

TENNIS TASMANIA

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Tennis Tasmania proudly acknowledges the Tasmanian Aboriginals. We acknowledge the rich culture and pay respect to Elders past and present. We acknowledge the palawa as lutruwita's first peoples and as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work, live and play across our 46 member clubs, venues and affiliates.

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

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OUR PURPOSE

We believe playing tennis makes life better

OUR VISION

To create a playful world through tennis

OUR VALUES

- Imagination
- Excellence
- Collaboration
- Humility

OUR STRATEGIC PILLARS

- Participation
- People
- Places
- Promotion



OUR APPROACH

We work closely with our clubs, coaches, schools, government, and Tennis Australia to co-create thriving tennis communities that attract people to our sport.

BOARD & COMMITTEES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Martin Turmine

VICE PRESIDENT

Pip Leedham

DIRECTORS

Ally Bradley

Nick Haddow

Belinda Kitto

Tom Middleton

Heidi Radcliff

Tom Robertson

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

EXECUTIVE & MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Martin Turmine

Pip Leedham

Darren Sturgess

GOVERNANCE

Martin Turmine

Pip Leedham

NOMINATIONS

Ally Bradley (Chair)

Pip Leedham

Tom Robertson

David Scott (Legana TC)

RISK & AUDIT

Tom Robertson (Chair)

Tom Middleton

Nick Haddow

Heidi Radcliff

HOBART INTERNATIONAL

Ally Bradley

Nick Haddow

Heidi Radcliff

HALL OF FAME

Martin Turmine

Jon Aufder-Heide (Domain)

Denis Tucker (Life Member)

TENNIS TASMANIA TEAM

STATEWIDE

General Manager – Tennis Tasmania

Tournament Director – Hobart International Darren Sturgess

Tennis Operations Lead Simonne Allwright

Event Operations Lead (until February 2023) Mandy Pargeter

Digital Marketing and Communications Officer (until May 2023) Nicky Ristrom

Women and Girls Coordinator Nikki Goddard

Coach Relationship and Education Manager (from October 2022) Alyssa Hibberd

Customer & Digital Engagement (from May 2023) Will Hollands

SOUTH / EAST

Regional Tennis Manager Michael Bulis

Tennis Development Officer Matthew Lamont

Tennis Development Officer Jordan Petryk

NORTH / NORTH WEST

Regional Tennis Manager Simon Aufder-Heide

Tennis Delivery Manager Phoebe Davis

Tennis Development Officer – North / North West (until February 2023) Jake Mc Kercher

Tennis Development Officer – North / North

West (from March 2023) Georga Maier

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

National Development Squad Coach Raphael Durek

Talent Operations Manager James Bolzonello

National Development Squad Physical Performance Coach Elly Fourlis

OFFICE LOCATIONS

SOUTH (HEAD OFFICE)

c/- Domain Tennis Centre

2 Davies Avenue

Glebe 7000

NORTH

c/- Tennis World Launceston

57 Racecourse Crescent

Launceston 7250



LIFE MEMBERS

Mr Mathew J H Driessen*

Mr William Fitzgerald

Mrs Frances Hudson

Mr Ross Munro

Mr C A S Page OBE*

Mr Tony Ryan*

Mr Denis Tucker

Mr Max Byrne

Mr Andrew Youl

Mr Phil Bowden

MEMBER CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Australian Italian Club – Tennis | 24. Newstead Tennis and Squash Centre |
| 2. Beaconsfield Tennis Club | 25. Nubeena Tennis Club |
| 3. Bicheno Tennis Club | 26. Perth Tennis Club |
| 4. Binalong Bay Tennis Club | 27. Port Sorell Tennis Club |
| 5. Bridport Tennis Club | 28. Richmond Tennis Club |
| 6. Burnie Tennis Club | 29. Riverside Tennis Club |
| 7. Campbell Town Tennis Club | 30. Rosebery Tennis Club |
| 8. Cygnet Tennis Club | 31. Rosny Park Tennis Club |
| 9. Deloraine Tennis Club | 32. Scottsdale Tennis Club |
| 10. Devonport Tennis Club | 33. Smithton Tennis Club |
| 11. Domain Tennis Centre | 34. Sorell Tennis Club |
| 12. East Devonport Tennis Club | 35. Spring Bay Tennis Club Inc |
| 13. Evandale Tennis Club | 36. St Helens Tennis Club |
| 14. Forth Tennis Club | 37. St Mary's Tennis Club |
| 15. Geilston Bay Tennis Club | 38. St Therese's Tennis Club |
| 16. Glenorchy City Tennis Club | 39. Sunshine Tennis Club |
| 17. Hobart Out Tennis Club | 40. Tarooma Tennis Club |
| 18. Kingston Tennis Club | 41. Tennis North (Associate Member) |
| 19. Latrobe Tennis Club | 42. Tennis World Launceston (Associate Member) |
| 20. Legana Tennis Club | 43. Trevallyn Tennis Club |
| 21. Lindisfarne Memorial Tennis Club | 44. Ulverstone Tennis Club |
| 22. Longford Tennis Club | 45. Whitmore Tennis Club |
| 23. New Norfolk Tennis Club | 46. Wynyard Somerset Tennis Club |



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"It is my privilege to lead an organisation with such a talented and motivated team."

With many of the challenges created by the pandemic behind us, Tennis Tasmania was able to operate at full capacity and engage with clubs to help grow our wonderful sport across the state.

The growth of tennis depends on the clubs, the shopfronts, of our great sport. On behalf of the entire board thank you to all the volunteers that help to manage our 46 affiliated members with their work on various committees. There is a lot to do in running events, maintaining facilities, administrating the membership and raising funds for upgrades. Thank you for your passion, the many hours you give to the sport thus ensuring more people are playing tennis more often.

It is my privilege to lead an organisation with such a talented and motivated team. I congratulate our General Manager, Darren Sturgess and

his team for their achievements over the last year. I know, from the feedback I hear from club officials, that our team is effective in what they are doing to support clubs.

Pleasingly we were able to welcome international tennis back to Tasmania with the Women's Hobart International and the two back-to-back events in Burnie. These events were part of an expanded 2023 summer of tennis across the country. It was so great to see so many people out watching these events.

Unfortunately, this year we were not able to host an international event in Launceston due to the facilities not meeting the rigorous standards expected of the international tours. We continue to work diligently with the City of Launceston Council, Tennis Australia and both state and federal governments to secure the required funding to build multipurpose facilities.

Our governance of the sport and association continues to evolve. Tennis Tasmania is committed to ensuring our governance is what is expected by our affiliated clubs and our stakeholders including local, state and federal governments. As President I continue to participate on a national working group focusing on improving board governance. Our more rigorous process for the recruitment of member elected directors and board appointed directors that was implemented over 18 months ago was supported with changes to our constitution in January 2023. The nominations committee has been expanded to include an independent member providing valuable insight to the process of ensuring we have the

most appropriate candidates for our elections.

Our risk and audit committee has been reviewing various process and reviewing the association's management of risk. Additionally, the Board, through its working groups supports the work of Tennis Tasmania's team on projects such as the site development plan at the Domain Tennis Centre, Hall of Fame, Hobart International, Women's Inspirational Event and Competitive Plan strategy.

As President I thank and acknowledge the commitment of our directors, Pip Leedham (Vice President), Ally Bradley, Tom Robertson, Tom Middleton, Nick Haddow, Belinda Kitto and Heidi Radcliff.

MARTIN TURMINE
PRESIDENT, TENNIS TASMANIA



INVESTMENT IN TASMANIAN TENNIS

TOTAL INVESTMENT

Tennis In Tasmania \$2.8 Million

Club Infrastructure \$303 142

TECHNOLOGY, DIGITAL PROGRAMS AND PLATFORMS (8%)

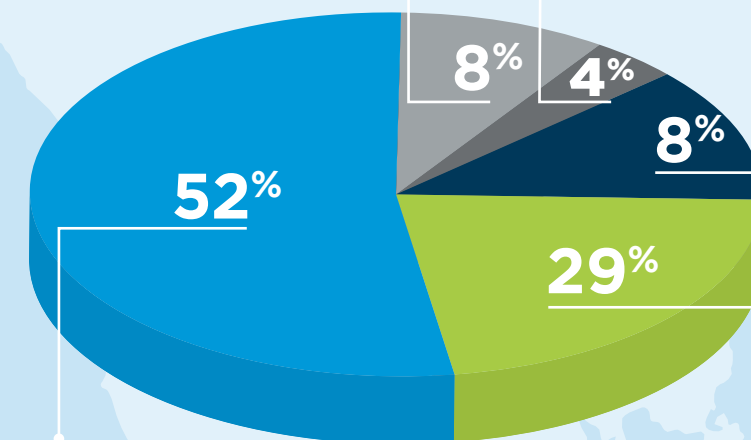
Costs for software and support for digital programs and platforms such as ClubSpark, League Manager and Tournament Planner.

MEMBER SERVICES (4%)

Costs for customer support services provided to clubs, coaches and participants.

MARKETING (8%)

Costs for marketing, digital, communication and promotional expenses.



TENNIS DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY (52%)

Costs of tennis participation, programs, coaching development and education, tennis operations, events and leagues.

ADMINISTRATION (29%)

Costs for administration services including areas of finance, legal, integrity, and people and culture, plus insurances and administration costs.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

"It has been an honour to serve the Tasmania Tennis community for the last 12 months."

The commencement of the twelve-month period was marked by a sense of hope and optimism, as the lingering impact of the pandemic gradually receded into history. There was a palpable enthusiasm and renewed vigour for the future, propelling us forward as a united team. The collective determination to make significant strides in our tennis clubs, venues, coaching initiatives, and the broader tennis community has invigorated us, fostering a strong sense of purpose and potential.

Amidst our optimistic outlook for the future, we recognised the substantial investments that had been dedicated to upholding the sport's

prominence within the community and its continued advancement throughout the challenging pandemic years. Consequently, in collaboration with Tennis Australia and all States and Territories, we embarked on an inclusive nationwide consultation process from the grassroots upwards. This process was undertaken to shape a cohesive strategy for tennis that could be effectively implemented across diverse environments throughout the country. This comprehensive engagement process laid the groundwork for the 'Game On' Tennis strategy, reflecting the insights gleaned from this exhaustive endeavour.

The year commenced on a joyous note as we gathered with the Tasmanian Tennis community in Launceston to hold the AGM and the prestigious annual Awards evening. This event was graced by the presence of guest speaker and esteemed Tasmania Tennis Hall of Famer, Helen Gourlay. Amidst the social atmosphere, we commemorated the achievements of winners and finalists, offering them due recognition. This occasion served as a wonderful opportunity to unite and extend our gratitude to the tennis community for their unwavering support and contributions to tennis over the past year.

KIDS TENNIS

The prowess of tennis within Tasmanian schools continues to thrive and flourish. Once again, this year has witnessed continued growth in the number of schools embracing tennis as an integral part of their curriculum, thereby introducing a larger cohort of students to the joys of the sport and solidifying their engagement through ongoing teacher-delivered programs.

