final





# Governance

## Constitution & Annual General Meeting

Tennis NT is a not-for-profit incorporated association registered in the Northern Territory. The association's purpose is to:

- Support the growth and development of tennis in the NT
- Make a positive contribution to the national and international community
- Provide progressive opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate
- Develop and improve infrastructure
- Ensure access is available and appealing to consumers' via media outlets

Tennis NT's 2017 AGM was held on Saturday 11 November 2017 with 36 people in attendance. Elections for two Director Positions were held with David De Silva and Charles Burkitt elected.

## Board of Directors

The Tennis NT Board comprises five Directors including a President and a Vice-President. In accordance with the Constitution the election of positions is rotational to ensure continuity of corporate knowledge. The Constitution also allows for the appointment of up to two independent Directors, appointed by the Board.

The Board of Directors is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the association and monitoring management's performance against the targets and priorities set.

Seven meetings were conducted during the reporting period. Attendances are recorded as follows.

	Eligible	Attended
Warren Martin	3	3
David De Silva	7	7
Kate Lee	7	7
Matthew Campbell	7	6
Alicia Boyle	7	7
Anya Lorimer	2	1
Mark Motlop	3	2

## Tennis NT Subcommittees

### Athlete Development Committee

Sam Gibson (Chair), Kate Lee, Rohan Fisher, Charles Webb, Pat Coburn

### Selections Committee

Pat Coburn (Chair / ex officio voting member), Matthew Campbell, Ben McLachlan, Daniel Parker, Erin Bormann (ex officio non-voting member)

## Annual Industry Workshop

As part of its engagement with stakeholders, Tennis NT conducts a Workshop on the weekend of the Awards Night and AGM seeking feedback as well as engaging stakeholders in discussions around the key issues impacting on tennis in the Northern Territory.

The 2017 Annual Industry Workshop agenda included the following areas of discussion:

- Facility Management Models
- Building Depth in Talent
- The NT Competitions Blueprint
- Tournaments
- Indigenous Tennis
- Facility Development
- Schools and the transition to clubs





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## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

#### Scope

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report of Tennis NT Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2018. The Association's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report, and the information contained therein, and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the entity's Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of Tennis NT Incorporated on its preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board of Directors financial reporting requirements under the Association's Constitution and the *Associations Act*. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial report and the requirements of the *Associations Act*. These do not require the application of all Accounting Standards.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report and the *Associations Act*, the financial position of Tennis NT Incorporated at 30 June 2018 and the results of its operations for the period then ended.



**SUSANNE LEE, FCPA**  
**DATED 9 October 2018**

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# Financial Statements

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## Statement by the Board

### TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

Year ended 30 June 2018

In our opinion –

- (a) the financial report, as set out on the following pages, being a special purpose financial statement, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2018 and the results of the Association for the year ended on that date;
- (b) the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

We confirm as follows:

- (a) The names of each Board Member of the Association during the relevant financial year were:

President	David DeSilva (Appointed as President on 11/11/17)
President	Warren Martin (Resigned on 11/11/17)
Vice President	Kate Lee
Director	Matthew Campbell
Director	Alicia Boyle
Director	Charles Burkitt (Elected as a Director on 11/11/17)
Director	Mark Motlop (Appointed on 24/04/18)
Director	Anya Lorimer (Appointed on 24/04/18)

- (b) The principal activities of the Association during the relevant financial period were to promote, develop and manage the sport of tennis in the Northern Territory.
- (c) The net surplus of the Association for the relevant financial period was \$15,754,480 (2017: \$1,853,182) and operating surplus was \$75,388 before Marrara Redevelopment Government Grant (2017: \$84,220). This increase is attributable to the grant income received for the development of the Marrara Facility Project.

