



Tennis NT
Annual Report 2013 - 14

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32

Athletes involved in the Video Analysis Program (VAP)

42

Tournaments conducted across the Northern Territory

152

People attending the Annual Tennis NT Presentation Dinner

105

Athletes involved in the 6 Project Talent Camps held across the NT

460

Participants in MJDS events, increase by 35.29% compared to previous year

9,032

Participants experiencing tennis during Community Activations, increase of 56.62% compared to previous year

1,694

Tournament experiences accesses, increase of 24.28% compared to previous year

2,465

Registered Participants, increased by 6.29% compared to previous year



2013-14 Key Highlights

- *Nightcliff Primary School (pictured)* are awarded the 2013 Most Outstanding School at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards
- The *AO Blitz* visits schools and clubs in Darwin, Palmerston, Gove and Alice Springs
- The *Gove Peninsula Tennis Club* celebrates their 40th anniversary
- Alice Springs Line Umpires: Kitty Brak, Gary Bigg, Virginia Moore and Leanne Usher are selected to call lines at the *Australian Open* in Melbourne, VIC
- Tennis NT presents on *ANZ Tennis Hot Shots* and *Cardio Tennis* at the ACHPER Conference in Darwin
- Eight Territory Coaches attend the *Australian Open Grand Slam Conference*
- Tennis Palmerston take out the *AO Blitz – Top Club award* for the NT
- Ben Scott and Benita Bittner join Matt Dudley and Matt Roberts as *Tennis Australia Talent Development Coaches*
- Alice Springs official, Leanne Usher is selected to call lines at the semi-finals of the *Federation Cup* between Australia and Germany in Brisbane
- Tennis Palmerston's Jemma Gossow wins the *AO Blitz Challenge*, raising \$6,290 for charities winning her way to the Australian Open Men's and Women's Finals
- The *Club Super Challenge* is reinstated onto the Events Calendar after an eleven year break, with Gardens Tennis winning their first title
- Long standing tennis coach and club manager of *Tennis Gove*, Nicky Mayer says goodbye to the Territory after 23 years, 15 as the Head Coach and Centre Manager of Tennis Gove
- The *Katherine Open Carnival* returns to the Tennis NT Events Calendar with bumper entries
- *Tennis Alice Springs* coach Matt Roberts and official, Gary Bigg are nominees at the 2014 Northern Territory Sports Awards
- *Gove Peninsula Tennis Club* win their ninth *Club of the Year Award* at the Annual Presentation Dinner





Warren and Tony Roach at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

With another year gone it gives me great pleasure to present the Tennis NT annual report.

"Except in a very few matches, usually with world-class performers, there is a point in every match (and in some cases it's right at the beginning) when the loser decides he's going to lose. And after that, everything he does will be aimed at providing an explanation of why he will have lost. He may throw himself at the ball (so he will be able to say he's done his best against a superior opponent). He may dispute calls (so he will be able to say he's been robbed). He may swear at himself and throw his racket (so he can say it was apparent all along he wasn't in top form). His energies go not into winning but into producing an explanation, an excuse, a justification for losing."¹

The way we teach our children to play is critical in their upbringing and their self-esteem in later life and tennis is a great vehicle for this development. I recall my son Hamish as a ten year old agonising over line calls not wanting to do him-self out of a point but to be fair to his opponent. I told him that line calls are easy, if you see paint between the outside of the line and the ball it's your point because the ball is out. If you don't see any paint between the outside of the line and the ball, the ball is in and it's your opponents point. His game improved out of sight because line calling became easy.

¹ C. Terry Warner, Bonds that make us free: Healing our relationships, coming to ourselves.

It has been great to observe another year of increased participation in tennis, as well as greater tournament numbers and more programs aimed at our talented players. Inside the Tennis NT office we've had a year of stability with relative newcomers Sam Gibson and Erin Bormann now well and truly settled. As the great NRL coach Jack Gibson would say at the end of a match, the remainder of the team Pat Coburn and Mark Pead "played strong and done good".

This year at the AGM we welcome three new board members including a new vice-president. My thanks go to our former vice-president Ross Connolly and former board members Sarah Andrews and Nicky Mayer.

Last year I commented on the baton change at the Wedding Cake with 'Territory' Mills taking on the Chief's role. This year we congratulate the new Chief Adam Giles and his Sports Minister Matt Conlan who Sam and I have had several meetings with regarding a proposed development within Marrara. These meetings follow from my closing remarks in last year's annual report "in 2013/14 our focus will remain strong by building relationships with government" which underpin our activities. In 2014/15 consultation will be the main game in building our sport in the NT and beyond.

Warren Martin
President
Tennis NT



Warren and Tennis NT Staff Mark Pead, Erin Bormann, Pat Coburn and Sam Gibson at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

Manager's Report

It gives me great pleasure to be presenting my second Manager's Report for the year ending 30 June 2014.

2013-14 proved to be another strong year for tennis in the Northern Territory with progress made in many strategic priority areas. Tennis NT's focus continues to be driven by the two pillars of our strategy: Participation and Performance. Whilst the strategy is clear, the achievement of tennis' collective goals requires extensive collaboration, as such I am pleased with the sports progress.

On the participation front tennis again experienced growth across the Territory. Of particular note was the 6.29% increase in club based registrations thanks largely to a healthy increase across the Metro Region and a Territory high of 720 registered participants in Alice Springs. This success is derived from the considerable work done by our Member Affiliates in conjunction with Erin Bormann, Tennis NT's Community Tennis Officer.

Further success in the participation space was noticed through MLC Hot Shots and Tennis in Schools Programs. During 2013-14 fourteen schools signed up to the National Schools Partnership Program, contributing to more than 1400 Hot Shots registrations throughout the Territory. It was also terrific to see the efforts of the Nightcliff Primary School rewarded at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards. Whilst tennis has considerable traction within schools, moving forward the transition from schools into clubs will remain a challenge.

Within tournaments we also noticed pleasing results with an increase in the number of competitors across the range of sanctioned tournaments held in the Territory. Across the 42 tournaments held during 2013-14 we witnessed a combined 11.53% increase in participation. These tournaments included a Pro Tour Event, Australian Money Tournaments, the Junior Tour and the Medibank Junior Development Series. All tournaments play a key part in the player pathway, as such the tireless work displayed by Member Affiliates, officials, players and parents and Tennis NT's Mark Pead must be acknowledged.

During 2013-14 tennis in the Territory continued to benefit from a devoted and skilled group of coaches who are driving both high levels of participation and the development of quality athletes. Tennis NT continues to prioritise the professional development of coaches throughout the Territory through the work of Pat Coburn and we are starting to see the benefits of this approach. On the court Territory athletes continue to benefit from a wide range of development programs and competitive opportunities which hold them in good stead for the future.

Off the court, tennis in the Territory continues to benefit from the work of many volunteers, including the members of the Tennis NT Board. I would like to whole heartedly thank the Board for their work over the past twelve months, a time where we have modernised the Tennis NT Constitution, made inroads into strategic priorities, maintained the organisations strong financial position and openly engaged with our Member Affiliates on a new level.

Tennis in the NT benefits from the support of a number of key stakeholders. I would like to thank Tennis Australia for their widespread support of tennis in the Territory, as well as the NT Government for their continued investment in our sport. I would also like to acknowledge our various sponsors who are critical in the running of various programs across the Territory and the parents, players, coaches, and volunteers who have contributed to tennis in the Territory. Last of all I would like to pay tribute to Nicky Mayer who has left the Territory following fifteen years of dedicated service to tennis in the Territory.

Where to now? Tennis NT will continue to strive for growth across the Territory with a particular focus on effective stakeholder relationships, the player development pathway, facility development and the provision of quality tennis experiences.

Sam Gibson
Manager
Tennis NT



Many of you would have heard the line from the Rudyard Kipling poem, "If," that appears above the player entrance to centre court at Wimbledon: "If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster ... And treat those two imposters just the same..."

It is great advice and very relevant to us right now, given all of the positive talk about Australian tennis performance. This talk is understandable as we have had promising results from our players this year, such as: Nick Kyrgios beating world No.1 Rafael Nadal and making the quarterfinals of Wimbledon amid Australia's largest contingent at Wimbledon in 13 years, and seven players posting first round wins; Lleyton Hewitt (Newport) and Bernard Tomic (Bogota) have won ATP tour titles; James Duckworth won his maiden Challenger title (Lexington); Thanasi Kokkinakis won his first Futures title (Canada); Jason Kubler won another Futures title (Italy); Olivia Rogowska won her second ITF title of the year (Sacramento); Chris Guccione won back-to-back doubles titles, pairing with Lleyton Hewitt and Sam Groth respectively; and Sam Stosur paired with Nenad Zimonjic (Serbia) to win the Wimbledon mixed title.

Many players have achieved career-high rankings. But the players themselves, their coaches and support staff would be the first to tell you that, while they are pleased with their progress, there is still plenty more to be done. They are not satisfied. Our team is taking a reasoned, thoroughly-researched and hugely-committed approach to these results, just as they would if the results were not as good. This approach extends beyond the performance of our elite tennis players and right throughout our tennis community.

As you are well aware, the entire tennis family is working on growing our game. This financial year was the initial rollout of the AO Tennis Blitz, which soon became the biggest tennis event in the Southern Hemisphere. It was extremely well received and has been a big part of our joint, intensified focus on participation.

Tennis NT deserves much acclaim, with their intense commitment to our sport ranging from ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, to growing the game in schools, to club tennis, tournaments and

coaching. I am very proud of our co-operation with Tennis NT and look forward to continuing to strengthen this already formidable relationship.