The collaboration between coaches and schools remains robust, forging resilient partnerships that aid in the seamless delivery of tennis education and in elevating the teaching staff's proficiency. The cohesive efforts of the Tennis Tasmania team have been pivotal in providing support whenever necessary and fostering novel avenues

for tennis to forge deeper connections within the educational framework. A heartening development is the burgeoning landscape of school-based tennis events and leagues, laying the foundation for young participants to seamlessly transition into broader leagues and events orchestrated by local clubs.

COMPETITIVE PLAY: ELEVATING THE TENNIS EXPERIENCE

The realm of Competitive Play has been reshaped through an active and dynamic transformation, precipitated by a comprehensive nationwide review and implementation. These efforts have been directed towards enhancing the clarity of the competitive pathway, introducing a fundamental tennis rating system known as the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR), and carefully orchestrating our calendar of events and leagues spanning across the state. While the implementation will continue to be refined and added to, the transformation empowers players with the ability to better chart out their schedules in advance, enabling them to strategically target specific events.

This shift has contributed to an increase in participation opportunities, a testament to the resonance of the approach. Notably, the PMG Tassie Junior League has proven to be a significant success story. With over 440 young players participating each year, this league has emerged as a year-round platform for juniors to engage in consistent match play across Orange Ball, Green Ball, and Yellow Ball categories. Powell Motor Group's (PMG) steadfast

support has been instrumental for introducing players into competition, allowing their talents to develop and thrive in a safe learning environment.

The essential role played by officials in maintaining the integrity of the sport cannot be overstated. Their dedication to ensuring fair play across all levels of competition is invaluable. From local matches to international events, officials are the unsung heroes who contribute to the seamless flow of the game. This year, we have seen officials taking centre stage at events such as the Hobart International, showcasing their expertise on the global stage.

INCLUSION, EQUITY AND DIVERSITY

Central to our ethos is an ongoing commitment to creating an inclusive and diverse tennis community. Our collaborations with events like the Special Olympics have been pivotal in shaping a tennis landscape that welcomes all participants. This effort resonates with our broader vision - to make tennis a space where everyone feels welcome, safe and respected.

The introduction of the Women Leaders in Tennis (WLIT) program stands as a testament to our dedication to fostering diverse leadership within the sport. By empowering women in tennis through education, mentoring, and networking opportunities, we are actively shaping a more balanced and representative future.

Joining its place once again at the Hobart International in 2023, we welcomed the return of the highly anticipated Hobart Out tennis

championships. This annual event attracts players not only from across the nation but also from around the globe. Notably, the growth in local Tasmanian participants has stood out as a remarkable highlight, underscoring the concerted efforts of Hobart Out Tennis Club and Tennis Tasmania in their unwavering commitment to championing and fostering the LGBTI+ community's engagement in tennis.

.Inclusion, Equity and Diversity

COACHES

Tennis coaches have always been the bedrock of player development, and the past year has witnessed a renewed focus on their empowerment. A pivotal step in this direction was the creation of the Coach Relationship & Education Manager role, entrusted to Alyssa Hibberd. This strategic move aligns with our commitment to supporting coaches both in terms of business and professional growth. With an array of projects aimed at enhancing their skills and capabilities, we are ensuring that coaches have the necessary tools to guide and shape the next generation of tennis players.

STATE TEAMS

Our State Teams representatives have served Tasmania proudly as these aspiring players to experience high-level competition. Beyond the court, it has provided a platform for them to understand the dynamics of teamwork and start developing our own Tasmanian Team culture. These experiences, invaluable in shaping their holistic development, have positioned players to strive for excellence in the sport.





I am looking forward to seeing their development, as we are creating a strong foundation for the future..

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS RETURN

The triumphant return of the Hobart International in 2023 marked a momentous event, captivating both local and global audiences. Held at the Domain Tennis Centre, this premier tournament showcased world-class tennis players from the WTA tour, including Grand Slam Champions and previous Hobart winners. The tournament's electric atmosphere was heightened by a passionate audience of over 14,000 attendees, enjoying not only thrilling matches but also live music, local food vendors, and engaging fan experiences. The 2023 Hobart International reasserted itself as a must-attend fixture on the global tennis calendar, elevating women's sport and leaving an enduring legacy that inspires and shapes the future.

The Caterpillar Burnie International, which graced our tennis calendar after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, rekindled the passion for world-class tennis on the North West Coast. The tournament, boasting a substantial prize pool, brought together players from various corners of the globe including Rinki Hijikata, who had come off the

back of winning the Australian Open Doubles title a few days prior. Notably, the addition of the Caterpillar Burnie International #2 extended the excitement for another week. The event was not only a showcase of tennis prowess but also a testament to the meticulous planning and community engagement that went into its execution.

In addition, players were presented with an extra chance to compete in the inaugural \$20k Devonport Signature Open. Serving as a prelude to the Burnie tournaments, this event drew the participation of top-tier players. The remarkable response from the Devonport Tennis Club, community, players, staff, and officials is a promising indicator of the tournament's potential growth in the upcoming year.

UPGRADING FACILITIES: ELEVATING THE TENNIS EXPERIENCE

Infrastructure plays a pivotal role in fostering an enriched tennis experience, and the Kingston Tennis Club's impressive upgrade is a testimony to this belief. The culmination of years of planning, the project encompassed court resurfacing, fencing, and overall improvements to the grounds. This transformation has

breathed new life into the club, resulting in increased participation, improved facilities, and a sense of renewed community engagement.

In conclusion, this past year underscores the unwavering dedication of Tasmania's tennis community to enhancing the sport's landscape. Our commitment to excellence, inclusivity, and community engagement has been the driving force behind every initiative. As we reflect on the year's achievements, we also cast our gaze towards the future, with a resolute determination to refine the 'Game On' strategy to meet the needs of Tasmanian tennis. With a solid foundation in place, we are poised to shape a brighter future for tennis across the state.



DARREN STURGES
GENERAL MANAGER, TENNIS TASMANIA

FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

Because we believe playing makes life better ...

Creating a playful world through tennis for everybody, forms a powerful vision for our organisation. Everything we do stems from our passionate purpose to grow grassroots tennis. This means expanding our base of genuine interest and participation in the sport at the community level.

The seeds of long-term interest in tennis are sown early. We want the community to engage, to play socially and practise and compete regularly. We want that passion to continue to evolve to watching, coaching, officiating and administering the sport. And better yet, to volunteer to help run it. All of this builds a foundational player base from which generations develop and ultimately compete and win internationally. It also builds a community of ravenous fans, keen to follow their favourite players around the world and at home for our amazing summer of professional tennis. This of course culminates in January at the Australian Open, with Australians around the world hungry to watch and attend the event.

And it is a virtuous circle. Continued grassroots growth drives more

engagement in the sport, drives more homegrown professionals and enables the Australian Open to grow from strength to strength and be able to attract the world's best tennis players. That is our fly wheel and no one part of the system is more important than the other. It is a delicate balance that we love, nurture and invest in over time. And importantly, we all work hard to keep getting better, together.

This year more than ever, every age, every ability and every region of the nation was represented as we welcomed record numbers of players on court. Independent AusPlay data shows participation grew by 14 per cent to 1.514 million in the 2021 calendar year. Embedded in this number was a 20 per cent increase in the number of adults playing tennis.

Some enjoyed the health and lifestyle benefits of participating in the sport informally in social settings, other players were driven by the rewards of club-level tennis and regular competition. And while traditional forms of the game will always honour its rich heritage, complementary formats provided opportunities for existing players to experience tennis in a

new way or others to experience it for the first time.

While there are many measures of success looking back over the last year, the growing number of people enjoying the sport in clubs, community settings, schools and other venues is unquestionably the most important. We passionately believe that playing makes life better and it is our great honour to help bring richer life to communities across Australia.

A SPORT FOR LIFE

Accessible, engaging and offering a range of enduring health benefits, tennis has long been known as a sport for life. And, it is important that learning to love the sport starts early in life. We are delighted to see that the metrics tell us we are doing a good job on this count.

More than 634,000 young players experienced Tennis Hot Shots, our official start-up program, in the past year. Another 40,000 kids enjoyed AO Holiday Programs delivered by 275 coaches at 450 venues in January. The Tennis Hot Shots Racquet Roadshow (a program which sees racquets gifted to first-year primary school students) delivered a milestone 200,000th racquet, which was delivered at Syndal South Primary School in Victoria. This is the fifth year of the program and those keen students are putting their modified equipment to good use.

For the sixth straight year, the Tennis in Schools program was the No.1 requested and delivered sport in the Sporting Schools initiative. This is a huge achievement and a stature to fiercely protect.

A range of offerings ensures that tennis remains readily accessible at any age.



The Play.Tennis website is a fundamental tool for healthy participation, with traffic increasing by 605 per cent in January. More than 75 per cent of the Australian population can now book online a tennis court within 15 kilometres of their home.

There are also many ways for players of all standards to play. Cardio Tennis is a popular choice for those seeking a fun and fitness-focused alternative. And as the appetite for casual and social play grows, so too do complementary formats such as Padel, POP and Beach Tennis; over 10,000 fans sampled those formats at Australian Open 2022.



A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

As mentioned, a connected grassroots community is the foundation of our sport. As a passionate network of volunteers, coaches and officials facilitate tennis at clubs, schools and community settings throughout Australia, they enhance the experience for many and encourage the sport's overall growth by creating players and fans to sustain our future.

More than 3200 Tennis Australia coach members delivered a range of programs across the nation, with many progressing through our coach education initiatives. In excess of 600 coaches enrolled in Tennis Australia courses over the 2021-2022 period; underlining the benchmark status of those educational pathways, a further 630 coaches from 31 nations participated in the virtual Grand Slam

Coaches Conference ahead of Australian Open 2022.

While fostering safe and inclusive tennis communities, ongoing facilities development remains a constant priority. Since 2007, more than \$29 million has been invested into the National Court Rebate initiative, which partners with all levels of government and local communities. This investment continued throughout the past financial year, including to 20 flood-affected venues.

Support for quality governance at grassroots level was also enhanced through the launch of the innovative Health Indicator of Tennis (HIT) tool. Helping to improve the experience and accessibility of reporting on the performance of tennis venues nationally, it allows for information to be entered via online forms and submitted directly in the HIT platform. This in turn ensures greater data accuracy and richer insights.

There were also informal but compelling ways in which tennis was integrated into the wider community. Over the past financial year, the Hitting Wall art project was completed, with a wall in each state and territory reinvigorated by local artists. Attracting participants to the sport at a more casual level, the artistic project also promoted more than 450 Hitting Walls at affiliated Australian clubs and community settings.

COMPETITIVE GROWTH

The natural progression from an expanding participation base is an increase in competitive opportunities for every age and ability. The launch of a new Competitive Play Framework, in January 2022, was one of our major initiatives. It helps players better understand their level on the pathway and in turn, identify



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competitive opportunities best suited to their standard. The number of endorsed events increased 70 per cent in the first six months to more than 300, with 11,934 players competing.

Meanwhile, the Australian Pro Tour, UTR tournaments and junior competitions returned to a more complete schedule following pandemic-enforced interruptions, providing vital match play and development avenues for both emerging and professional players. The multiple pathways are designed for athletes aiming to thrive at a professional level. There were more than 5000 young athletes in Talent Development programs throughout the nation and 40 players, aged between 15 and 23, invited into the National Tennis Academy in Brisbane.