Signed at Darwin on 09 October 2018



**President**



**Vice President**



## Financial Statements

<b>TENNIS NT INCORPORATED</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>30 June 2018</b>	<b>30 June 2017</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank		265,338	45,758
Cash Management Account		-	146,912
Investment	2	-	700,000
Darwin Regional Tennis Centre Construction Funds	3	-	14,504,719
Prepaid Expenses	4	3,545	10,854
Receivables		609,158	68,742
GST Paid on Purchases		-	90,676
Accrued Income		-	20,383
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>878,041</b>	<b>15,588,044</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	18,354,434	47,677
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	5	(106,908)	(47,677)
Construction of Darwin Regional Tennis Centre		-	1,749,954
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>18,247,526</b>	<b>1,749,954</b>
<b>Total ASSETS</b>		<b>19,125,568</b>	<b>17,337,998</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade Creditors		658,288	17,511
Accrued Expenses		31,567	12,169
Income Received in Advance	6	4,341	36,137
Income Received in Advance – Gov't Grants	7	-	14,583,912
Officials Development Fund	8	10,000	10,000
TCA-NT Scholarship Fund	9	16,900	16,900
Staff Entitlements		40,338	27,904
GST Collected from Sales		-	23,812
<b>Total LIABILITIES</b>		<b>761,435</b>	<b>14,728,345</b>
<b>Net ASSETS</b>		<b>18,364,133</b>	<b>2,609,653</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		18,188,161	2,433,681
Facility Development Fund Reserve	10	175,972	175,972
<b>Total EQUITY</b>		<b>18,364,133</b>	<b>2,609,653</b>





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### TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

#### Income

	Notes	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
<b>Tennis Australia Grants</b>			
Administration		267,633	206,457
Athlete Development		12,125	9,420
Participation		35,000	-
Events		10,000	7,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>324,758</b>	<b>223,377</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>			
Business Development		190,900	201,503
Indigenous Program		140,887	8,567
Marrara Redevelopment Grant		15,679,092	1,768,962
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,010,879</b>	<b>1,979,032</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
Affiliation fees	11	9,354	8,342
Insurance		880	4,560
Bank Income		23,128	17,972
Premises		16,364	15,486
<b>Total</b>		<b>49,726</b>	<b>46,360</b>
<b>Athlete Development</b>			
Sponsorship		2,000	273
National Teams Tour		12,968	17,773
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,968</b>	<b>18,046</b>
<b>Participation</b>			
Presentation Dinner		5,627	5,414
Regional Development Program		100	10,329
Indigenous Program		24,133	4,200
Program Income		120,457	50,069
<b>Total</b>		<b>150,317</b>	<b>70,012</b>
<b>Operations and Events</b>			
Sponsorship		4,162	4,080
Ball Sales		-	9
Competitor Sanction Fees		1,580	3,740
Intra-Territory Travel Grant		3,000	3,000
Metro League		7,419	7,398
Darwin and NT Age Titles		(607)	11,648
NT Open Championships		14,193	17,432
Darwin Open		7,994	5,310
Tournament Development		11,761	5,701
<b>Total</b>		<b>49,502</b>	<b>58,318</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>16,600,150</b>	<b>2,395,145</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Athlete Development</b>			
Coach Development		6,450	6,550
National Teams Tour		28,792	24,111
Talent Development Programs		7,328	6,668
Player Travel Grants		112	3,783
<b>Total</b>		<b>42,683</b>	<b>41,112</b>



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### TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