Whether it be the development of our athletes, our sport or our company, we have truly joined forces and chartered a well-planned course. It will continue to be a challenging journey, but as always there will be great satisfaction and rewards along the way.

That enjoyment will come because we are doing this the right way, with the right values, together.

Craig Tiley
CEO
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 Intent: 2012 – 2016

Participation

To attract more children to tennis through Hot Shots and Tennis in Schools

- Accelerate awareness of Hot Shots across the NT
- Influence all coaches to establish Hot Shots into their coaching programs
- Consolidate and grow the lunch time schools program emphasising the link to clubs

To facilitate the excellence of community and commercial management of tennis centres

- Facilitate commercial management at every affiliated centre
- Conduct Annual Industry and Centre Manager Workshops
- Promote and educate the value of completing the Club Health Check

To attract more people to tennis via Cardio Tennis

- Grow Cardio Tennis
- Recruit coaches / deliverers
- Train coaches / deliverers
- Establish marketing plans

Performance

To develop a collaborative Athlete Development Pathway

- Establish 8 – 10 year old Training Squads in each centre
- Expand the Video Analysis Program
- Conduct 'environment specific' Project Talent Camps
- Establish Super 10s Program
- Foster collaborative relationships
- Establish Medibank Junior Development Series tournaments
- Facilitate the establishment of quality competitions
- Conduct Parent Information Forums

To provide quality competitive opportunities

- Design and promote a strategic Events Calendar
- Facilitate the automation and online entry of tournaments
- Increase the quantity and quality of officials
- Deliver innovative, engaging and well-managed major events
- Provide Tournament Directors with the skills to deliver a quality event

Enablers

Provide resources, subject matter expertise to allow Participation and Performance core drivers to deliver

- Coaches
- Places to Play
- Organisational Partnerships and Relationships
- Governance Structures
- Systems and Databases
- Marketing and Communications



About Us

Our People

PRESIDENT

Mr Warren Martin

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr Ross Connolly (resigned October 2013)

DIRECTORS

Mr David De Silva

Ms Sarah Andrews

Mrs Nicky Mayer (resigned February 2014)

Mr Mathew Ryan (co-opted February 2014)

Mr Paul Fitzsimons (appointed February 2014)

Mr Matthew Campbell (co-opted March 2014)

PATRON

The Hon Austin Asche AC

MANAGER

Mr Sam Gibson

COMMUNITY TENNIS OFFICER

Ms Erin Bormann

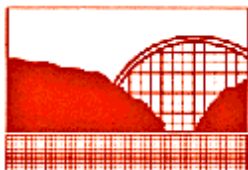
EVENTS & IT COORDINATOR

Mr Mark Pead

COACH & TALENT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Patrick Coburn

Tennis NT Affiliates



Alice Springs Tennis Association



AWOF Sports



Darwin Tennis Association



Gove Peninsula Tennis Club



Katherine Tennis Club



Tennis Palmerston



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Our Partners

Principal Partners



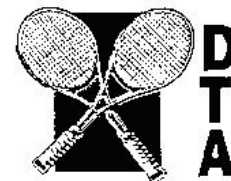
Platinum Partners



Gold Partner



Silver Partners



Bronze Partners



White Partners



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Honour Roll

Warren Martin	2008 – current
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.

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: Sportsmanship; Performance against Interstate Competitors; Contribution to Tennis in the Northern Territory and Appearance.

Austin Asche Trophy Winners

2012-13	Michael Shepheard
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
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1999	Stephanie Lim
1998	Nicholas Bent

Club of the Year

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
2006	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2005	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2004	Alice Springs Tennis Ass
2003	Katherine Tennis Club
2002	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2001	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

Club Volunteers of the Year

Alice Springs Tennis Association

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



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Darwin Tennis Association

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

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

2012-13	Priscilla Franklin
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Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

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

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

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 Borrooloola

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>University</i>
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

<i>Name</i>	<i>National Title</i>	<i>Location</i>
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

<i>Name</i>	<i>National Title</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Partner</i>
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 2014

Men (Open)

1. George Shepheard
2. Nick Whyte
3. Nathan Hawke
4. Ethan Scobie
5. Matthew Dudley
6. Daniel Parker
7. Jake Johan
8. Michael Shepheard
9. Tom Zaleski
10. Jake Woods

Boys' 16/u

1. Jake Johan
2. Michael Shepheard
3. Oscar Ferdinands
4. Jesse Russell
5. Ross Cairns
6. Liam Franklin
7. Evan Di Maria
8. Coen Hutt
9. Kylan Bishop
10. Joel Van Haaren

Boys' 14/u

1. Michael Shepheard
2. Oscar Ferdinands
3. Jesse Russell
4. Liam Franklin
5. Evan Di Maria
6. Coen Hutt
7. Kylan Bishop
8. Joel Van Haaren
9. Peter Politis
10. Kyle O'Donoghue-Ellis

Boys' 12/u

1. Liam Franklin
2. Peter Politis
3. Matt Walsh
4. Arkie Feehan
5. Jett Leong
6. Ryan Peek
7. Thomas Van Haaren
8. Patrick Findlay
9. Huw Wiltshire
10. Davis Zweck

Women (Open)

1. Caitlyn Mitchell
2. Bonnie Usher
3. Katherine Campbell
4. Natalie Roe
5. Rebecca Rayner
6. Sigrid Smith
7. Heidi Skoss
8. Emma Labessa
9. Nicky Mayer
10. Rosie Henderson

Girls' 16/u

1. Bonnie Usher
2. Natalie Roe
3. Rebecca Rayner
4. Sigrid Smith
5. Rosie Henderson
6. Eytahnyia Scott
7. Eilis Kruger
8. Jaimee Murphy
9. Stephanie Rayner
10. Anina Conradie

Girls' 14/u

1. Bonnie Usher
2. Natalie Roe
3. Rebecca Rayner
4. Sigrid Smith
5. Rosie Henderson
6. Eilis Kruger
7. Jaimee Murphy
8. Stephanie Rayner
9. Serena Adams
10. Grace Henderson

Girls' 12/u

1. Eilis Kruger
2. Jaimee Murphy
3. Stephanie Rayner
4. Serena Adams
5. Grace Henderson
6. Brianna Smith
7. Katie Riggall
8. Maya Kruger
9. Keely Bishop
10. Isabella Setterfield



About Us

Presentation Dinner

One of the showcase events on the Tennis NT calendar is the Annual Presentation Dinner. The 2013 Dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom at SKYCITY Darwin on Saturday 2 November. 152 guests were witness to a fantastic evening of entertainment, including a guest performance from former X-Factor contestant, Shiane Hawke.

The key feature of the evening is to celebrate the achievements of the Territory tennis community and the Champions within it: both on and off the court. Congratulations to all award winners on the night.



Gove Peninsula Tennis Club celebrated their 9th Club of the Year award since the establishment of this recognition in 2001. This award now sits along the club's two Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards, and their eight other Territory awards. This is an outstanding achievement for a remote, regional tennis club.



*Michael Shephard,
winner of the Austin Asche Trophy*



Awards Category Winners were:

Austin Asche Trophy Club of the Year Michael Shephard
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

Club Volunteers of the Year
Alice Springs Tennis Ass Karen Brown
Darwin Tennis Ass Dung Buckingham
AWOF Sports Priscilla Franklin
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club Eugene Venter
Katherine Tennis Club Lisa Alexander
Tennis Palmerston Angelique Bos

ALLIED PICKFORDS Senior Points Circuit
Men Daniel Parker
Women Caitlyn Mitchell

Junior Incentive Awards
Male Tom Zaleski
Female Caitlyn Mitchell



Community Tennis Report

Tennis Australia's Community Tennis Officer Program

One of the many resources utilised in the Northern Territory in order to drive promotional activities is the Community Tennis Officer program. 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.

Community Tennis programs saw a 56.62% increase over the 2013-14 figures, with 9,032 individuals participating across the Territory. These programs included: Tennis in Schools, Cardio Tennis, AO Blitz, Indigenous Tennis, Inclusions and Community Activations.

Tennis NT acknowledges the significant investment made by Tennis Australia to this very important element of promoting our sport and the support received from our Member Clubs and coaches.