Change is never easy, but we believe we are on the right path and with the feedback and input of the community, important improvements in the model are underway.

SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS

Many of our aspiring players in these pathways had no shortage of inspiration this year from those that have undertaken the development journey before them. For it was truly a marquee year for Australian tennis. Ash Barty memorably lifted the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Trophy at the Australian Open, becoming the first local player to claim the women's singles title in 44 years. There was also a thrilling Grand Slam breakthrough for Nick Kyrgios and Thanasi Kokkinakis, who defeated Matt Ebden and Max Purcell in an all-Australian men's doubles final. As well, Dylan Alcott was named Australian of the Year.

Rafael Nadal also triumphed in a thrilling men's final to seal a record 21st Grand Slam singles title. The tennis history books were substantially updated following AO 2022. We are all grateful to have created the stage that enabled such a phenomenal summer of tennis in Australia.

Both proven champions, Barty and Alcott retired while holding the world No.1 ranking, while many of their



colleagues also performed well on the world stage in 2022. In all, we celebrated seven Grand Slam champions in the 2022 season, Nick Kyrgios made the Wimbledon singles final and there were multiple milestone achievements from players in Slams and in ATP and WTA events.

In addition to the amazing tennis results at the AO 2022, we saw great fan engagement across the country. More than 185,000 attended lead-in tournaments in three capital cities and regional Victoria, before an unforgettable edition of the Australian Open. Despite some lingering pandemic-

related restrictions, Melbourne Park sparkled – with the final stage of the almost \$1 billion redevelopment completed, the 5000-seat Kia Arena show court was opened and the new multi-purpose Centrepiece venue utilised as a corporate, functions and media centre for the first time.

And as those achievements were celebrated in the global tennis spotlight, our commitment to innovation was also made clear. The Australian Open made an award-winning move into the Metaverse, with over 50,000 visitors exploring AO Decentraland. An AO Art Ball collection, linking an NFT collection

to line-call data, marked another world first. A second edition of the Techstar accelerator program had provided support for early-stage SportsTech companies, with four of the 11 companies selected activating at AO 2022.

Meanwhile, commercial success ensured vital funds were reinvested into the sport. While domestic and global broadcast reached record audiences, Kia celebrated its 21st straight year as the Australian Open's major partner; we thank Kia and other loyal partners – including Emirates, Luzhou Laojiao, Rolex, Ralph Lauren and Visit Victoria – for their valuable support.

OPEN TO ALL

Tennis is, above all, a sport that is open to everyone and our commitment to inclusion, equality and diversity continues to strengthen and grow. Following our inaugural First Nations Day at the Australian Open, Barty visited several communities in Central Australia in February. As she learned more about local culture, the proud First Nations Ambassador also hit with members of Indigenous communities at Mutitjulu School, from Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara country in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, and in Alice Springs (Mparntwe).

In August, the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival returned to Darwin, with more than 260 young First Nations participants representing each state and territory. The Australian Open also featured the first AO Pride Day, a joyful celebration of the diverse LGBTQ+ community; the international Glam Slam, an LGBTQ+ tournament, followed in the AO's second week.

Players with a disability could experience competitive opportunities at both local and international levels. The AO PWII (Players with an Intellectual Impairment) and AO DHOH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing) tournaments were staged at Melbourne Park in January.

A nine-person team represented Australia at the Virtus European Summer Games in Krakow, Poland, in June, and returned home with 11 medals, including five gold.

Women and girls initiatives also expanded, with the AO Inspirational Series, Coach Connect and Women Leaders in Tennis among programs that are helping ensure a stronger representation of females at all levels of the game.

THANK YOU

From grassroots to Grand Slams, the common theme of a hugely successful year in Australian tennis was the passion of our people. Players, coaches, clubs, volunteers, officials and fans who ensured that the sport was not only strengthened, but will continue to grow.

We are especially grateful to our hard-working Tennis Australia team members, as well as our eight Member Associations and their teams and the dedicated members of the Tennis Australia Board.

We are delighted to see the values of imagination, collaboration, humility and excellence demonstrated at every level of the tennis community. As we build on our successful foundations, we are excited to welcome even more people to the sport.

JAYNE HRDLICKA
CHAIR

CRAIG TILEY
CEO

A YEAR IN NUMBERS

VENUES



46

Affiliates

181

Courts at affiliated clubs

31

(up from 28 last year)
Clubs with online court hire

\$62,405

Revenue generated via online court hire

55%

Rise in online court hire revenue y.o.y

64%

Rise in online court bookings y.o.y

43

(up from 42 last year)

CLUBS WITH ACTIVE WEBSITES

42

(up from 36 last year)
Clubs with online membership

4,412

Registered club players

EVENTS AND LEAGUES



8

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITIVE PLAY OPEN EVENTS

1

Signature Series

7

Open Series

23

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITIVE PLAY JUNIOR EVENTS

1

Signature Series

2

Premier Series

8

Junior Series

4

Junior Development Series

8

Community Series

4

INCLUSION, DIVERSITY & OTHER EVENTS

1

Intellectual Disability

3

Seniors

444

TASSIE JUNIOR LEAGUE (NORTH & SOUTH) / SOUTHERN TENNIS LEAGUE

106
Orange

126
Green

212
Yellow

OFFICIALS



19

REGISTERED OFFICIALS

11

Male

8

Female

SCHOOLS



27,344

(up from 25,021)

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

125

Average participants per school

152

Partner schools

19,261

Number of Primary school participants

127

(up from 101)
Number of Partner primary schools

8,083

(up from 5,177)
Number of secondary school participants

25

(up from 15)
Number of Partner secondary schools



COACHES

51

COACH MEMBERS

36

Male

15

Female

30

QUALIFIED COACHES

13

Business

17

Qualified

21

TRAINEE COACHES

14

Male

7

Female

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT



1,796

(up from 1,689)

FACEBOOK LIKES

751

(up from 619)

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

58,628

(up from 40,343)

FACEBOOK REACH



PARTICIPATION

"Over the last twelve months, tennis in Tasmania made significant strides in promoting tennis participation and fostering a sense of inclusivity and community across the state."

Over the last twelve months, tennis in Tasmania made significant strides in promoting tennis participation and fostering a sense of inclusivity and community across the state. Notable achievements include continued steady growth in Junior League (Orange, Green and Yellow ball) players, resulting in a combined entry of over 399 enthusiastic young athletes.

To foster a competitive tennis environment, the state witnessed an increase in competitive play opportunities for players. More leagues, events, and regional challenges were organised, attracting 698 players registered with a Universal Tennis Rating (UTR), and contributing the number of players with a unique Competitive Player Profile. These initiatives have encouraged healthy competition and enhanced player engagement, while provide more avenues for players to hone their skills and compete against their peers.

Our engagement with schools also witnessed a notable growth, with over 3,000 participants joining in on the tennis action. We are delighted to see more teachers than ever before actively engaging with Tennis, demonstrating a genuine commitment to promoting the sport among the younger generation.

The support we provided to local clubs played a pivotal role in fostering their sustainability and attracting higher participation numbers. We implemented a range of Child Safety initiatives to ensure that our clubs provide a safe and inclusive environment for all members. These efforts have not only facilitated an increase in club participation but



At the national level, our State Team players showcased their talent and dedication as they competed against the rest of the country in the Australian Teams Championships. The return of the Bruce Cup Primary School and Bruce Cup High School competition was welcomed with both teams travelling interstate to compete on the National stage. Their performances were a testament to the effort and commitment our players put in all year, and the strength and skill present within our tennis community.

We were thrilled that one of our remarkable volunteers, Hendry Lukman, was nominated for the Volunteer of the Year and was a finalist. Hendry's unwavering commitment and dedication to Hobart Out Tennis Club and all their initiatives were recognised at the prestigious Newcombe Medal event in Melbourne late in 2022.

In summary, the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 has been marked by significant achievements in tennis participation. We have seen steady growth again in our Junior League numbers, successful Pride Night events, increased Competitive Play opportunities, heightened schools' participation, enhanced club support, notable achievements in national competitions, and well-deserved recognition for our exceptional volunteers. These accomplishments reflect our ongoing commitment to promoting tennis and building a strong, inclusive tennis community across the state.

PARTICIPATION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Court hire revenue Increased 54% and booking hours rose 55%.



2. School participant numbers increased by 9% (over 2,300 more year on year).
3. Expanding the number of competitive playing opportunities.

SPOTLIGHT FEATURE - SPECIAL OLYMPICS NATIONAL GAMES 2022: TRIUMPH OF TALENT AND INCLUSIVITY

In October 2022, Launceston hosted the Special Olympics National Games, attracting athletes from all over Australia. The Tennis event, held at Tennis World Launceston, stole the spotlight with the strong entries and wonderful community patronage and support. Tennis Australia and Tennis Tasmania provided crucial support for the success of the event.

Among the exceptional athletes, Tasmanians Jason Cooper and Nic Heames stood out. Nic's impressive performance led him to subsequent tournaments in Melbourne and Brisbane. The Games showcased the incredible abilities of athletes with intellectual impairments and promoted inclusivity.

The Special Olympics National Games 2022 became a celebration of determination, breaking barriers, and fostering a sense of unity. The event left a lasting impact, inspiring people and paving the way for a more compassionate society.



SCHOOLS

"The Sporting Schools funding program has enabled us to nurture a lasting enthusiasm for tennis among the youth, delivered and supported by our committed coaches and educators."

NURTURING TENNIS ENTHUSIASM IN SCHOOLS: BRIDGING CLASSROOM TO COURT

The Tennis in Schools program stands as a cornerstone in our efforts to engage young minds and hearts with the sport of tennis, capitalising on its expansive reach and influence within the school setting. This strategic approach has demonstrated its efficacy, offering an avenue to connect with a substantial number of children and youth in a single day. By introducing tennis at an early age through school programs and ensuring avenues for tennis progression outside the classroom, we enhance the likelihood of sustaining their involvement over the long term.

Tennis Tasmania has remained steadfast in its collaboration with schools, fostering connections that extend beyond the classroom to connect with local tennis coaching, club-based programming, and competitive prospects. The pivotal role played by the Sporting Schools funding initiative, provided by the Federal Government, cannot be understated in our ability to establish touchpoints with schools throughout the state. This funding has enabled over 1,600 Tasmanian school-aged children the state have engaged in tennis clinics facilitated either by Tennis Tasmania, local coaches, or teachers during their weekly HPE lessons.

Amidst the commendable tally of 1,600 participants, an even more remarkable feat has unfolded: the unwavering commitment of teachers and coaches who persist in running integrated school programmes, effectively engaging schoolchildren throughout the entire state. Beyond this achievement, an impressive 25,000 additional children have enjoyed a teacher or coach delivered tennis experience, expanding on those already engaged through the Sporting Schools initiative. This cumulative endeavour translates to an impressive 27,344 children having embraced tennis during this reporting period, across a network of 152 schools. This compelling statistic underscores the dedication and passion of our educators, resonating with the ethos of our overarching initiative.