#### Expenditure (cont'd)

	Notes	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
<b>Participation</b>			
Centre Managers Workshop		886	2,599
Presentation Dinner		9,183	10,349
Indigenous Tennis Program		99,605	7,237
Regional Development Program		13,315	8,810
Disabilities Program		650	-
Sanderson Program		5,776	-
Essington Program		794	-
Tennis in Schools		30,593	28,811
Club Grants		-	2,335
<b>Total</b>		<b>160,802</b>	<b>60,141</b>
<b>Operations and Events</b>			
Intra-Territory Travel Grant		350	5,950
Metro League		32,796	4,834
Darwin and NT Age Titles		2,504	10,252
NT Open Championships		24,644	28,498
Darwin Open		10,236	3,000
Senior Points Circuit		1,000	455
Pro Tour		13,072	9,984
Officials Development		1,160	0
Tournament Development		8,620	10,608
<b>Total</b>		<b>94,384</b>	<b>73,581</b>
<b>Staff</b>			
Salaries		302,837	221,546
Superannuation		29,521	20,997
Recruitment		714	-
Workers Compensation		4,956	3,825
Staff Amenities & Uniforms		1,398	743
Professional Development		1,712	4,911
<b>Total</b>		<b>341,138</b>	<b>252,022</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
AGM		-	815
Audit Fees		2,690	2,310
Annual Industry Workshop		5,200	3,000
Bank Charges		507	415
Depreciation		59,231	212
Equipment		12,099	5,891
FBT		836	943
Insurance		2,363	6,068
Motor Vehicle		1,091	1,170
Marketing Costs		7,470	3,574
Petty Cash		5,949	1,375
Meetings		3,387	1,430
Postage		499	294
Premises		68,696	63,123
Printing and Stationery		6,115	5,103
Telephone		3,830	5,107
Travel		22,696	11,212
Bad & Doubtful Debts		-	3,065
Strategic Facility		4,003	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>206,663</b>	<b>115,107</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>845,670</b>	<b>541,963</b>
<b>Net SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>15,754,480</b>	<b>1,853,182</b>



# Financial Statements

## TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

#### Note 1

##### Summary of Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted by the Association are stated in order to assist in a general understanding of the Financial Statements. These policies have been consistently applied except as otherwise indicated.

##### Reporting entity

The Association is not a reporting entity because in the Board's opinion there are likely to exist users who are able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy all of their information needs, and these accounts are therefore "special purpose accounts" that have been prepared solely to meet the requirements of the Constitution and the Associations Act.

##### Accounting policies

The Financial Report has been prepared under the historical cost conventions and does not take into account changing money values except to the extent that they are reflected in the revaluation of certain assets.

In order for the Financial Report to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association and the results of the Association for the year, Australian Accounting Standards have been adopted to the extent disclosed in this note.

##### Government Grants

Government Grants are brought to account as income when the Association receives them.

Government Grants of a reciprocal nature are transferred to an appropriate liability account, and brought to account as income as the funds are spent.

##### Assets

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost or deemed cost less accumulated depreciation.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of 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.

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.

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:

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|----------------------------|------------|
| • Buildings                | 30 years   |
| • Courts & Court equipment | 5-40 years |
| • Plant and equipment      | 4-10 years |
| • Land escaping            | 40 years   |
| • Computer equipment       | 3-5 years  |
| • Furniture and fittings   | 5-30 years |

##### Employee Entitlements

The amounts expected to be paid to employees for their pro rata entitlement to annual leave and long service leave are accrued annually at current pay rates.

##### Income tax

The Association is of the opinion that it is not subject to income tax.

#### Note 2

##### Investment

The investment is currently held at People's Choice Credit Union, previously named Australian Central Savings & Loans.

#### Note 3

##### Darwin Regional Tennis Centre Construction Funds

This is capital grant funding received from the Northern Territory Government for construction of the Darwin Regional Tennis Centre. The funding is to be used solely for the project and in accordance with the agreement made between the Government and Tennis NT. The funds are brought to account as income as and when they are spent.





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### Note 4

#### **Prepaid Expenses**

This represents insurance allocations to the next financial year – for Workers Compensation insurance and the business insurance, as well as Darwin festival expenses.

### Note 5

#### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

There was total additional Property, Plant and equipment of \$18,306,757 in relation to the redevelopment project during 2017-18.

### Note 6

#### **Income Received in Advance**

Income received in advance of \$4,341 relates to entry fees received for tournaments run in July 2018.

### Note 7

#### **Income Received in Advance – Government Grants**

Prior year income received in advance brought into Grant income during 2017-18 financial year upon completion of Marrara project (Refer to Note 3).