	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	% change
<i>Metropolitan</i>			
Activations	44	48	8.33% decrease
Participants	3,584	2,517	42.39% increase
<i>Northern</i>			
Activations	13	12	8.33% increase
Participants	919	1,281	28.26% decrease
<i>Central</i>			
Activations	7	9	22.22% decrease
Participants	351	223	57.39% increase
<i>Southern</i>			
Activations	49	44	11.36% increase
Participants	4,178	1,564	167.14% increase
<i>TOTAL</i>			
Activations	113	115	1.74% decrease
Participants	9,032	5,767	56.62% increase

Player Registration

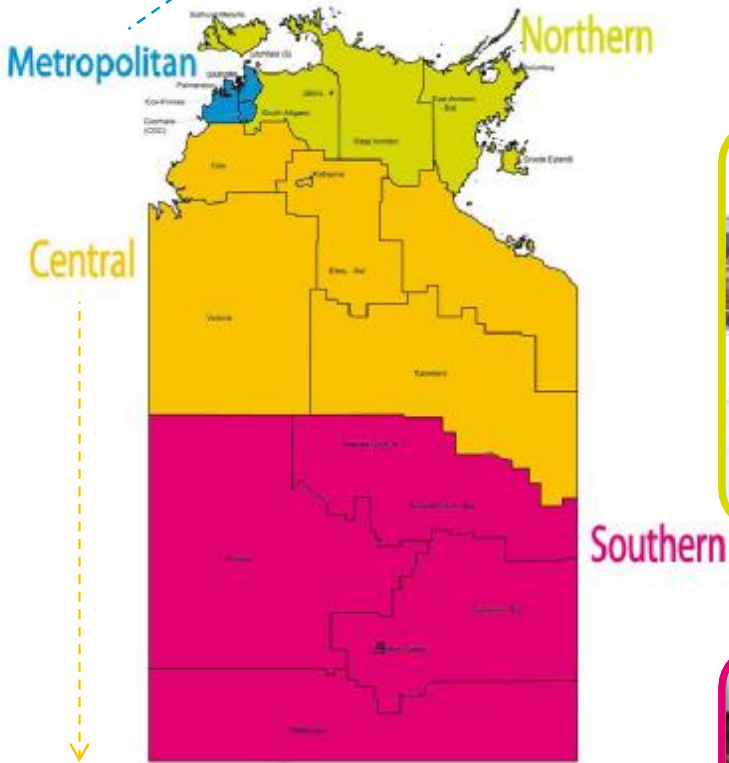
An increase in registrations was once again reported across the Northern Territory. Continued growth was seen within the Southern and Metropolitan Regions with an overall increase of 6.29%. The ongoing challenge for both Tennis NT and all Member Affiliates will be to ensure there are quality programs in place in order to continue to entice an increasing number of participants in future years.

	Registered @ 31 Dec 2013	Registered @ 31 Dec 2012	% change
<i>Metropolitan</i>	1,205	1,111	8.46% increase
<i>Northern</i>	486	525	8.02% decrease
<i>Central</i>	54	67	19.40% decrease
<i>Southern</i>	720	616	16.88% increase
<i>TOTAL</i>	2,465	2,319	6.29% increase



Community Tennis Report

Northern Territory Tennis Regions



Community Tennis Report

Power and Water Regional Development Program

In order for our coaches to provide substantial investment into regional tennis development outside of the metropolitan area, Tennis in the NT continued its successful partnership with Power and Water. This partnership is gratefully acknowledged. The 2013-14 reporting period recognises the third year of a three year term.



The partnership is managed by identified program objectives documented in separate Memorandum of Understandings (MOU).

An MOU is a crucial part of ensuring that there is a strong focus on Regional and Remote tennis. As such, the MOU for both the Northern (Tennis Gove – Nicky Mayer) and Southern (Tennis Alice Springs – Matt Roberts) Regions were renegotiated with the respective Regional Development Officers at the beginning of 2012-13.

The success of the Southern partnerships can be seen on Page 13 of this report in which a 167.14% increase in participation was witnessed in the Southern Region. Whilst the program remained strong within the Northern Region, a decrease of 28.26% was noted due to the shutdown of the mine and subsequent loss of long time passionate and dedicated coach, Nicky Mayer.



Tennis NT will endeavour to support the schools and communities within the Northern Region to the best of their ability with the aim to make them self-sustaining, through training and support. Tennis NT also looks forward to continued success within the Southern Region.

With the addition of the new Central Regional Development Officer (Katherine Tennis Club – Sam Murch), it is expected there will be continued growth within this area through the development of strong school partnerships and community visits.

Centre Managers Workshop

The annual two day Workshop is convened to provide a forum specifically for Northern Territory tennis centre managers. All of Tennis NT's regions were represented as fourteen participants gathered to network and share 'best practice' in February 2014.



Tennis NT was fortunate to have David Phillips, Tennis Australia's Professional Development Coordinator (Coach Education) attend the 2014 Centre Managers Workshop. David facilitated a range of discussions around building professional development and continuous development of coaches and centre manager's into tennis clubs. David also discussed the importance of communication, in particular during difficult conversations within tennis clubs and referred to strategies centre managers can employ on a daily basis.

Workshop attendees also engaged in a range of conversations aimed at guiding tennis operations in the Northern Territory. Topics included the Tournaments Calendar, Tennis in Schools, the Territory Academies Program, Girls in Tennis and Online Systems.

The contributions of the various attendees are a crucial element in Tennis NT's desire to ensure a united approach to the delivery of tennis.



Community Tennis Report

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots (ANZTHS) is tennis especially for children. It incorporates smaller courts, smaller racquets and low-compression tennis balls that don't bounce too high. All of this makes learning tennis easy and best of all, fun. There are three stages – Red, Orange and Green – all of which help develop children's skills and confidence.



Across the Metropolitan Region the lunch time ANZTHS program continued to be great success. The program is greatly appreciated by the teachers and the students continue to enjoy and look forward to the opportunity to experience tennis at their school. One of the benefits of the program is that students, who may not get to play tennis, are able to experience the sport. The intention of this program is to connect students with tennis centres with the aim of having a smooth transition into club programs. Tennis NT's Community Tennis Officer facilitates the relationship and provides program expertise to ensure students receive quality tennis experiences.

ANZTHS also continues to be used as the community engagement program attached to major events such as the Pro Tour.

In 2013-14 there were nine registered ANZTHS deliverers in the Northern Territory providing programs participants. The ANZTHS deliverers were:

- Metropolitan* Erin Bormann
Matthew Dudley
Sam Giess
Daniel Parker
Ben Scott
Dennis Scrutton
- Northern* Nicky Mayer
- Central* Sam Murch
- Southern* Matthew Roberts

Community Play

Community Play was a new initiative started back in early 2013 and is all about enjoying tennis with friends and being a good sport. Parents (or guardians) are empowered to assist on court with scoring and reinforcing the "Be a good sport" messages.

Gove Peninsula Tennis Club (GPTC) and Tennis Palmerston were quick to sign up to the initiative, which essentially was just a name to programs they were already running successfully within their clubs. Tennis Alice Springs followed suit not long after, and Katherine Tennis Club joined in early 2014.

As part of Community Plays development, and in order to track the success of the program since its initial launch, a conference was held at the Australian Open in January 2014.

The lucky volunteer selected to attend from the NT was [Nick O'Callaghan](#) (pictured) from GPTC. Nick got the opportunity to workshop with other volunteers from around Australia, offer feedback on how successful it was up in Gove, meet Alicia Molik and watch some great tennis.



Tennis in Schools

Tennis Australia's National Schools Partnership Program (NSPP) continued strongly this year, retaining the schools originally in the program, along with increasing their numbers.

The NSPP retained and grew with continued support from Mathew Ryan (Nightcliff Primary School), Adam Gulla (The Essington School Darwin), Jodie Austin (Nakara Primary School), Matthew Bramich (Gapuwiyak CEC), Steve Venour (Nhulunbuy Christian College), Jillian Neyland (OLSH: Traeger Campus), Alastair Sheriff (Ross Park Primary) and Daryl Grahek (Casuarina St Primary). New schools were also welcomed into the program through the enthusiasm of teachers such as Julie Grame (Bakewell Primary), Kate Harden (Berry Springs Primary), Alicia Waldron (Girraween Primary), Lucy Collaery (Milingimbi CEC), AB Mohr (St Paul's Catholic Primary) and Jemma Trueman (Timber Creek School).



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This brought the NT's total number of Partnership Schools to 14, a good step up from the 8 of the previous year.

The ongoing support of TA sponsors such as MLC (now ANZ) allowed for schools to continue receiving the valuable equipment packs and manuals which allow them to confidently run sessions within their schools. The Playback rebate, which began in 2013, saw schools most schools being award \$100+ to spend on tennis equipment of their choosing once they had re-signed for the 2013/14 financial year. This is a vital tool to allow schools to continue their programs with quality equipment.

As part of the NSPPs ongoing professional development, two primary teachers were once again invited to attend the National Teachers Conference held at the Australian Open in January 2014. This year it was Alastair Sheriff from Ross Park Primary and Lucy Collaery from Milingimbi CEC who were lucky enough to be invited to attend. This year, due to the Cardio Tennis in Secondary Schools Pilot Program being run, a secondary teacher was also to be invited to Melbourne. This honour went to Leeshay Marsh from Nhulunbuy High School. Carolyn Knutsen, from St John's College was also lucky enough to score an invite through the strong connections she made at the National ACHPER conference.

The Inter-Schools Challenge Cup continued on in 2013 between Nightcliff Primary School and The Essington School Darwin once again. The competition was held on a Thursday afternoon for five weeks from August 1 – August 29, 2013. Play was held on red ball courts at both schools for the first four weeks of the competition, culminating at AWOFF Sports, the partner club of both schools. Once again, [Nightcliff Primary School \(pictured\)](#) seized the trophy and victory from Essington's grasp in what were thrilling finals matches.



Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis has continued its growth within the NT by way of the Secondary Schools pilot program. Five schools around the Territory jumped on board to bring Cardio Tennis to their schools in the new mass

modified format, which used pedometers rather than the standard heart rate monitor. A further two schools had the opportunity to trial the Cardio Tennis in Secondary Schools (CTSS) program through the AO Blitz. The future growth of Cardio Tennis will be through the school avenues as this is where the NT has experienced the most success.

In addition to the excellent work of the teachers through the CTSS program, the Inaugural Inter-Schools Cardio Challenge was held between The Essington School Darwin and St John's Catholic College. The teams battled it out on the red courts to obtain as many steps as possible for their respective schools. Scores were added up after the session, while the students cooled down prior to the presentation. All in all, it was a great experience for the students and teachers involved.