Our schools engagement initiative serves as a conduit bridging the classroom with the tennis court, fostering lasting interest and participation. With a solid foundation laid by the Sporting Schools, we are poised to instil a lasting passion for tennis within the young generation, underpinned by the dedication of our coaches and educators.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Total participants reaching 27,344 with an average of 125 participants per school
2. Partner schools at 152
3. 8 red ball gala days coordinated statewide

SPOTLIGHT FEATURE - INSPIRING TENNIS EXCITEMENT IN SCHOOLS THROUGH PLAY

During Term 3 of 2022, Tennis Tasmania, in partnership with Kingston Tennis Club, coordinated a dynamic new Red Ball Gala Day tailored for year 3/4 students from the local region. This event marked a significant milestone, providing an exciting inaugural opportunity for 150 of these students to immerse themselves in tennis. Throughout the day, these students participated in a series of matches, granting ample space to display their burgeoning skills, mutually learn, and revel in the thrill of a friendly, introduction to competition.

Beyond delivering a full day of tennis engagement at the local club, the occasion also stood as a valuable professional development avenue for teachers, vividly demonstrating how seamlessly tennis matches can be interwoven into physical education lessons. This approach created a vibrant avenue for an enriching experience that fostered skill honing, teamwork, and an affirmative initiation into the sport.

The resounding success of this event has propelled Tennis Tasmania into the process of establishing a tradition, poised to unfold annually in Term 3 at the Kingston Tennis Club. This



forward-looking initiative not only bolsters local junior players' foray into tennis but also paves the pathway for their journey towards coaching, along with social and competitive play. This, in essence, epitomises the spirit of nurturing tennis enthusiasm through hands-on experiences.

SPOTLIGHT FEATURE: NURTURING TENNIS EXCELLENCE THROUGH SCHOOL COMPETITION: THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL'S TRIUMPH AND PIZZEY CUP

The Hutchins School recently witnessed a triumphant display of tennis prowess as three young athletes, George Anderson, Lachlan Browne, and Will Bird, united to participate in two esteemed and highly anticipated school-based tennis competitions, underscoring the school's dedication to fostering sporting excellence. These boys, embodying their school's spirit, showcased their remarkable talents on the court, elevating The Hutchins School's reputation and evoking a sense of pride that reverberates throughout their achievements. Their involvement in the Sports Association of Tasmanian Independent Schools (SATIS) competition, the pinnacle of Tasmania's inter-school sports, saw them forming an integral part of the Hutchins School First IV team. Competing against formidable opponents from other Tasmanian schools, George, Lachie, and Will emerged triumphant, defeating Marist Regional College, Burnie. This victory



not only bolstered their tennis skills but also fostered newfound camaraderie, transforming tennis from an individual pursuit to a team-oriented endeavour.

The Pizzey Cup, an even more formidable challenge, presented itself as the 18 Years & Under Tennis Championships hosted by School Sport Australia. This year's event, held at the Canberra Tennis Centre from 14th to 20th May, brought together 8 girls and 8 boys, all of whom represented Tasmania and their respective schools with commendable dedication. The Pizzey Cup stands as the highest echelon of secondary school tennis competition in Australia, and the responsibility of representing their school and State at a national level was met with unwavering determination by these young athletes. George, Lachie, and Will's participation in the Pizzey Cup provided them with an intensified experience of dedication, discipline, and the resolute pursuit of success that characterises the highest echelons of the sport.

These competitions emphasise the tangible pathway carved through tennis inclusion in schools, demonstrating that the seed of passion sown during school days can blossom into elite competition. Building a robust foundation of skill and love for the sport can pave the way for students to elevate themselves to representing their school and state

at the pinnacle of Australian tennis. Tennis Tasmania remains committed to nurturing tennis within school environments, recognising it as a crucial channel for nurturing the next generation of tennis stars and inspiring broader student engagement.

In essence, the participation in school-based tennis competitions, epitomised by the link between SATIS and the Pizzey Cup, offers a plethora of benefits for students like George, Lachie, and Will. Beyond providing a platform for budding athletes to exhibit their prowess and refine their skills, these competitions instill invaluable life lessons in confidence, character development, sportsmanship, teamwork, and tenacity. Moreover, these events weave a tapestry of school unity and pride, especially evident in the formation of enduring friendships among teammates. The twin competitions fortified their team spirit, fostering a collaborative ethos geared towards shared achievement. The experiences George, Lachie, and Will garnered from these competitions shall reverberate through their lives, shaping their growth as tennis players, friends, and individuals. Their dedication and unwavering commitment to the sport are commendable, and Tennis Tasmania eagerly anticipates witnessing their ongoing successes.

COMPETITIVE PLAY

"Creating a robust foundation of competitive opportunities to foster the growth and success of our competitive players."



EVENTS

The dynamic landscape of Competitive Play continues to flourish following the recent changes of the national competitive play framework. The implementation of a primary rating and focus on the local, regional and state competitive opportunities has seen our competitive player profiles and competitive leagues and events increase. This progressive evolution encompasses the planning of schedules up to a year in advance, heightening participation in events, and fostering the expansion of leagues.

The spotlight shone brightly on

the 2023 JT Premier 250 Rafa Nadal Tour event hosted at Tennis World Launceston over the March long weekend. This eagerly awaited event featured 32-player draws in both the Boys U12's and U14's categories, attracting competitors not only from Tasmania but also from across the nation. We wholeheartedly commend Banjo Seeger for his triumph in the U14's Boys Singles and Hunter Richardson for securing the U12's Boys Trophy of Values Award. Their stellar performances have earned them coveted spots at the forthcoming National Masters Event in

January 2024.

A notable addition to the 2023 Tasmanian Events calendar was the Signature \$20k Tasmanian Championships held at the esteemed Devonport Tennis Club. This new tournament cast a magnetic pull, drawing top-notch players from across the country, and even internationally. Beyond the pursuit of prize money, this event provided a crucial platform for players to refine their skills and gain momentum for the upcoming Caterpillar Burnie International. The Signature \$20k Tasmanian Championships encapsulated

a high calibre of talent and served as a vibrant embodiment of Tasmania's thriving summer tennis scene.

An wide range of Junior events were delivered by a dedicated group of coaches and club representatives, along with some of the Tennis Tasmania team, over the reporting period. These events encompassed various opportunities across the pathway and fostering inclusive participation:

2022 Domain JDS #2 (22 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2022 Launceston Winter Showdown (12 entries)	Tennis World Launceston
2022 Geilston Bay Open (83 entries)	Geilston Bay Tennis Club
2022 Pizzey Cup Selection Trials (12 entries)	Tennis World Launceston
2022 TAS Qualifying - National Hardcourt Championships (19 entries)	Tennis World Launceston
2022 Tasmania Bruce Cup Trials (27 entries)	Tennis World Launceston
2022 Launceston UTR Event (1 entry)	Tennis World Launceston
2022 Domain JDS #3 (5 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2022 Geilston Bay JDS (35 entries)	Geilston Bay Tennis Club
2022 Hobart Open (69 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2022 Domain Spring Classic (69 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2022 Burnie Junior Event (40 entries) (*Event cancelled due to inclement weather)	Burnie Tennis Club
2022 TAS Qualifying - National Grasscourt Championships (9 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2022 Domain JDS #4 (50 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2023 JT Premier 250 Tasmanian Junior Championships (36 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2023 JT Signature 500 Tasmanian Junior Championships (23 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2023 O3K J125 Clarence Open (61 entries)	Rosny Park Tennis Club
2023 JC Pardey Shield/Pizzey Cup Trials (37 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2023 O3K J125 Cygnet Open (141 entries)	Cygnet Tennis Club
2023 JT Premier 250 Rafa Nadal Tour - Launceston (75 entries)	Tennis World Launceston
2023 12u & 14u Australian Claycourt Championships- TAS Qualifying (12 entries)	East Devonport Tennis Club
2023 O3K J125 Tasmanian Easter Championships (52 entries)	Tennis World Launceston
2023 O3K J125 Domain Easter Championships (55 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre

The unwavering commitment of the deliverers across the club and coach network in hosting Open events is instrumental in sustaining year-round competitive play options. These events have been provided contribution of prize money support from Tennis Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government via Events Tasmania. Demonstrating resounding support from the tennis community, these eight Open events recorded a substantial 572 entries, further solidifying their pivotal role.

Other Open events underscored the enthusiasm surrounding competitive tennis:

2022 Geilston Bay Open (83 entries)	Geilston Bay Tennis Club
2022 Hobart Open (63 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2022 Domain Spring Classic (69 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre
2023 O3K J125 Clarence Open (61 entries)	Rosny Park Tennis Club
2023 Signature \$20k Tasmanian Championships (42 entries)	Devonport Tennis Club
2023 O3K J125 Cygnet Open (141 entries)	Cygnet Tennis Club
2023 O3K J125 Tasmanian Easter Championships (52 entries)	Tennis World Launceston
2023 O3K J125 Domain Easter Championships (55 entries)	Domain Tennis Centre

An emphasis on Inclusive & Diverse events also prevailed, illuminating the varied facets of tennis engagement:

2022 Special Olympics Australia National Games (41 entries)	Tennis World Launceston
2022 Tasmanian Masters Games Tennis (32 entries)	Devonport Tennis Club
2022 Tasmanian 30+ Seniors - Hobart - NRT6 (22 entries)	Devonport Tennis Club
2023 Riverside Seniors Event NRT.7 R/R (13 entries)	Riverside Tennis Club

These compelling events collectively underline our commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive competitive environment, driving passion and skill development among players of diverse backgrounds.

LEAGUES

A testament to the growing enthusiasm within the tennis community, the appeal of weekly tennis leagues is unquestionably on the rise. Orchestrated primarily by associations and clubs, endorsed by Tennis Tasmania, these leagues have consistently witnessed a rise in participation throughout the year. An example of this is the PMG Tassie Junior League, coordinated by Tennis Tasmania, which has successfully expanded its realm, offering juniors year-round opportunities

for match play on a weekly basis. Amidst this dynamic landscape, the rebranded PMG Tassie Junior League has captured substantial attention, standing as a testament to its vibrancy and allure. With increasing participation exceeding 440 players over the past 12 months, this league now extends its offerings year-round, encompassing Orange Ball, Green Ball, and Yellow Ball players. This accomplishment has been enabled by the support of Powell Motor Group (PMG), whose steadfast commitment is pivotal in nurturing our junior leagues.

This progressive stride has been embraced with eagerness as it provides a valuable avenue for junior players to enhance their skills and cultivate a profound understanding of the game's intricacies. Active engagement in regular match play empowers them to transpose training into on-court implementation. Through their involvement in the Tassie Junior League, young tennis enthusiasts not only elevate their personal performance but also forge bonds of camaraderie and fair play, fostering meaningful interactions with their peers.