### Note 8

#### **Officials Development Fund**

In 2010, Tennis NT was successful in securing \$2,845.60 of 'unclaimed monies' from the dissolved *Northern Territory Tennis Umpires Association*. This group ceased to function during the period 1996-97 and the remaining funds held in their bank account were surrendered by the bank in 2004 to the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission*. The money is held in trust for Officials Development.

An additional amount of \$7,154.40 has been raised and endorsed by the board in September 2014.

### Note 9

#### **TCA-NT Scholarship Fund**

In 2006, TCA-NT dissolved and instructed that its residual funds be given to Tennis NT on the provision that the funds be held in trust as a scholarship fund, specifically for coach education and development.

This has been increased to \$20,200 endorsed by the board in September 2014.

### Note 10

#### **Facility Development Fund Reserve**

In 2014, Tennis NT Board endorsed and committed \$200,000 to the Facility Development Fund for the development of facilities throughout Northern Territory. An amount of \$24,028 has been spent up to this period.

### Note 11

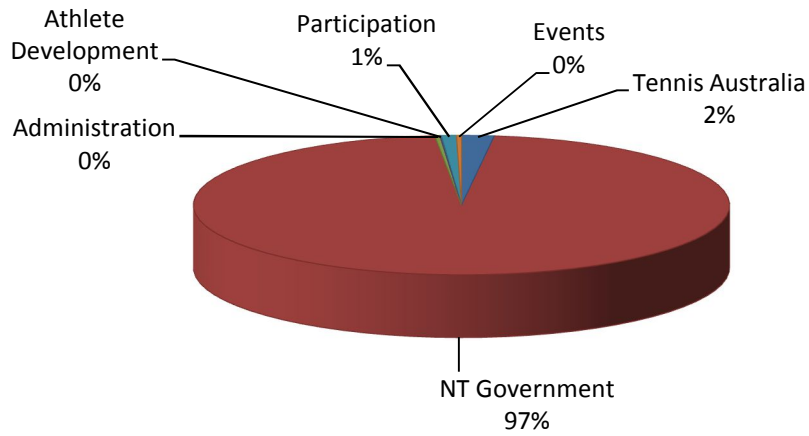
#### **Affiliation fees**

Alice Springs Tennis Association	3,136
Darwin Tennis Association	3,409
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	1,500
Katherine Tennis Club	1,164
Tennis Seniors	1,000
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,209</b>

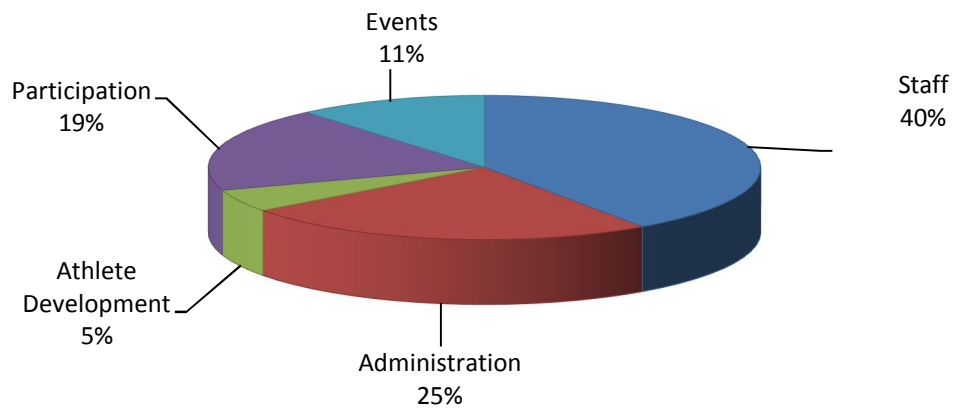
Affiliation fees for both Tennis Palmerston and the Essington School Darwin form part of existing payments made to Tennis NT.



### 2017 - 18 Sources of Income



### 2017 - 18 Expenditure Analysis








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