In 2013-14 there were six registered Head Cardio Tennis coaches in the Northern Territory providing workouts. These coaches were:

<i>Metropolitan</i>	Erin Bormann Matthew Dudley Sam Giess Ben Scott
<i>Northern Central</i>	Nicky Mayer Sam Murch

Indigenous Tennis Program

Northern Region Development Officer Nicky Mayer led the way through her continued dedication to promoting tennis within Indigenous communities, as part of the *Power and Water* Regional Development Program. In 2013-14 Nicky made ten school visits, which as always were a huge hit with students and teachers. Southern Region Development Officer Matt Roberts continued his excellent work with Tennant Creek Primary School and numerous schools within Alice Springs. Lastly, with the addition of the new Central Region Development Officer Sam Murch, things were starting to take off again around the Central Region. This was kicked off with the development of a strong relationship with Timber Creek and the view to fully engage with many schools and communities within the region. Without the passion and drive of our Regional Development Officers, many schools and students would miss out on fantastic opportunities to play the great sport of tennis.



Community Tennis Report

Learn Earn Legend! Indigenous Come & Try Days

The initiative known as the "Learn Earn Legend!" hit the Top End again in July 2013. It began with a session at Gardens Tennis on July 31, which was followed up on August 1 out at Woolaning Homeland Christian College in Litchfield and finished in Katherine on August 2. All attending students thoroughly enjoyed their experience with Ian Goolagong, the Indigenous Coach & Ambassador for Tennis Australia. Following this in October the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club, combined with Miwatj Health, Anglicare and Tennis Australia through the Learn Earn Legend! to hold a Healthy Lifestyles camp for Indigenous students from within the East Arnhem region. Last, but by no mean least, the Learn Earn Legend! hit Alice Springs in May 2014 to run a successful camp with students from schools around the local area.

Tennis NT acknowledges Tennis Australia for their work in supporting Indigenous Tennis.



Goolagong National Development Camp

Three Northern Territory athletes were selected for the January Camp in 2014. They were: Serena Adams, Stephanie Long and Natalie Roe. Northern Territory athletes Nathan Hawke and Tarlina Tipungwuti also attended the camp; however their roles were as assistant coaches. The Camp is designed for talented indigenous youth, aged 10 to 21 years and was held in Melbourne during the first week of the Australian Open.

Disabilities Tennis Program

2013-14 saw continued work by Northern Territory coaches with Special Education units within local schools, along with participation in events such as the Para-Sport EXPO, Active Deaf Kids Multi Sports Day and Wheelchair Tennis Come and Try sessions.



This year also saw Tennis NT host a Wheelchair Workshop, run by the National Academy Wheelchair Coach, Greg Crump. This was an invaluable session for those coaches who were able to attend.



Continued work has been done through the Tennis in Schools lunchtime program with visits to Nemaarluk School and Palmerston Senior College's Special Education Unit. We expect that whilst Tennis NT does not conduct a dedicated Disabilities Program, our coaches will continue to embrace the area with support from the Tennis in Schools program.



Community Tennis Report

AO Blitz

Leading into the 2014 Australian Open a new initiative was introduced, the *AO Blitz*, an online campaign encouraging clubs, schools and individuals to complete challenges and earn points for their town. The top 256 towns across Australia were then allocated a player in the 2014 Australian Open, a truly unique way of connecting the community with the international event. The Australian Open Trophy Tour was also incorporated into the AO Blitz, creating an immense Club & Community engagement program.

To kick-start the AO Blitz in the Northern Territory events were held in Darwin, Palmerston, Gove and Alice Springs. Tennis NT would like to acknowledge the support of Tennis Australia and its Affiliates in supporting these events:

- Nightcliff Primary School event featuring Hot Shots, speed serve and the AO Trophies
- Tennis Palmerston club event featuring Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, speed serve and the AO Trophies
- Darwin Middle and High Schools Cardio Tennis event
- Tennis Gove event featuring Hot Shots and Cardio Tennis, and culminating in the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club's 40th birthday celebrations
- Ross Park Primary School event featuring Hot Shots and SpongeBob Square Pants
- St Phillips College Cardio Tennis Event
- Tennis Alice Springs event featuring Hot Shots, SpongeBob and Yamba the Honeyant



Top Towns

Four towns within the Territory were allocated main draw players at the Australian Open following their contributions to the AO Blitz. Finishing 208th Nhulunbuy was allocated Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (CRO), in 37th Darwin (Coconut Grove) was allocated Kevin Anderson (RSA) and Palmerston finished 24th which saw Roberta Vinci (ITA) play for the town. Lastly, Alice

Spring, who finished in the Top 10 Tennis Towns within Australia in seventh, scored Andy Murray (GBR) as their player.

Top Clubs

Tennis Palmerston achieved sixth position on Australia's top AO Blitz Club leader board, narrowly edging out the Alice Springs Tennis Association who finished seventh. Tennis Palmerston received the Ultimate Club Package as way of thanks to the efforts in promoting the AO Blitz.



Top Individuals

The Northern Territory had some terrific results from individuals competing in the AO Blitz. Nicholas Tremblay (AWOF) finished 26th overall, Jemima Torres (Gardens Tennis) 19th and Jemma Gossow (Tennis Palmerston) an amazing first in Australia. Jemma finished well clear of second place thanks largely to raising \$6,290 for the Charity partners; National Breast Cancer Foundation and Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. As a result Jemma was invited to a range of exciting experiences at the Australian Open.

Top Schools

Three Alice Springs schools finished in the top forty schools within Australia. OLSH: Traeger Campus (22nd), Ross Park Primary Schools (27th) and OLSH: Sadadeen Campus (37th) all embraced the AO Blitz.

The AO Blitz program provided Tennis NT with an excellent platform to promote tennis across the Northern Territory through schools, clubs and community events. We look forward to the growth of the AO Blitz concept and the positive impact it can have on our tennis environment.



Athlete Development Report

Project Talent = Coaches + Camps + Competitions + Capture

Tennis Australia's Project Talent initiative remained the driving force behind player development in the Territory during the reporting year. The focus was on building our player development base at our clubs and providing our club coaches the opportunity to remain meaningfully engaged in the player development of their players. In the reporting year Tennis NT has actively engaged with its clubs in each area of Project Talent:

Coaches

Tennis NT's Coach and Talent Development Manager (CTDM) made 76 metro club visits working alongside club coaches in the club coaching program. The CTDM also made two extended visits to Alice Springs where he observed and was involved in a variety of club based programs. These visits were used to develop an understanding of the club coaching program and to identify and discuss areas of potential improvement. The visits helped to position Tennis NT as the service provider for individual coach professional development and support.

During the reporting year Ben Scott (Gardens Tennis) and Benita Bittner (Tennis Alice Springs) joined Matt Roberts (Tennis Alice Springs) and Matt Dudley (AWOF Sports) as recognised Tennis Australia Talent Development Coaches.

Camps

Territory athletes accessed six local Project Talent Camp's during the reporting year. This included Club based camps at Tennis Palmerston, Gardens Tennis, AWOF Sports and Tennis Alice Springs along with two Tennis NT selected camps based around interstate team participation. Tennis NT also ran the Bruce Cup lead in Camp. In total 105 athletes from across the Territory attended Project Talent Camps.

In May two Territory athletes accepted invitations to Tennis Australia's 10s National Development Camp on the Gold Coast. *Trephina Campbell* (pictured) (Tennis



Alice Springs) and *Jett Leong* (AWOF Sports) participated in the camp which was also attended by coaches Ben Scott, Benita Bittner, Daniel Parker and Tennis NT CTDM Pat Coburn.

Tennis NT's CTDM presented club based Parent Information Sessions at Tennis Alice Springs, Tennis Palmerston Gardens Tennis and AWOF Sports while National CTDM Kim Kachel also presented a parent session in Darwin. Topics presented included Training and Tournament Scheduling, The Road Ahead, Compete and The Athlete Development Pathway. In all 78 parents attended these sessions.

Competitions

Two Seasons of Super 10s were held in Darwin and one in Alice Springs culminating in eighteen players being selected from across the Territory to attend the Super 10s Project Talent Camp in September. From the camp four boys and four girls were selected to represent the NT in the Super 10s National Finals held at Melbourne Park during the second week of the Australian Open.

The boys' team finished 7th while the girls' team finished 8th.



Thomas Van Haaren, Huw Wiltshire, Jett Leong and Peter Politis



Isabella Setterfield, Anna Kruger, Maya Kruger and Trephina Campbell



Athlete Development Report

Capture

Tennis NT entrusts its coaches with having the 'eyes and intuition' to spot and develop talent. Players that convinced their Club Coach of their potential were included in the Video Analysis Program (VAP). In all 28 athletes from Darwin, Palmerston and Alice Springs benefited from being filmed and having their game reviewed. To ensure the best outcome for the player, private coaches, parents and the player were involved in stakeholder meetings and jointly committed to a way forward.

National Academy Partnership

Tennis Australia continues to invest in Northern Territory player development through a formal Service Agreement with Tennis NT. The services captured in this Agreement are delivered by National Academy Manager SA, Rohan Fisher.

Rohan visited the Northern Territory twice during this reporting period to work with players, consult with coaches and parents, and provide services to identified players through VAP (Video Analysis Program). This is an 'under-pinning' program for Territory players aspiring to play at a national level.

Tennis NT acknowledges the investment of Tennis Australia in this part of our business.

Northern Territory Academies Program

In January 2014 the Territory Academies Program (TAP) was launched.

Rationale: A key component of Tennis NT's strategic intent is to *develop a collaborative Athlete Development Pathway across the NT*. This intent is in line with Tennis NT's accountability to the NT Government and Tennis Australia for the establishment of a player development pathway which enables Territory juniors to reach their playing potential.