TENNIS NORTH

Contribution from Craig Boyce

In the realm of Tennis North leagues, a palpable consistency marked the past year. The Evening Interclub Leagues, flourishing with 126 players from 7 clubs, including Tennis World Launceston, experienced remarkable growth. The tradition of Ladies midweek tennis persisted with around 100 players from 10 clubs, now enhanced with a revamped A Grade division. This transformation promises a more balanced playing experience while preserving the social facet of the game. The North v North West Challenge continues to captivate league players from both regions, with North emerging as victors in the latest contest hosted in Launceston in late 2022, a testament to their prowess. We look forward to travelling to the Burnie Tennis Club in the next edition as they take the reins and try to win back the Challenge. As it was this year, it once again promises to be an engaging challenge for North in their pursuit of victory away from home.

TENNIS NORTH WEST

Contribution from Kim Robinson

Tennis North West sustained its Midweek Tennis initiative, embracing male players who found their stride within the competition. Division Two teams saw participation from two men, while Division One league allowed for one male inclusion. Both divisions have been consistently maintained, fostering a competitive roster. The implementation of new rule changes, such as a third-set tiebreaker, has been embraced and will continue in upcoming rosters. The winter roster navigated challenges, primarily due to inclement weather, yet concluded in the familiar spirit of friendly competition. Port Sorell's return to the Midweek competition adds further promise to the Spring Roster, sustaining regional Midweek Tennis. Though numerical growth remains stable, Tennis North West's Midweek competition stands as a steadfast platform, offering tennis to male and female participants across the region.

While the journey isn't one of expansion, the commitment to stability is pivotal, underscored by diligent promotion through platforms like Facebook and local media. Tennis North West's optimism for the future of Midweek Tennis remains unwavering.

A special note of gratitude goes to Paul Fletcher and his wife for their dedicated efforts as office bearers, ensuring the seamless operation of the initiative. The upcoming Spring roster will witness Wynyard/Somerset utilising Burnie as their home base, given the ongoing upgrade of the Somerset facility. A tribute is extended to Gloria Agg, a respected figure in the tennis community, who is dearly missed by Wynyard/Somerset and the Tennis North West family. The journey ahead is paved with gratitude for the continued support from Tennis Tasmania, a resource that enriches the region's tennis endeavours.

NORTH WEST TENNIS LEAGUE

Contribution from Sam Gleeson

The seventh edition of the North West Tennis League saw 13 teams from Burnie, Devonport, and Wynyard/Somerset gracing the North West coast's courts. The A Grade, A Reserve, and B Doubles divisions stood as showcases of competition, with Burnie securing two titles and Devonport one. This league, an enduring highlight on the North West Tennis Calendar, reflects the dedication of volunteers managing teams and league logistics. The anticipation for future seasons remains high, with aspirations to welcome smaller clubs across the coast into the fold, enriching the competition further.

AYC TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Contributions from Campbell Palfrey

The Association continued its successful stride, hosting forty-six and forty-four teams in the Spring and Summer rosters respectively. Approximately two hundred players relished well-organised interclub tennis throughout the season. Congratulations echoed for those who achieved individual or team success. Navigating the challenge of the single night roster progression remains a priority, particularly when it conflicts with club commitments. The Association remains hopeful for progress in this regard to further engage the next wave of participants. As with all volunteer-run organisations, attracting the next generation of tennis enthusiasts to lead the Association remains a continuous challenge, one that is fervently tackled in the forthcoming seasons.

EVENTS BY REGION

Region	# of Events
North	9 (32%)
North West	4 (14%)
South	15 (56%)

Note: events offering a junior and open offering has been counted as one event in this table.



PLACES: CLUBS & VENUES

The focus has been on a comprehensive range of initiatives encompassing venue optimisation, child safety enhancement, court hire facilitation, and infrastructure funding acquisition.

The advancements and achievements made by tennis clubs and venues across Tasmania regarding facilities development and enhancement during the reporting period are a testament to the collective efforts of our tennis community. The focus has been on a comprehensive range of initiatives encompassing venue optimisation, child safety enhancement, court hire facilitation, and infrastructure funding acquisition. These endeavours have been strategically designed to foster the expansion of tennis, encourage higher participation rates, and cultivate a secure and inviting atmosphere for players and the wider community.

A noteworthy accomplishment during this period involved conversations with every club and venue across the state to collect information and data to form a baseline Health Indicator of Tennis (HiT) rating. These engaging dialogues served as valuable avenues for gathering insights into critical aspects including infrastructure expenditure, participation metrics, coaching engagement, financial dynamics, and club management efficiency. The accumulation of this data facilitated a robust assessment of club and venue health. This comprehensive approach provides a solid foundation for devising future strategies aimed at optimising venue performance and propelling the sustainable growth of tennis in the foreseeable future.

The ongoing dedication to ensuring the safety of our most vulnerable

community members, especially the youth, remains of utmost importance. To fulfil this commitment, we have implemented a range of child safety initiatives, encompassing the distribution of poster kits, online educational modules, and workshops. These proactive actions have effectively empowered our clubs to create and uphold secure environments, thereby safeguarding the well-being of all participants.

Significant attention was dedicated to refining court hire functionalities. Upgrades were implemented for venues equipped with 'Book A Court' technology, and six new venues were outfitted with Igloohome Padlocks, thereby augmenting court accessibility via online platforms. In line with this, Tennis Tasmania extended support by supplying signage to these clubs, thereby elevating their visibility within the community. This enhancement



continued to streamline the court booking processes and significantly bolstered court hire revenue.

Embracing digital platforms emerged as a pivotal driver in efficiencies in club operations and enhancing member experiences. A growing number of clubs now manage their programs, events, and memberships through Clubspark, the national platform for affiliated member clubs. This transition has facilitated online booking and payment processes, significantly alleviating the administrative burden on volunteers responsible for annual club management.

Despite the absence of the 'Improving the Playing Field' State Government infrastructure grant during this reporting period, our clubs have displayed remarkable resourcefulness in exploring alternative funding avenues. Support from State Government equipment grants, Local Council contributions,

Tennis Tasmania investment, and funds available through Tennis Australia's National Court Rebate Scheme played a pivotal role. The outcome of these collective efforts is evident in the substantial improvements made to 13 venues, encompassing crucial enhancements such as court resurfacing, lighting upgrades, and fencing renovations.

The Launceston Tennis Community and Events Centre (LTCEC) continued to occupy a central role in our priorities. Although faced with challenges such as escalating costs and heightened demands on local infrastructure, progress on this project persevered. Ongoing engagements with the Federal Government, including discussions with Federal Sports Minister Anika Wells and Tasmanian Senator Helen Polley, along with steadfast support from the City of Launceston and the Tasmanian Government, have set the course for a way forward. As we continue working with funding partners, the LTCEC holds the promise of becoming a vibrant hub for tennis enthusiasts, catalysing further

growth within the sport.

KEY ACHIEVEMENT FOR CLUBS AND VENUES

1. Continued digital improvements and enhancements around court hire access, memberships and websites
2. A commitment to welcoming, safe and inclusive tennis clubs and venues by a focus on safeguarding children and vulnerable persons
3. Obtaining a baseline measure for the overall health of tennis (participation, facility, and financial health) of clubs and venues

SPOTLIGHT FEATURE -

COURT HIRE AND GATE ACCESS SOLUTIONS BECOMES EASIER

With the utilisation of Bluetooth technology and Igloohome locks, accessing tennis courts through the Clubspark booking platform has taken a remarkable leap forward. This efficient solution has paved the way for increased court bookings and gate access solutions across the state, making it easier for players to book while offering clubs a simple, quick, and easy setup to manage court access and bookings effectively.

Clubs continue to embrace this technology, leading to impressive results in court bookings and revenue. Among them, Rosny Park Tennis Club stands out as one such example. During the 2023 summer of tennis, the club leveraged the sport's heightened exposure on TV and in the media, resulting in a



significant increase in casual court hire. Their financial year's revenue grew in just one year, surpassing \$3,900.

The success of this technology highlights its potential in revolutionising court management and accessibility,

empowering clubs to open up court access and boost their revenue. By providing an efficient and user-friendly solution, Bluetooth-enabled Igloohome locks have become a game-changer in the world of tennis court bookings.

PLACES TO PLAY: INVESTMENTS

MAJOR FUNDED PROJECTS

CLUB / VENUE	LGA REGION	PROJECT TYPE	EXTERNAL FUNDING RECEIVED	CLUB FACILITATED FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT VALUE	PROJECT STATUS
Australian Italian Club	Meander Valley	Lighting	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$35,000	Complete
Domain	City Of Hobart	Lighting	\$40,000	\$24,020	\$64,020	Complete
Legana	West Tamar	Facility Development	\$50,000	\$114,012	\$164,012	Complete
St. Mary's	Break O'Day	Court Resurfacing	\$26,517	\$3,150	\$29,667	Complete
Taroona	Kingborough	Lighting	\$34,827	\$7,037	\$41,864	Complete
Trevallyn	City Of Launceston	Courts / Lighting	\$40,501	\$28,000	\$68,501	In progress
Beaconsfield	West Tamar	Facility Development	\$50,000	\$46,500	\$96,500	Complete
Sorell	Sorell	Courts	\$67,896	\$26,000	\$93,896	Complete
Kingston	Kingborough	Courts	\$220,000	\$76,520	\$296,520	Complete
Geilston Bay	Clarence	Fencing	\$52,400	\$40,000	\$92,400	Complete
Tennis World	City Of Launceston	Courts	\$46,203	\$50,000	\$96,203	Complete
TOTAL FUNDING			\$271,845	\$227,719	\$499,564	Complete

SPORT & RECREATION EQUIPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

CLUB	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	AMOUNT RECEIVED
Bridport	Dorset	\$3,799.00
Devonport	Devonport	\$4,088.00
Domain	City of Hobart	\$5,288.00
Latrobe	Latrobe	\$5,755.00
Richmond	Clarence	\$2,705.00
St. Mary's	Break O'Day	\$2,211.00
TOTAL FUNDING		\$23,816.00

SPOTLIGHT FEATURE - KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB - ELEVATING COURTS AND ILLUMINATION

Kingston Tennis Club has successfully accomplished a substantial project encompassing court resurfacing, fencing enhancements, and overall grounds improvements. This significant undertaking, years in the making, brings forth benefits that will be enjoyed by the entire community.

The club's dedication and tireless efforts in collaborating with key stakeholders, extensive fundraising endeavours, and strategic proposal drafting have culminated in an impressive transformation. The venue now boasts an array of enhancements, including 4 sand filled artificial grass (SFAG) courts and 2 Australian Open Grand Slam hardcourts, all complemented by state-of-the-art and energy-efficient LED lighting and improved accessible gate entry. The newly encircled courts are accompanied by fresh fencing, meticulously

landscaped garden beds, and a revamped car park perimeter, collectively contributing to the venue's remarkable appearance.

The impact is already tangible, with surging participation numbers witnessed in club-based competitions, AYC tennis leagues, and the introduction of new coaching offerings. The influx of new members attests to the thriving atmosphere both on and off the courts.

The club extends its heartfelt appreciation to the combined efforts and support of the Kingborough Council, State Government, and Tennis Tasmania. The devoted contributions of numerous club and community volunteers are also acknowledged, as they dedicated countless hours in multifaceted capacities to execute an array of roles throughout this transformative journey..