Tennis Australia's Project Talent philosophy encourages players in the 12 and under age groups to remain with their private coaches allowing these coaches scope to build their player development programs.

This fits well with our environment given the age of our aspiring players and Tennis NT's desire to attract passionate aspirational coaches to its clubs.

At the March 2013 Centre Managers Workshop a decentralised player development model in line with Tennis Australia's Project Talent philosophy was

unanimously supported. Ongoing liaison with clubs has also seen continued support for the concept.

TAP is designed to encourage and reward positive player development behaviours while providing a level of independence to foster ingenuity and creativeness in each academies attempt to produce nationally competitive players. TAP therefore is pivotal in fulfilling Tennis NT's strategic intent.

There are three broad areas of criteria (Establishment, Achievement and NT Responsibility) and four achievement levels within each criterion that academies can work towards to receive recognition and reward.

Establishment Criteria looks at the quality of the academies training squads and program.

Achievement Criteria looks at the participation and performance of the academies athletes in local and interstate Junior Tour events and NT representative teams.

NT Responsibility Criteria looks at the way the academy supports Tennis NT and Tennis Australia events and programs such as workshops, staff development opportunities, tournament tours for their athletes and representative teams and Tennis Australia's Project Talent Program.

Recognition: The level of achievement in each criterion will provide each squad program a level or grading. Academies can then use this grading to advertise officially endorsed expectations to the tennis public. Tennis NT can use the grading's to inform both the NT Government and Tennis Australia of the standards being met at each of our player development hubs.

Reward: In order to incentivise academies, professional development services will be provided by Tennis NT according to their level of achievement.

Acknowledgements

The support from the centre managers in the Project Talent and Athlete Development space needs to be acknowledged. Without exception all of our operators, generously and enthusiastically provided their facilities free of charge.

Tennis NT would also like to acknowledge the support of the Territory Coaches who have consistently go above and beyond expectations in trying to enhance the development of our next group of nationally competitive players and ultimately our next National Champion.



Athlete Development Report

Professional Coach Development Sessions and Workshops

Four Coach Professional Development sessions were run translating into 42 Professional Development experiences. Engagement with coaches was a key to Tennis NT's activities with 76 unique visits to Metropolitan clubs plus two extended visits to Alice Springs by the Tennis NT CTDM. Tennis NT acknowledges the pivotal role coaches play within the tennis community, therefore diverse support is offered primarily through the Coach and Talent Development Manager Position.



The Tennis NT Centre Managers workshop conducted in February in Darwin was an outstanding success with Tennis Australia's David Phillips presenting a mountain of new information and diverse ways of looking at old problems. Topics discussed included How to have difficult conversations while building healthy relationships" through to "Collective responsibility and team building" through to "Personal and professional development and up skilling staff to meet stakeholder expectations." Tennis NT is truly grateful to David for the excellent job he did in facilitating the workshop.

2013 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference

Eight coaches from the Northern Territory tennis coaching fraternity travelled to the 2014 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference held in Melbourne just prior to the Australian Open.

The Northern Territory continues to have great representation from its small tennis community and Tennis NT acknowledges these coaches for their personal commitment and their desire for knowledge.



Talent Development Coaches

Tennis Australia has continued to invest in this selected network of coaches who specialise in the development of athletes under the age of twelve. This group of coaches has additional professional development opportunities provided, with added benefits including travel grants.

Ultimately the purpose of this engagement is to build stronger relationships and partnerships with private coaches to improve the quality and quantity of athletes.

During the reporting year the Northern Territory added Ben Scott (Gardens Tennis) and Benita Bittner (Tennis Alice Springs) to the existing Territory TDC's Matt Dudley (AWOF Sports) and Matt Roberts (Tennis Alice Springs). They join a network of 140 nationally recognised Talent Development Coaches.



Australian Grand Slam
Coaches' Conference



Athlete Development Report

2013 Queensland Junior Teams Carnival

In 2013 the NT Selections Committee chose not to send teams to the Australian Teams Championships at Melbourne Park. Instead four representative teams were nominated to compete in Brisbane at the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival. This decision formed part of a strategy aimed at ensuring appropriate levels of competition are targeted for NT athletes. The Queensland event was held from 14 to 18 December with mixed teams of up to 6 players in the 11s, 13s, 15s, and 17s age groups.

The 11s place 4th of 16, the 13s 9th of 16, the 15s 15 of 16 and the 17s 7th of 14 placing the NT 6th of the 9 regions that competed. Participation in the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival proved a great success with players and coaches finding the competition to be challenging while still appropriate. Being able to provide some of our older athletes with the opportunity to represent the Territory was a particular bonus.



11/U Team

Liam Franklin
Peter Politis
Ryan Peek
Serena Adams
Ellis Kruger
Jaimee Murphy
Coach: Pat Coburn

15/U Team

Ross Cairns
Samuel Henderson
Coen Hutt
Bethany Illeman
Eytahnyia Scott
Bonnie Usher
Coach: Sam Giess



13/U Team

Nicholas Carmichael
Evan Di Maria
Oscar Ferdinands
Grace Henderson
Rosie Henderson
Sigrid Smith
Coach: Helen Lamech

17/U Team

Lucas Frichtot
Leighton Fuller
Caitlyn Mitchell
Melanie Usher
Coach: Nicky Mayer



Athlete Development Report

Bruce Cup

The Northern Territory competed at the Australian Primary School Championships, also known as the Bruce Cup from 19 – 26 October 2013 which was played in Brisbane, QLD. The team equalled their best result, finishing sixth in the eight team competition. The NT also recorded its best result in recent years with Rubbers won against each state. The Team was supported by *Manager* Leanne Usher from Alice Springs, *Coach* Kristy Lloyd and *Assistant Coach* Pat Coburn.



Tennis NT continued to support school sport in trials, skill sessions, gala days and the 12 and under school sport exchange. In 2013 the relationship between Tennis NT and School Sport NT strengthened with Tennis NT CTDM Pat Coburn taking on a formal role within the Bruce Cup Team as Assistant Coach. This enabled specific tennis advice and support to the team while benefitting from experiencing firsthand the student management strategies and practices employed in the school sport environment.

This relationship will be of heightened importance in 2013-14 with the Bruce Cup offering players with more ranking points than ever before.

Bruce Cup Team



Northern Territory Team

Back Row (L-R): Kristina Lloyd (Coach), Michael Sheppard, Liam Franklin, Rebecca Rayner, Joel Van Haaren, Nicholas Carmichael, Oscar Ferdinands, Rosie Henderson, Leanne Usher (Manager).

Front Row (L-R): Peter Politis, Stephanie Rayner, Ellis Kruger, Jaimee Murphy, Sigrid Smith, Serena Adams, Tyson Usher.



Tournaments & Competitions Report

People's Choice Metro League



The winning team *pictured* for the 2013 *People's Choice Metro League* competition was decided in September with Gardens Tennis 1 claiming the champion's pennant over Gardens Tennis 2. The competition included five teams, an increase of 25% from the previous reporting period.

Each of the five teams submitted a four person team to compete in the Metro League with an additional four person team contesting the Reserve League. The rules enabled players to move between Leagues' if required.

People's Choice Credit Union partnered Tennis NT in the running of the Metro League; this support is invaluable and is acknowledged by Tennis NT.

3rd AsiaPacific Outgames

The city of Darwin became the third host to this tri-annual event after successful games where conducted in Melbourne, VIC and Wellington, NZL in 2008 and 2011 respectively.



The Outgames brings together lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) athletes from around the world through the delivery of sport, culture and human rights events.

The tennis program was conducted over three days at AWOOF Sports with a total of 43 players across the eight events on offer, with international

representation from Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Philippines, United States of America and Vietnam as well as interstate representation from New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia and from across the Northern Territory.

With the support of the *Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance* (GLTA) the tournament was given a GLTA World Tour status, offering ranking points to competitive players as well as international promotion through their website and online calendar.



ALLIED PICKFORDS Senior Points Circuit

The *ALLIED PICKFORDS Senior Points Circuit* (SPC) comprises eight tournaments conducted across the Northern Territory. This circuit provides individuals with the opportunity to compete for SPC points as well as a cash bonus of \$500 for the winning Male (sponsored by *Darwin Financial Services*) and winning Female (sponsored by *Darwin Waterfront Corporation*) at the end of the circuit. This bonus is awarded at the Annual Presentation Dinner. The SPC tournaments are:

2013 Gove Open Carnival

Joseph Gersbach NSW* & Caitlyn Mitchell GPTC

2013 Red Centre Open

Patrick Ganet QLD* & Bonnie Usher ASTA

2013 HKTC Alice Springs Open

Patrick Ganet QLD* & Joanna Jurca SA*

2014 Alice Springs Junior Carnival

Ethan Scobie ASTA & Katherine Campbell ASTA

2014 Schweppes AWOOF Sports Open

Daniel Parker TP & Caitlyn Mitchell GPTC

2014 Katherine Open Carnival

Matthew Dudley AWOOF & Caitlyn Mitchell GPTC

2014 SKYCITY Darwin Open

Mitchell Robins QLD* & Zuzana Zlochova SVK*

2014 SKYCITY NT Open Championships

Darren Polkinghorne SA* & Zuzana Zlochova SVK*

188 players competed during this year's Circuit, with 121 Male and 67 Female players.

Tennis NT continues its successful partnership with Naming Rights sponsor *ALLIED PICKFORDS*, who have supported this tournament series for the past eight years.



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ALLIED PICKFORDS Senior Points Circuit Honour Roll

Men	1st		2nd		3rd	
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 Shephard	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	
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



2013-14 ALLIED PICKFORDS Senior Points Circuit
Winners Nick Whyte ASTA & Bonnie Usher ASTA



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Events Calendar

The Northern Territory had another busy tournament schedule with 1 Australian Pro Tour tournament, 8 Australian Money Tournaments, 10 Junior Tour tournaments and 13 Medibank 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 53 competitors compete.

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; 1 Gold; 2 Silver; 2 Bronze and 2 White AMTs.

Of the 8 AMT tournaments, 16 events offered Australian Ranking Points and prize money. 314 competitors entered which is a substantial increase of 56.99% over the previous reporting period.

Junior Tour (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 1 Gold; 1 Silver; 3 Bronze and 5 White JT tournaments during the reporting period.

Of these 10 JT tournaments, 53 events offered Australian Ranking Points for both boys and girls across the three age groups. 867 competitors entered which was an increase of 11.43% over the previous reporting period.

Medibank Junior Development Series (MJDS)

The MJDS 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 second year the MJDS attracted 460 competitors over the 13 tournaments that were on offer across the Northern Territory. This is an increase of 35.29% 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 1,694 Australian Ranking Points opportunities were accessed. This was an increase of 24.28% over the previous reporting period.

Level	Pro Tour	AMT	JT	MJDS	TOTAL
ATP	53				
Platinum		67			
Gold		61	153		
Silver		73	139		
Bronze		54	233		
White		59	342		
MJDS				460	
<i>Totals</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>314</i>	<i>867</i>	<i>460</i>	<i>1,694</i>



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Australian Pro Tour

The *Alice Springs Tennis International* was held 22 – 29 September 2013 for the fourth time at Tennis Alice Springs. The tournament forms part of the ITF Futures calendar and was the final leg of the Northern Circuit (Toowoomba, Cairns and Alice Springs) on the Australian Pro Tour.

Following the US\$15,000 Futures event in 2012, the tournament was upgraded to include hospitality for all main draw players, offering an increase in both prize money and ranking points.

Tennis NT acknowledges the 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 a courtesy bus and tournament incidentals, together with the significant investment of Tennis Australia.



Countries represented at the *Alice Springs Tennis International* included Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the United States of America, while the Northern Territory contributed its largest number of competitors into the qualifying draw to date; they included Matthew Davies, Jake Johan, Ethan Scobie, George Shephard, Nicholas Whyte and Tom Zaleski.

Special thanks are extended to the small but hard working team of local volunteers and officials in Alice Springs. They included: Roger Ahwah, Gary Bigg, Kitty Brak, David Gobbett, Mike Heyburn, Tony Jennison, Virginia Moore, Tarun Soni, Leanne Usher, and the many ball kids who assisted throughout the finals.

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



Pro Tour Honour Roll

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

- 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: Luke Saville, semi-finalist 2013 Alice Springs Tennis International



Pictured: Andrew Whittington and Alex Bolt, Doubles Champions 2013 Alice Springs Tennis International



Tournaments & Competitions Report

SKYCITY Darwin Open

The reporting period saw the SKYCITY Darwin Open, now in its sixth year under the directorship of Tennis NT split into two separate tournaments (JT White and AMT Gold), conducted back-to-back to allow higher level AMT competitors the opportunity to play the AMT Gold and AMT Platinum with minimal 'downtime' between tournaments.



2014 Winners Zuzanna Zlochova & Mitchell Robins

The SKYCITY Darwin Open – AMT Gold attracted 64 entries across five events, with international representation from New Zealand and Slovakia as well as interstate representation from New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia and from across the Northern Territory. This was an increase of 60% compared to AMT numbers last year.

While the SKYCITY Darwin Open – JT White attracted 65 entries across thirteen events, an incredible increase of 160% compared to JT numbers last year.

Tennis NT would like to thank the group of dedicated officials who helped make the SKYCITY Darwin Open such a success.

Referee Warren Martin
Court Supervisors Sue Bormann
Elizabeth Kruger
Jenny Roe
Tony Warland (VIC)

Darwin Open Honour Roll

Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
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

SKYCITY NT Open Championships

The 88th NT Open Championships, which was an AMT Platinum and JT Bronze, attracted 129 entries across sixteen events, with 62 interstate competitors, which was a 51.21% increase on the number of interstate entries compared to last year. They included; New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia, as well as international representation from New Zealand and Slovakia. Overall entry numbers increased by 21.69% compared to the previous reporting period.



Two new NT Open Champions were crowned and their names etched into the Parap Cup (Men's Trophy) and Barden Trophy (Women's Trophy).

It was the Men's top seeds that progressed through the semi-finals, with top seed Darren Polkinghorne SA reversing the weeks' prior result defeating Mitchell Robins QLD 6-2 6-1. It took the tournament's second seed, Leon Frost QLD a marathon effort to overcome fellow Queenslander Scott Puodziunas 6-4 4-6 7-5 in a match that lasted close to four hours.

However it was a determined Darren Polkinghorne, who on his third finals appearance took advantage of his battle worn opponent, Leon Frost to claim victory 6-2 6-4.



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The Women's draw saw the top four seeds advance to the semi-finals and looked to be a repeat of the Men's draw with the top seeds progressing. However, everything didn't go according to plan with the fourth seed, Nicole Kraemer SA coming back from a set and a break down to defeat second seed Danielle McIntyre VIC 4-6 6-3 6-3.

Top seed Zuzana Zlochova of Slovakia stepped up a gear in the final, showing the crowd why she has a career high ranking of 263 from earlier in 2014. Zlochova totally dominating her opponent and doubles partner, Nicole Kraemer during the match, which she took 6-0 6-1 in just over an hour.



2014 Winners Zuzanna Zlochova & Darren Polkinghorne

Medibank Junior Development Series events were also conducted during the Championships with aspiring Orange and Green Ball players given the opportunity to play in a modified environment whilst being able to witness some high class tennis action over the weekend.

Tennis NT acknowledges the generous support of SKYCITY Darwin, the naming rights sponsor of the Darwin Open and NT Open Championships as well as valuable co-sponsor, Southern Cross Television.



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

<i>Referee</i>	Warren Martin
<i>Court Supervisors</i>	Sue Bormann Elizabeth Kruger Jenny Roe
<i>Chair Umpires</i>	Ben Carter (NSW) Henry Brunekreef (NSW)
<i>Lines Umpires</i>	Gary Bigg Virginia Moore Leanne Usher
<i>Physio</i>	Rhys Janes



Pictured: Darren Polkinghorne in action



Pictured: Zuzanna Zlochova in action



Tournaments & Competitions Report

NT Open Honour Roll

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



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Medibank NT Age Championships & Darwin Age Titles

The Medibank NT Age Championships JT Gold and Medibank Darwin Age Titles JT Silver were conducted back to back and attracted 225 competitors (a decrease of 17.58% compared to last year) with representation from New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia and from across the Northern Territory.

With Tennis Australia restructuring the four National Championships to eight State / Territory Championships, each State and Territory had to promote a prominent JT tournament to the Championship status. The NT Age Titles, now in its third year as a JT Gold seemed the appropriate tournament due to its attraction to interstate travellers, NT school holidays and its association with the Darwin Age Titles preceding it. The Darwin tournament was also upgraded to JT Silver to help further attract interstate participation.



Territory winners included: Peter Politis, [Rebecca Rayner](#) (pictured left) and [Natalie Roe](#) (pictured right).

Medibank Junior Development Series events were also conducted during these tournaments. 67 beginner to intermediate players (an increase of 31.37% compared to last year) took part in a variety of events including: Orange and Green Ball singles and doubles. Having these events conducted at the same venue and at the same time allowed these younger players to experience the culture of a tournament, the fun that can be had, and perhaps aspire to becoming a future tennis star.

Tennis NT acknowledges the generous support of Medibank, the naming rights sponsor of the NT Age Championships and Darwin Age Titles.



Tennis NT would also like to thank the group of dedicated volunteers and officials who helped make the Medibank NT Age Championships and Medibank Darwin Age Titles such a success.

Referee Warren Martin
Court Supervisors Sue Bormann
Julie Dawson
Jenny Roe
Venue Gardens Tennis
AWOF Sport



Intra-Territory Travel Grant

Throughout 2013-14 a total of \$8,450.00 was distributed to tournament competitors traveling to Territory tournaments.

The purpose of these Grants is to increase participation in Northern Territory Australian Ranking point's tournaments that are sanctioned on the Tennis NT Events Calendar.



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



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Officials Development

Two officials' courses were conducted during the reporting period. They were both conducted in Alice Springs as lead-in to the Alice Springs Tennis International (Pro Tour) and Alice Springs Open (AMT Silver). Disappointingly, there were no other courses conducted during the reporting period in the other regions. It is hoped this culture will change with the increase of tournaments in the Metro and Central regions.

Courses – Southern Region

Chair Umpires Course – Level B	6
Lines Umpires Course – Level D	9

Whilst the Northern Territory faces challenges in officials to tennis in some regions, it must be noted that the group of officials in Alice Springs continues to grow both in number and confidence as they take advantage of all development opportunities offered.

During the 2013 Alice Springs Tennis International, the Alice Springs officiating team provided seven of the eight line umpires for the six days of competition. This is a rarity on the Australian Pro Tour circuit, with the majority of venues having to fly in line umpires.



Alice Springs Officials, *Kitty Brak*, *Gary Bigg*, *Virginia Moore* and *Leanne Usher* were selected to call lines at the 2014 Australian Open, with Gary and Leanne having the opportunity to call lines on both Margaret Court Arena as well as Rod Laver Arena. It is refreshing to note that these officials can attend such a world class event and still return home and continue to officiate at a grassroots level whilst inspiring their officiating peers to striving for the next level.