PEOPLE: COACHES

"One of the initial steps has been the creation and appointment of the Coach Relationship & Education Manager position, which was filled in December 2022."



Across Tasmania, tennis coaches continue to play a pivotal role in fostering participation and advancing our sport. Their dedication, expertise, and enthusiasm are indispensable assets to the tennis communities throughout the state's diverse regions. Over the past year, the coaching team has undertaken a range of initiatives aimed at enhancing coaching practices. One of the initial steps has been the creation and appointment of the Coach Relationship & Education Manager position, which was filled by Alyssa Hibberd in December 2022. Alyssa's role encompasses supporting current coaches and their businesses, as well as nurturing and guiding the upcoming generation.



The central focus of this new role revolves around several key coach projects:

- Enhancing stakeholder engagement to facilitate sustainable coaching business growth.
- Incorporating regional coaching courses within the Coach Education calendar.
- Cultivating a culture of continuous learning and personal development.

FOSTERING COACH CONNECTIONS

Building upon insights from the nationwide coach review, Tennis Tasmania and Tennis Australia is embarking on a journey to establish deeper connections with coaches through coach exchanges. This approach fosters meaningful conversations, prioritising the coach and their business within the Tasmania landscape, and jointly collaborating and problem-solving for positive outcomes for the sport. These exchanges aim to provide

targeted support to coaches while enriching the coaching landscape. The initial response from coaches has been highly positive, appreciating the dedicated efforts to understand and address their specific needs.

NURTURING TRAINEE COACHES AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Within the first six months of this role, it has become evident that a significant concern among head coaches is the scarcity of trainee (assistant) coaches to support their operations. Accordingly, a major focus has been on aiding head coaches through trainee development sessions across the state. Moreover, a collaboration with the women and girls lead at Kingston Tennis Club has led to the pilot of an extended development program for three women coaches, an effort that could have far-reaching

positive implications. This program has provided opportunities for the trainee coaches to deliver programs and ensure activity funnels through the club, while being mentored by senior coaches.

EMPOWERING THROUGH WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

The drive for continuous learning is at the core of our coaching philosophy. By offering a diverse range of workshops, we encourage coaches to engage, grow, and network on a regular basis, providing a platform for sharing individual stories, experiences, and expertise. The Tennis Australia certified courses and qualification pathway have been carefully adjusted to align with the distinct needs of our coaching industry. The focus now turns to monitoring how these enhancements will inspire and equip our future coaches to lead our sport with distinction.

COACH BY THE NUMBERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

Coach Exchanges	30
Coaching Workshops & Participants	5 workshops / 34 participant (19F / 15M)
Trainee Coach Education Workshops & participants (on location delivered with or for Head Coaches)	4 sessions / 17 participants
Coach Courses & Participants	1 Community Coaching Course with 14 participants
Women in Coaching Scholarships	13 scholarships with a total of \$5,105 invested
Coach Members	Male: 36 Female: 15 Total: 51
Qualified Coaches	Business: 13 Qualified: 17 Total: 30
Trainee Coaches	Male: 5 Female: 10* Total: 21

*Supported by the Women and Girls Funding

PEOPLE: WOMEN AND GIRLS

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NO LIMITS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS ON AND OFF THE COURT

The investment into elevating Women & Girls across tennis is anchored around three core areas which are to lead, influence and play. Across Tasmania for the reporting period, focus has been attributed to community leadership, coach, participation, competitive play, and talent.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

WOMEN LEADERS IN TENNIS

- 2022 Women Leaders in Tennis group graduated in October 2022
- There were 10 graduates representing 7 clubs from across the state
- They presented their Action Learning Projects at graduation
- Tennis Tas board member Ally Bradley was guest speaker at graduation
- 2023 Women Leaders in Tennis group commenced in March 2023
- 6 Participants representing 6 clubs from across the state
- Due to graduate in July 2023

PARTICIPATION

NETWORKING

- A Women in Tennis networking event was held during Hobart International
- Approx 20-25 Women Club Presidents, volunteers and coaches came together for a lunch and networking session

INSPIRED WOMEN'S EVENT

- The inaugural Inspired Women's Event hosted by Her Excellency the Honorable Barbara Baker at Government House was organised with Tennis Tasmania, and in collaboration with members of the Tennis Tasmania

- board
- Guest speakers were Daria Saville (Australian professional tennis player) and Libby Minogue (Virgin Australia)
- 50 women in business, politics and tennis attended the event at Government House, and then attended the Hobart International night session afterwards

W&G FEATURED AT HOBART INTERNATIONAL

- On Wednesday 11th January a Celebration of Women and Girls were showcased at Hobart International
- Alyssa Hibberd elevated to Tournament Director for the day preparing the schedules, fronting the media and leading all areas of the tournament
- Women & Girls Officials and Ballkids on centre court for the day and night sessions



COACH

COACH CONNECT

- Two Coach Connect sessions (Women Coach networking events) have been held in 2023
- First in January during Hobart International (5 participants) facilitated by Emma Doyle
- Second in May in Launceston (8 participants) facilitated by Nikki Goddard and Alyssa Hibberd
- Opportunity for women coaches to come together network and participate in on and off court professional development

TALENT

#NOLIMITS GIRLS SQUADS

- Coaches Pip Martin and Annabelle Radcliff (Devonport) have been part of national two term pilot of #NoLimits Girls Squads, aimed at girls in orange ball
- Women and Girls will look to roll this initiative out into other parts of the state once the pilot is completed

SENIOR GIRLS PERFORMANCE SQUAD

- In Term 4 of 2022 Coach Elly Furlis piloted a senior girls performance squad in Hobart with 4 participants aged 13-18.
- The squad combines elements of Strength and Conditioning and match play.
- This squad continued in Term 1 and 2 of 2023, with 10 girls participating in each term.

COMPETITIVE PLAY

GIRLS BREAKFASTS

- Women and Girls hosted multiple Girls Breakfasts at events across the state in the past 12 months
- Girls' breakfasts create a safe and inclusive space for girls who are competing in events

WHAT'S NEXT

- Launching the Learn to Lead program in August 2023
- This is a national 8 week leadership course for young women in tennis aged 14-18.



PEOPLE: OFFICIATING

"Many officials have the privilege of traversing the nation to contribute their expertise. At the grassroots level, enlightening players and parents about Rules & Etiquette is a fundamental aspect of an Official's responsibility."

THE VITAL ROLE OF OFFICIALS IN TENNIS

Officials stand as integral pillars within our sport, spanning from local leagues to prestigious international events such as the WTA sanctioned Hobart International and the ATP / ITF Internationals hosted in Burnie. Their significance is equally pronounced in other key events like Intellectually & Disabled, ITF Juniors, Wheelchair & Tennis Seniors, and Masters events. Many officials have the privilege of traversing the nation to contribute their expertise. At the grassroots level, enlightening players and parents about Rules & Etiquette is a fundamental aspect of an Official's responsibility. Their profound grasp of rules and regulations underscores their pivotal role.

Presently, our roster boasts 19 registered officials, encompassing a diverse array of individuals. Throughout the year, officials have adeptly fulfilled roles ranging from referees, supervisors, court monitors, chair and line umpires. We extend our sincere appreciation to each official for their unwavering dedication and support, which have significantly enriched the past year's tennis landscape.

Qualifications amongst our local Tasmania Officials include:

- 2 Court Monitors
- 11 Court Supervisors
- 1 Chair Umpire
- 3 Referees
- 13 Linespersons

The return of the Hobart International once again



in January 2023, offers a singular avenue for linespersons to step into the limelight as the Australian Open approaches. This momentous event stands as the pinnacle tournament for our Tasmanian officials, affording them coveted opportunities to undertake pivotal officiating roles and positions. The local officiating accolades for the Hobart International 2023 are as follows:

ASSISTANT CHIEF UMPIRE

Sam Gleeson

LINESPERSONS

Peter Beckett

Satendra Bhola

Ben Dikkenberg

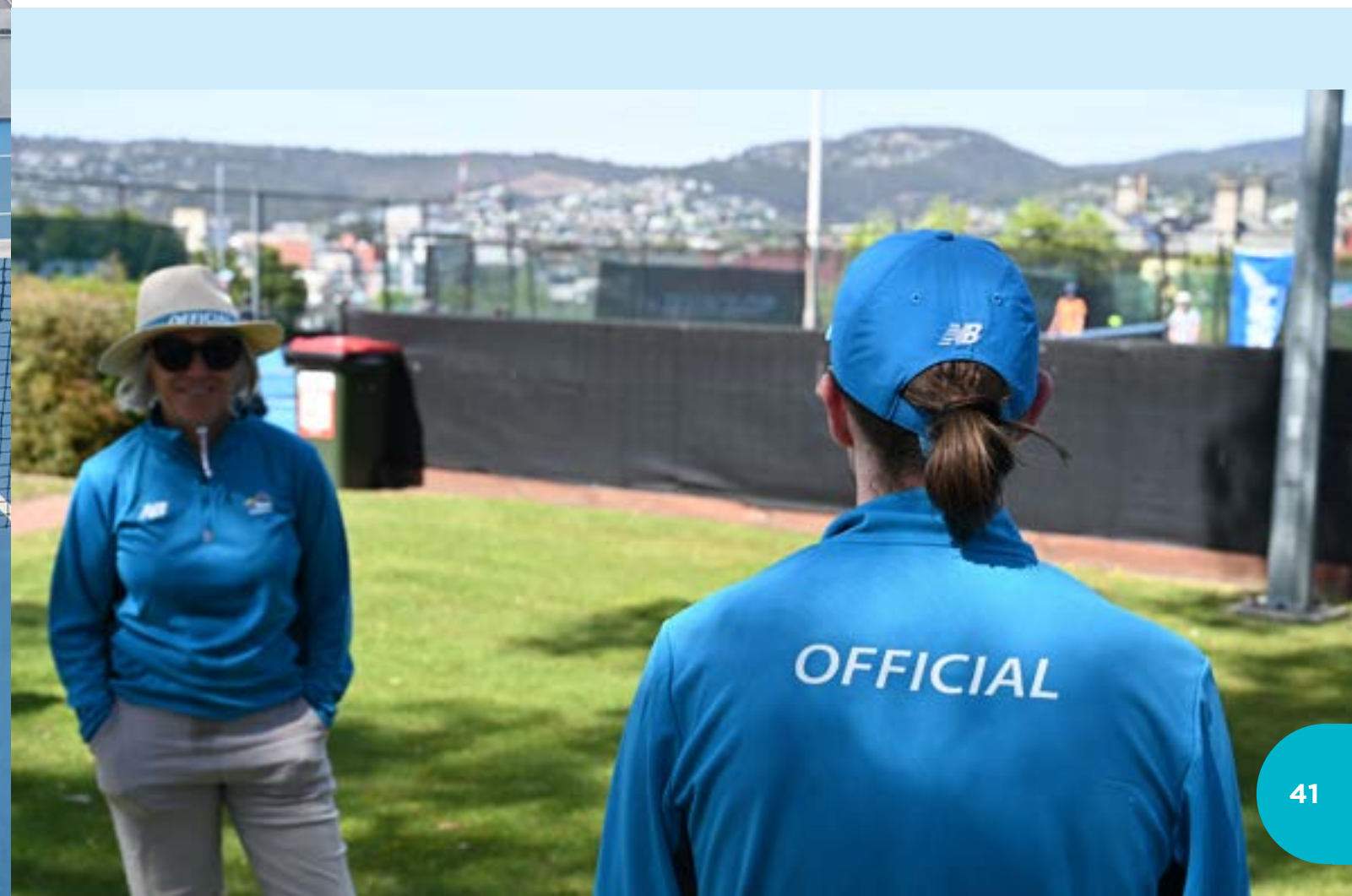
Colin Mendoza

Mukund Singh

Marie Ward

Kerrie Whitwam

Louise Widdowson



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

"A growing number of players across the state are advancing to Zone Squads and the Super 10s program, while many are embarking on the transition to the NDS squad."