Leanne Usher (pictured) was

also selected to call lines at the Australian Open Wildcard Play-off during the December Showdown and Australia's Federation Cup tie against Germany held in Brisbane during April. Leanne also joined Gary Bigg at the Australian Open Series – Brisbane International.



Off the back of their officiating success, Tennis NT invited Virginia, Gary and Leanne to Darwin for a Chair Umpire development squad at the SKYCITY NT Open Championships where they were assessed by Ben Carter (NSW) and Henry Brunekreef (NSW) during JT Bronze matches.

Tennis NT acknowledges the mentoring and continued support of Tennis Australia's Officiating team and the members of Tennis Officials Australia.



tennis.com.au/nt

Tennis NT's website continues to be used as a means of publishing specific information about Tennis NT and its services, along with the promotion of programs and events.

2013-14 saw a 9.99% increase in website 'hits' compared to the previous reporting period.

Hits	2012-13	2013-14
	12,935	14,228

Social Media

In February Tennis NT became the final Member Association to join the social media world of Facebook.

This instant information has been crucial to keep fans engaged, while appealing to a wider audience with constant and relevant updates. 77 posts were conducted during the five months of reporting, with 122 'Likes'. The highest recorded post reached 2,242 fans with 637 clicks and 52 'Likes'.



Territory Tennis Talk (e-newsletter)

The *Territory Tennis Talk* gives a brief overview of current news and information. It is hoped the continuation of this e-newsletter will strengthen our programs and events marketing, acknowledgement of our achievements, and importantly acknowledgement of our partners.

Six e-newsletters were circulated to an ever increasing database of Tennis NT registered players and interested interstate enthusiasts. On average 2,155 e-newsletters were delivered with an average 24.66% open rate, this is an increased delivery rate of 21.75% compared to the previous reporting period.

Australian Tennis Magazine

Three contributions to the Magazine were made in the reporting period.

All three articles were in the *from the clubhouse* section of the Magazine entitled; "Gove birthday celebrations", "Tennis players serve up for charity" and "Alice Springs set for world stage".



During the reporting period the Australian Tennis Magazine was used as monthly prizes for participants registered on the *My Tennis* database both as an incentive to register and for promotional purposes.

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.

53 articles were accounted for. They were extracted from the pages of the *NT News*, *Sunday Territorian*, *Darwin & Palmerston Sun*, *Katherine Times*, *Centralian Advocate*, *Tennant & District Times* and *Arafura Times*.

The *Power and Water Corporation January update* as well as the *Energy Source & Distribution Magazine* also contained relevant media about the Power and Water Regional Development Program.

Local and international tournaments, particularly the Australian Pro Tour, provide the highest exposure opportunities within the print media.

Radio stations, *Hot 100* and *Mix 104.9* provide consistent 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 with Lisa Pellegrino*; Hot 100's *Around the Grounds*; Sun FM and Territory FM.



Constitution

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 Constitution was modified and adopted at Tennis NT's last Annual General Meeting held 2 November 2013 at SKYCITY Darwin. Further modifications were made and adopted at a Special General Meeting held 20 February 2014.

35 people attended the 2013 AGM, including sixteen delegates with voting rights. Elections for the Chairman position and two Director positions were held with Warren Martin (Chairman) elected unopposed and Sarah Andrews and David De Silva (Directors) both elected following a contested election.



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

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

A = Number of meetings the Director held office during the reporting period

B = Number of meetings attended

<i>Director</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>
Warren Martin	6	6
Ross Connolly	2	2
Nicky Mayer	4	4
David De Silva	6	4
Sarah Andrews	5	4
Mathew Ryan	2	1
Matthew Campbell	2	2
Paul Fitzsimons	2	2

Annual Industry Workshop

As part of its engagement with stakeholders, Tennis NT conducts a Workshop immediately following the Annual General Meeting seeking feedback as well as engaging stakeholders in discussions around the key issues impacting on tennis in the Northern Territory.

The 2013 Workshop contained a diverse range of topics, with a specific focus on Tennis NT's strategic priorities within both performance & participation. Craig Morris, Director of Participation at Tennis Australia, travelled to Darwin to discuss Tennis Australia's vision and outline key focus areas for the sport within the participation space. Craig engaged stakeholders in topics such as tennis in schools and competition tennis with a focus on innovation.

The various points of discussion at the Workshop were aligned to *T 16* and the achievement of goals which are Northern Territory specific and nationally aligned, particularly within performance and participation.

Key topics within this discussion included the tournaments landscape, the newly formed Territory Academies Program and how tennis in the Northern Territory was tracking with regards to participation in the sport.

All six affiliated members also presented at the Workshop within the best practice theme. Presentations were engaging and included a look at a range of topics.



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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 2014. 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.

Qualification

The Association only records amount received for fundraising, donations and function receipts when these amounts are banked, as it is not practical to establish control over such income prior to its initial entry. My audit relating to such income was therefore limited to ensuring that the amounts banked are properly recorded in the accounts.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the matters referred to in the above qualification paragraph, 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 2014 and the results of its operations for the period then ended.



SUSANNE LEE, CPA
DATED 01/08/2014

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Statement by the Board

TENNIS NT INCORPORATED Year ended 30 June 2014

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 2014 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	Warren Martin
Director	David De Silva
Director	Matthew Campbell
Director	Mathew Ryan
Director	Paul Fitzsimons

- (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 profit of the association for the relevant financial period was: \$22,369.54

Signed at Darwin on 16 October 2014

Warren Martin.

President

David De Silva

Director



Financial Statements

<i>TENNIS NT INCORPORATED</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>30 June 2014</i>	<i>30 June 2013</i>
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		67,195.00	71,809.15
Cash Management Account		43,584.88	101,013.67
Investment	2	700,000.00	600,000.00
Petty Cash		200.00	200.00
Prepaid Expenses	3	4,104.99	4,294.04
Receivables		61,267.05	44,233.80
GST Paid on Purchases		5,927.17	6,822.05
Accrued Income	4	11,685.46	0.00
Total Current Assets		893,964.55	828,372.71
Non-Current Assets			
Loan Receivable	5	15,000.00	15,000.00
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	47,676.93	47,676.93
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(39,656.50)	(33,031.52)
Total Non-Current Assets		23,020.43	29,645.41
Total ASSETS		916,984.98	858,018.12
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors		24,377.02	27,549.18
Accrued Expenses		12,340.43	22,224.68
Income Received in Advance	7	16,198.65	10,988.66
Officials Development Fund	8	2,845.60	2,845.60
Feasibility Study - Territory Tennis Centre	9	61,798.56	31,798.56
TCA-NT Scholarship Fund	10	5,886.21	5,886.21
Staff Entitlements		35,551.85	23,601.96
GST Collected from Sales		16,939.25	14,445.40
Total LIABILITIES		175,937.57	139,340.25
Net ASSETS		741,047.41	718,677.87
EQUITY			
Retained Profits at beginning of Period		718,677.87	678,280.87
Current Year Surplus/Deficit		22,369.54	40,397.00
Total EQUITY	11	\$741,047.41	\$718,677.87



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TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

Income

30 June 2014

30 June 2013

Tennis Australia Grants

Administration		109,094.00	110,232.92
Athlete Development		20,899.21	17,109.09
Community Tennis		22,900.00	22,272.72
Events		24,000.00	19,265.27
Total		176,893.21	168,880.00

Government Grants

Business Development		186,000.00	186,000.00
NT Institute of Sport		0.00	3,000.00
Indigenous Program		0.00	603.70
Total		186,000.00	189,603.70

Administration

Affiliation and Registration	12	8,800.00	12,640.00
Insurance		5,350.01	4,653.34
Bank Income		26,360.97	32,751.36
Premises		20,500.00	20,500.00
Sundry Income		400.00	0.00
Total		61,410.98	70,544.70

Athlete Development

Sponsorship		0.00	0.00
Squad Fees		0.00	2,282.90
National Teams Tour	13	25,139.38	8,968.00
Total		25,139.38	11,250.90

Community Tennis

Presentation Dinner		4,775.46	8,018.20
Regional Development Program		10,000.00	10,000.00
Centre Managers Workshop		0.00	2,000.00
Total		14,775.46	20,018.20

Operations and Events

Ball Sales		355.00	177.27
Competitor Sanction Fees		5,759.10	5,865.00
Intra-Territory Travel Grant		4,000.00	4,000.00
Metro League		4,000.00	4,000.00
Darwin and NT Age Titles		8,600.51	8,495.60
NT Open Championships		12,153.60	18,025.18
Darwin Open		10,424.65	8,211.45
Senior Points Circuit		5,600.00	5,600.00
Tournament Development		2,667.78	0.00
Total		53,560.64	54,374.50

Total Income

517,779.67

514,572.00

Expenditure

Athlete Development

Coach Development	14	59.08	0.00
National Teams Tour	13	35,822.84	18,196.14
Player Travel Grants		2,706.39	8,400.00
Program Expenses		2,964.00	9,312.03
Project Talent Travel		1,362.46	1,118.18



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Total	42,914.77	37,026.35
<i>TENNIS NT INCORPORATED</i>		
<i>Expenditure (cont'd)</i>	<i>30 June 2014</i>	<i>30 June 2013</i>
<i>Community Tennis</i>		
Centre Managers Workshop	3,726.75	4,765.15
Presentation Dinner	6,529.89	8,709.38
Indigenous Tennis Program	1,630.35	603.70
Regional Development Program	16,097.87	15,070.33
Tennis in Schools	5,274.75	6,001.32
Total	33,259.61	35,149.88
<i>Operations and Events</i>		
Intra-Territory Travel Grant	8,450.00	10,450.00
Metro League	1,466.07	1,331.22
Darwin and NT Age Titles	8,662.65	9,357.59
NT Open Championships	27,250.40	21,193.93
Darwin Open	12,029.19	12,498.34
Senior Points Circuit	1,500.00	1,500.00
Pro Tour	11,857.66	3,423.17
Officials Development	1,800.00	1,805.95
Tournament Development	3,615.63	978.18
Total	76,631.60	62,538.38
<i>Staff</i>		
Salaries	207,809.62	196,322.23
Superannuation	18,106.61	16,460.97
Workers Compensation	3,446.83	3,506.71
Staff Amenities & Uniforms	142.60	309.34
Professional Development	432.97	2,372.79
Total	229,938.63	218,972.04
<i>Administration</i>		
AGM	229.09	1,239.63
Audit Fees	2,100.00	1,818.18
Annual Industry Workshop	6,129.00	8,010.91
Bank Charges	170.56	631.74
Depreciation	6,624.98	9,854.78
Donations	0.00	4,687.50
Equipment	395.69	480.56
FBT	2,310.89	325.46
Insurance	4,636.00	6,492.60
Motor Vehicle	3,646.53	2,754.68
Marketing Costs	3,975.88	3,380.02
Petty Cash	388.61	1,581.22
Meetings	334.68	795.55
Postage	80.76	487.71
Premises	63,838.23	60,940.20
Printing and Stationery	2,648.54	2,723.57
Telephone	7,244.42	7,016.98
Travel	7,911.66	7,172.06
Bad & Doubtful Debts	0.00	195.00
Total	112,665.52	120,588.35
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	<i>495,410.13</i>	<i>474,275.00</i>
<i>Net SURPLUS</i>	<i>\$22,369.54</i>	<i>\$40,397.00</i>



TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2014

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. Unspent Grants are transferred to an appropriate liability account.

Assets

Asset purchases that have a life of greater than one year are capitalised and depreciated over the period of the estimated useful life of the asset. The estimated useful life for the assets purchased is three years for computer and IT equipment and five years for plant and equipment.

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

Prepaid Expenses

This is made up of insurance allocations to the next financial year – both Workers Compensation insurance and the National Insurance Program.

Note 4

Accrued Income

This is made up of Interest to June 2014 on People's Choice Credit Union Investment and Entry fees for NT & Darwin Age collected by Active Network however not received in the bank as at 30 June 2014.



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Note 5

Loan Receivable

Alice Springs Tennis Association Incorporated received a loan of \$15,000 to assist its facility upgrade that was undertaken in 2010. A Loan Agreement has been exchanged. The Loan will be repaid within 10 years. Under the Agreement loan payments will commence 18 June 2015.

Note 6

Property, Plant and Equipment

There was no Property, Plant and Equipment purchased in 2013-14.

Note 7

Income Received in Advance

\$1,700	DTC Sports Nationals Incentive Sponsorship (remaining from prior year-funds not spent)
\$6,962	Tennis Australia Grant for Medibank Junior Development Series
\$1,537	National Insurance Program receipts from Affiliates now allocated to the correct period in line with the treatment of the related cost
\$6,000	People's Choice Credit Union Sponsorship for 2014-15

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.

Note 9

Feasibility Study - Territory Tennis Centre

In 2005, \$50,000 was committed to progress the development of a *Territory Tennis Centre*. At various stages funds have been expended to design concept drawings to enhance the case.

Note 10

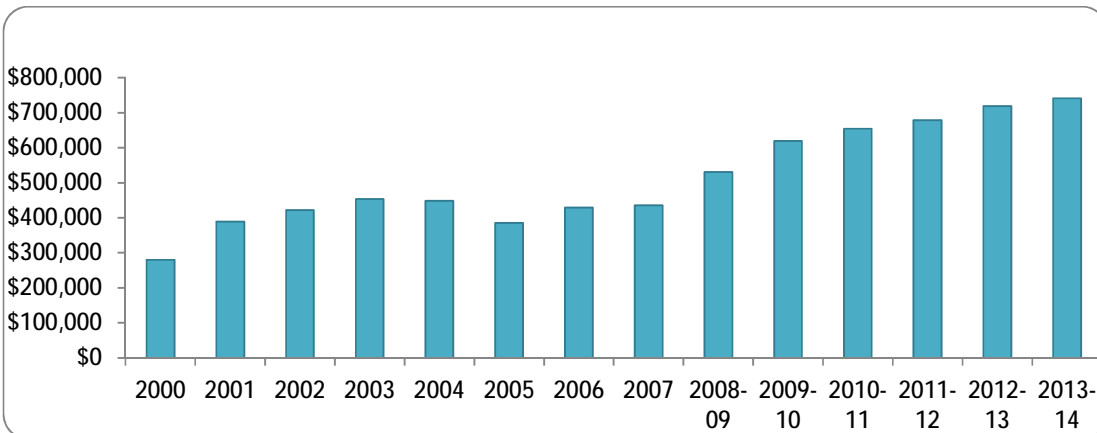
TCA-NT Scholarship Fund

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.

Note 11

Equity

The following graph demonstrates the trend from 2000 to the end of this reporting period.



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Note 12

Affiliation and Registration

	2013-14	2012-13
Alice Springs Tennis Association	2,600.00	2,600.00
Darwin Tennis Association	2,800.00	2,800.00
AWOF Sports	2,200.00	2,200.00
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	1,300.00	1,300.00
Katherine Tennis Club	2,200.00	1,440.00
Tennis Palmerston (12/13 Fee reversed in 13/14)	(2,300.00)	2,300.00
TOTAL	\$8,800.00	\$12,640.00

Note 13

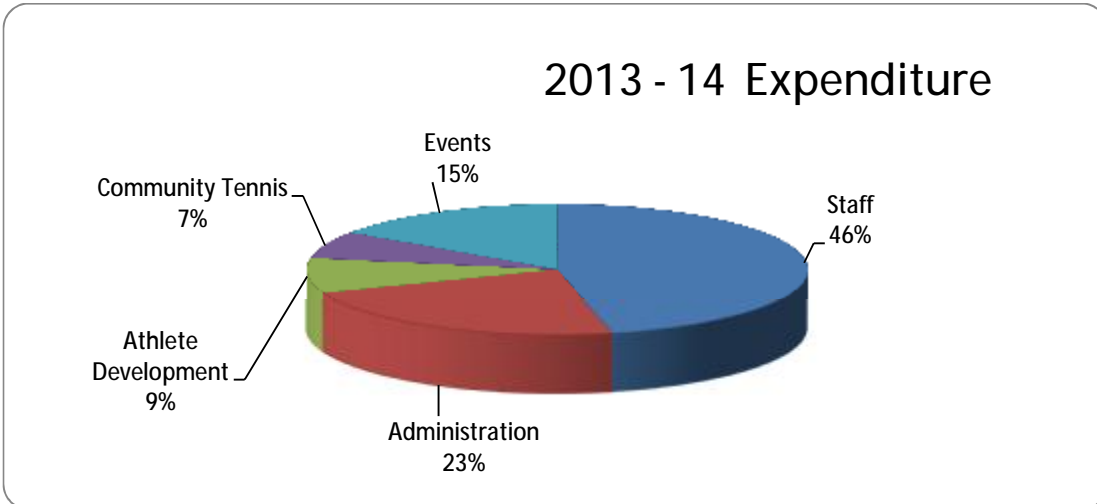
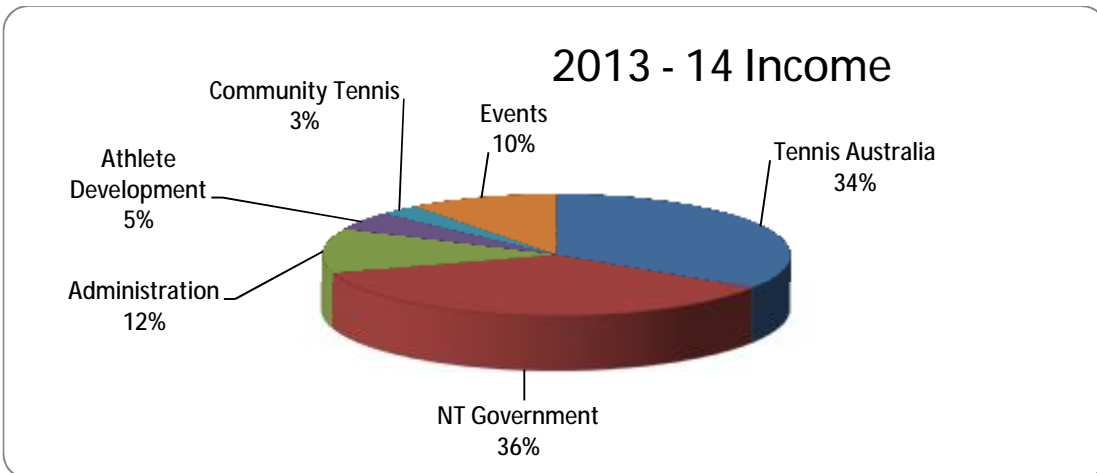
National Teams Tour

In 2013-14, National Teams Tour differed in both size and how payments were made and collected hence the notable differences from 2012-13.

Note 14

Coach Development

Coach Education Courses were all delivered by Tennis Australia.





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