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

In a stride indicative of our commitment to nurturing tennis talent, the National Development Squads (NDS) are conducted across all four school terms, welcoming a select group of athletes. Over the past year, players have maintained a steady presence in competitive arenas, consistently elevating their Universal Tennis Rating (UTR). Notably, a growing number of players across the state are advancing to Zone Squads and the Super 10s program, while many are embarking on the transition to the NDS squad.

The NDS presents a dynamic blend of on-court and off-court sessions, which encompass strength and conditioning training led by certified professionals. With the holistic growth of players in mind, squad members also enjoy interactive workshops led by facilitators, delving into vital aspects such as nutrition, anti-doping, sports psychology, cyber safety, and more.

Parallel to the National Development and Zone squads, our performance team has introduced State squads, with a dedicated focus on honing athletes for the Australian Teams Championships. These initiatives cater to eligible athletes within the 11/U, 13/U, and 15/U age categories.

Recognising the need for cultivating competitive prowess on a national

stage, an emphasis has been placed on a younger age group. Following the successful inauguration of the state squads, an 8/U squad was introduced as a stepping stone towards the Super 10s program. This strategic move aims to identify and foster potential high-performing athletes from an earlier age.

Among our accomplished NDS members, Alicia Dale was bestowed with the privilege of a two-week training stint at the Rafa Nadal Academy in September. During this period, Alicia underwent rigorous training with two daily court sessions, complemented by strength and conditioning regimens and recovery sessions. Furthermore, athletes delved into the Rafa Nadal Foundation's principles, training alongside peers from Europe and beyond, forging bonds of camaraderie. Raphael Durek's role as the boys' manager during this venture allowed him to closely observe the training, interact with coaches, and subsequently contribute insights to enhance local training practices in Tasmania.

NDS by the numbers:

- 28 athletes engaged across 3 squads, spanning match play and Strength and Conditioning sessions.
- Each athlete enjoys access to 2 squads, 1 match play, and 2 Strength and Conditioning sessions.

ZONE (REGIONAL) DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Turning to the Zone Development Squads, these programmes extend their influence across the state, offering players the opportunity to train under Player Development-appointed coaches. These sessions, which complement private training, provide a high-level environment for likeminded squad members to elevate their skills and connections with others. Serving as a crucial juncture on the Player Pathway, Zone Development Squads bolster players aspiring for the NDS. These programs are an indispensable part of the regional offerings, held across the North and North West of Tasmania. Although coach transitions affected the north-west offerings, the momentum remains steadfast, while the north squads have continued without interruption.

Zone (Regional) Squads figures:

- 44 athletes actively participating across 4 squads.
- 1 weekly training session per squad.
- 8 assistant coaches contribute to the programme's excellence:
- South: Nick Martin, Catherine Krueger
- North / North West: Chris Chandler (North), Kelvin MacLean (North West), Phillipa Martin (North West), Hayley MacKirdy (North)

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Alicia Dale

Amelia Mitchell

Banjo Seeger

Charlie Hill

Charlie Marsden

Daniel Curran

Davin Tang

Elise Mitchell

Ethan Little

Ethan Wong

George Anderson

George Goddard

George McTaggart

Imogen Ransley

Iris Bouwmeester

Jack Akl

Jonathan Eslake

Lachie Browne

Lochie Sampson

Lucas Akl

Lucy Bouwmeester

Marcus Wong

Mason Koncharunchitt

Ollie Hewitt

Rupert Mullins

Sam Hewitt

Will Bird

Zaviour Targett

ZONE DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Amelie Dooley

Angelina Stanger

Angus Hewitt

Ava Marik

Britta Russell

Charlie d'Emden

Chase Richardson

Clement Green Carlos

Davin Tang

Declan Cocker

Doug Sheppard

Eleanor Williams

Eliana Tahilramani

Ellie Richardson

Ellie Toh

Elliott Hughes

Ellis Beattie

Elsa Grant

Emma Campbell

Ethan Clemons

Ethan Little

Eugenia Chow

Felix O'Brian

Francesca Karpeles

Freddy Barnewall

Grace Lorimer

Hailey Zhang

Harry Gatenby

Holly Millar

Holly Triffett

Hugo Edrich

Hunter Richardson

Imogen Ransley

Isaac Wagner

Isabelle Lim

Jacob Able

James Nuttall

James Watson

James White

Jasmine Ho

Jasper Morrison

Jonty Hodgetts

Lachlan Butters

Lucas Dooley

Lukas Donaldson

Luke Millar

Madison Martin

Marcus Wong

Maxwell Lethborg

Myles Martin

Niamh Carey

Nicholas Wang

Oscar Plaschke

Paddy De Zoete

Paige Jacobson

Ruby Cleary

Ruby Seeger

Ryan Bonny

Tony Park

Will Baker

William Carswell

Xavier Lowe

Zac Sampson

Zoe Hanlon

Zoe Wang

STATE & NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

AUSTRALIAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The players in 2022 selected for the State Teams were presented an opportunity to immerse themselves in a week of highly competitive tennis. For many, it marked their inaugural venture beyond the state lines, exposing them to the dynamics of team play. On the court, they engaged in a true test of their abilities, pinpointing areas for growth that would elevate their game to the next tier. Away from the action, they stood united as they cheered for each

other, fostering a sense of camaraderie and mutual support. The experience was a crucible of learning, leaving the teams enriched with valuable lessons.

As we stride ahead, the ongoing emphasis remains on cultivating a sturdy foundation of players, armed with the skills to earn their place on these formidable teams. This mission rests on a combination of talent discovery and the provision of more competitive match play opportunities across Tasmania and beyond.

In 2023, Tasmania fielded comprehensive teams in the 11, 13, and 15 age categories. Notably, there

was an upswing in performance, as reflected by multiple match and tie victories compared to the previous year. The integration of state squads and targeted training for the younger cohort significantly contributed to this upturn and will continue to propel us towards improvement and growth in the coming years. Our aim is to enhance our competitive standing in the championships, a top priority for the performance team.

This event is run from June to July, so the last two events are listed

11/U	13/U	15/U
2022	2022	2022
Charlie Marsden	Banjo Seeger	Alicia Dale
Hunter Richardson	Britta Russell	Balin Russell
Lochie Sampson	Doug Sheppard	George Anderson*
William Carswell	Ethan Clemons	Jack Heathcote
	Oliver Carswell	Lachlan Browne
	Paige Jacobson	
	Xanthe Hooper	
2023	2023	2023
Hunter Richardson	Ethan Clemons	Rupert Mullins
Davin Tang	Charlie Marsden	Banjo Seeger
Chase Richardson	Zaviour Targett	Doug Sheppard
Elsa Grant	Paige Jacobson	Britta Russell
Ruby Seeger	Margaret Getahun	Xanthe Hooper
Zoe Hanlon	Imogen Ransley	Balin Russell*

* Selected, but did not play due to injury

PIZZEY CUP

This secondary school's competition is run in May annually, however the 2022 event was moved to October to run post COVID lockdowns, with these two events listed.

Owing to the influence of COVID, the customary May timing of the 2022 Pizzzey Cup event underwent rescheduling, eventually finding its place in October. The tournament unfolded in Perth, Western Australia, with a combined team

comprising 12 Tasmanian players and 4 players from Western Australia. Collaborating with the host state not only presented a prime platform for Tasmanian players to compete but also facilitated the forging of enduring friendships with their counterparts. It's with great pride that we extend our hearty congratulations to Alicia Dale (Girls Captain) for securing a coveted spot on the 2022 All Australia Team. Well done!

GIRLS

2022 – hosted by WA

Alicia Dale (Girls Captain)
Arwen Koesmapahlawan
Ava Marik
Hayley Ryan
Iris Bouwmeester
Lily Marshall
Alfee Stevens (WA)
Mary-June Quinn (WA)
Phoebe Davis (Coach / Manager)
Angela Cunningham (Manager)

BOYS

2022 – hosted by WA

Jack Heathcote (Boys Captain)
Alex Martin
Doug Sheppard
Jonathan Eslake
Rupert Mullins
Will Bird
Austen Prendiville (WA)
Thomas McKenzie (WA)
Andrew Bourke (Coach)

The annual Pizzzey Cup event holds the esteemed distinction of being Australia's Premier Secondary School Tennis competition, bringing together eight boys and eight girls to represent their respective states. The competition unfolded in May at Tennis World Canberra, ACT. The participants exhibited commendable conduct throughout the event, and it was truly inspiring to witness Tasmania's resolute competitiveness.

The players showcased exceptional skill and unwavering determination, often facing opponents with considerably higher UTR ratings. Congratulations are in order for the entire team, who displayed a week of fantastic tennis. The commitment, tenacity, and outstanding representation of the state, club, coaches, and parents are truly commendable.

GIRLS

2023 – hosted by ACT

Arwen Koesmapahlawan (Captain)
Annabelle Radcliff
Britta Russell
Brooke Miller
Escher Case-Boag
Iris Bouwmeester
Lily Marshall
Zola Case-Boag
Georga Maier (Manager)
Phoebe Davis (Coach / Manager)

BOYS

2023 – hosted by ACT

Campbell Young (Captain)
Alex Martin
Balin Russell
George Anderson
Jack Heathcote
Lachlan Browne
Sam Hewitt
Will Bird
Matthew Lamont (Manager)

BRUCE CUP

The Bruce Cup, a much-anticipated primary schools event held annually in May, remains a hallmark of our tennis calendar. The 2022 edition of the Bruce Cup unfolded in October at Tennis World Canberra, where a spirited group of seven boys and seven girls took the trip to represent Tasmania. Amidst challenging weather conditions and persistent rain delays,

the team's conduct remained nothing short of commendable. The event not only showcased their tennis prowess but also instilled invaluable life lessons both on and off the court, nurturing personal growth and resilience. Undeterred by the adversities, the participants emerged from the experience inspired and motivated, their determination to flourish in their tennis journey profoundly strengthened.

GIRLS

2022 – hosted by ACT

Amelia Dooley
Eleanor Williams
Ellie Richardson
Elsa Grant
Imogen Ransley
Paige Jacobson
Ruby Cleary
Georga Maier (Manager)
Jordan Petryk (Manager)

BOYS

2022 – hosted by ACT

Ethan Clemons
Ethan Little
George Goddard
Hunter Richardson
Lochie Sampson
Xavier Lowe
Zaviour Targett
Jamos Bolzonello (Coach / Manager)



MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

"The tournament is one of Tasmania's premier sporting events that brought together world-class tennis players from around the globe."

HOBART INTERNATIONAL

The return of Hobart International in 2023 after a three-year hiatus was welcomed widely by the community. The tournament is one of Tasmania's premier sporting events that brought together world-class tennis players from around the globe. Held in Hobart at the Domain Tennis Centre from 7-14 January, the tournament showcased an exceptional player line up and tennis for twelve sessions across eight days of play. As one of the most highly anticipated events on the Tasmanian calendar, the 2023 Hobart International delivered an unforgettable experience for players, spectators, sponsors, and the broader tennis community.

The tournament attracted an impressive lineup of talented and established players from the WTA (Women's Tennis Association) tour. Grand Slam Champions Sloane Stephens (USA) and Sofia Kenin (USA) headlined, along past champions Elise Mertens (BEL) and Alize Cornet (FRA), and a host of renowned stars including Marie Bouzkova (CZE) and more, creating an exceptional field of competitors. These high-profile players all took to the courts adding an extra level of excitement and prestige to the tournament, captivating fans locally and worldwide through the international broadcast.

Each match provided fans with a world class display of skill, agility, and mental fortitude as the competitors battled fiercely throughout the week.

The final saw Lauren Davis (USA) take out the women's singles title defeating Elisabetta Cocciaretto (ITA) 7-6(0) 6-2. The doubles event was won by the European pairing of Kirsten Flipkens (BEL) and Laura Siegemund (GER) who overcame Viktorija Golubic (SUI) and Panna Udvardy (HUN) 6-4 7-5. The thrilling matches, marked by intense rallies, strategic shot-making, and gripping comebacks, kept spectators on the edge of their seats throughout the tournament.

The 2023 Hobart International witnessed a remarkable turnout of over 14,000 passionate tennis fans and event goers across the week who added to the electric atmosphere of the tournament. Spectators were treated to an array of entertainment options, including live music performances, local food vans, and engaging fan experiences.

In line with our commitment to community engagement and inclusion, the Hobart International conducted various initiatives. The tournament hosted clinics and coaching sessions for local schools and tennis clubs, providing aspiring young athletes with valuable opportunities to learn from and interact with professional players. Moreover, the tournament supported local charitable organizations, promoting inclusivity, diversity, and the development of tennis at grassroots levels.

The 2023 Hobart International Tennis Tournament was a resounding success, captivating audiences worldwide and cementing its position as a must-attend event on the tennis calendar.

With exceptional player participation, outstanding facilities, thrilling matches, and robust community engagement, the tournament showcased the best of international women's tennis. The enduring legacy of the 2023 Hobart International will continue to inspire and shape the future of the sport, fostering growth, and cultivating a love for tennis in the years to come.

CATERPILLAR BURNIE INTERNATIONAL #1 AND #2

The history filled courts of the Burnie Tennis Club reverberated with exhilarating energy and the return of the world-class Caterpillar Burnie International #1, while adding a further tournament for a second successive week. Tennis enthusiasts relished in two-weeks of world class matches, which showcased the sport's finest prowess, marking yet another significant chapter in the Tasmanian tennis calendar.

CATERPILLAR BURNIE INTERNATIONAL #1

The grandeur of the Caterpillar Burnie International #1 was restored after a three-year hiatus precipitated by the pandemic. It featured a formidable prize money pool of \$140,000 USD, highlighting the talent on display the week after the Australian Open. The tournament continues to hold a reputation of attracting a strong list of tennis stars, including Rinky Hijikata who had only recently graced the courts of

the Australian Open to take out the doubles title and his first even grand slam title.

The results of the Caterpillar Burnie International #1 were a tapestry of fierce competition and unwavering spirit:

- Rinky Hijikata (NSW) defeated James Duckworth (NSW) 63 63
- Marc Polmans (VIC) and Max Purcell (NSW) defeated Luke Saville (SA) and Tristan Schoolkate (WA) 76(4) 64,
- Storm Hunter (WA) defeated Oliva Gadecki (QLD) 64 63
- Mai Hontama (JPN) and Eri Hozumi (JPN) defeated Arina Rodionova (VIC) and Ena Shibihara (JPN) 46 63 10-6

The tournament welcomed strong attendance, with enthusiastic crowds adorning the venue throughout the week. Key functions, including the coveted business lunch, women's day, and the prestigious finals function, were all remarkable sell-outs. The Burnie Tennis Club orchestrated a flawless execution, ensuring that these premium functions remained synonymous with excellence. The Honourable Jeremy Rockliff, Premier of Tasmania, graced the finals as the tournament's special guest.

CATERPILLAR BURNIE INTERNATIONAL #2

Burnie and the North West of Tasmania, known for its enthusiasm for sport, graciously played host to a second week of tennis. This carried a special significance, as the Burnie Tennis Club propped up a temporary relocation of the Launceston International. Launceston continues its efforts to construct the venue facilities required for a tournament of this calibre and without Burnie's support, both tournaments may have been lost interstate.

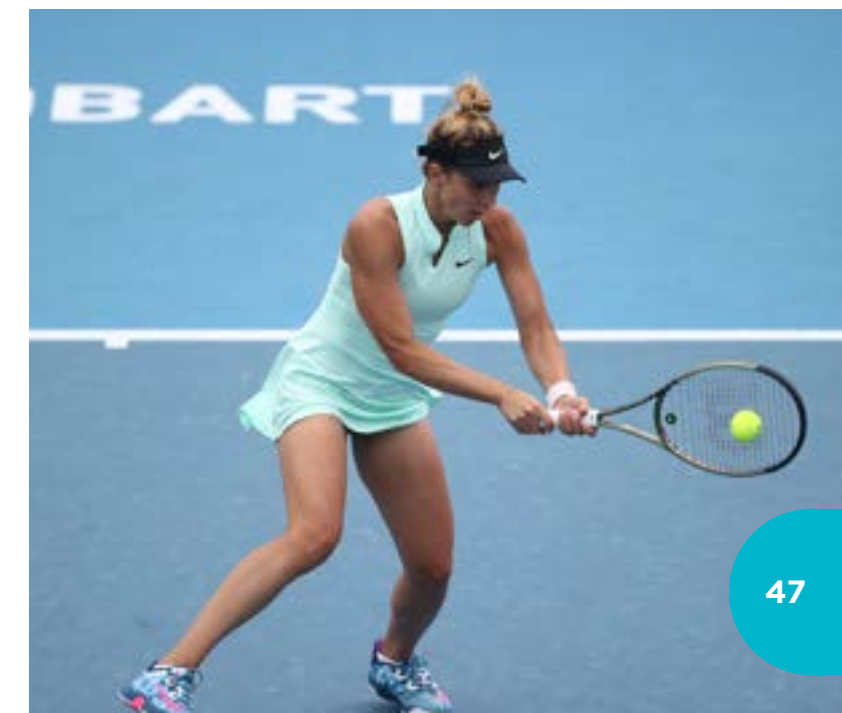
The second week of matches unfolded with undeniable intensity, and the results stood as a testament to the depth in world tennis:

- Yuta Shimizu (JPN) defeated Alex Bolt (SA) 64 64
- Luke Saville (SA) and Tristan Schoolkate (WA) defeated Calum Puttergill (QLD) and Adam Walton (QLD)
- Jaimee Fourlis (VIC) defeated Olivia Gadecki (QLD) 64 63
- Destanee Aiava (VIC) and Naiktha Bains (GBR) defeated Lily Fairclough (WA) and Olivia Gadecki (QLD) 63 75

Once again, the fortnight of tennis basked in the glow of enthusiastic attendance, a testament to the region's ardent passion for tennis and live sport. The echoes of success, camaraderie, and top-tier competition continued to resound within the Burnie Tennis Club's venue.

While the professional athletes illuminated the court, and number of officials and local ball kids supported them all week, playing an essential role in the seamless flow of matches. The support of these young enthusiasts echoed the spirit of tennis camaraderie that permeated the event.

Behind the scenes, a formidable brigade of club-based and local volunteers underpinned the successful orchestration of these two weeks of tennis. Their dedication and effort added the final brushstrokes to this grand canvas of athletic excellence and sporting community.



TASMANIAN TENNIS HONOURS



HONOURS

TASMANIAN TENNIS HONOURS

The focus has been on a comprehensive range of initiatives encompassing venue optimisation, child safety enhancement, court hire facilitation, and.

EXCELLENCE IN OFFICIATING

Annie Franci

EXCELLENCE IN COACHING

Tony Blom

MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT

Clarence Open

JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - MALE

Doug Sheppard

JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - FEMALE

Alicia Dale

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY

Oliver Yaxley

MOST OUTSTANDING SENIOR 30+

- Stephen Dance
- Gunnar Pusta Encouragement Award: Barry Titmus
- Arthur Matthews Senior Player of the Year: Jon Aufder-Heide

VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT

Hobart Out Tennis - Henry Lukman

Hendry Lukman was also a finalist at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards, and is part of the Hobart Out Tennis Club Committee.

Hendry recognised the limited abilities for people in the LGBTQIA+ community to come together and play tennis, and the potential for tennis to be an outlet for social interaction, inclusion and acceptance. Hendry piloted the idea of



a local club which has since grown into a leading and award-winning feature of Tasmania's LGBTQIA+ and sporting community. He has sacrificed countless hours to serve as the Tournament Director of the Hobart Out Tennis Tournament from 2017 – 2022. He was the inaugural Treasurer of the Club, and now serves as President.

One of Hendry's main achievements was the creation of the Hobart Out Tournament (HOT), sanctioned by the Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA) Masters Tournament. A tournament that brings together national and international players.

Off the court, Hendry also recognises the vital role HOT plays in promoting inclusivity and equality in sport. His volunteer activities extend to participation in inclusion activities, including bringing together HOT members to march in the Tas Pride parade, attending Working It Out breakfast and events, and attending IDHOBIT day at the University of Tasmania where he assists in running the HOT stall.

As a club without a home, Hendry has been pivotal to the creation of arrangements with two clubs: Lindisfarne Tennis Centre, who housed social events for HOT in the latter months of 2021; and the creation of a contract with the Domain Tennis Centre guaranteeing courts for tournaments and social play.

A great leader in the LGBTQIA+ community.

MOST OUTSTANDING CLUB

Most Outstanding Club

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Stephen Dance

SPOTLIGHT

Tasmanian Tennis Hall Of Fame Inductee
Harold Lewis Barclay

Harold Lewis Barclay, known as Harry Barclay, stands as a luminous figure in the world of tennis, leaving an indelible mark through a trail of remarkable achievements. Born on April 9, 1899, in Hobart, Tasmania, his legacy is defined by an array of victories and contributions that have left an enduring impact on both local and international tennis.

Barclay's journey commenced with early victories, notably clinching the Tasmanian State Singles and Doubles Championships in 1915. However, his ascent truly gained momentum during the 1920s. The 1920 Beau Site Tournament victory marked a pivotal point, where Barclay's skill gained recognition among the finest players from the UK and Europe.

The year 1921 showcased his prowess on a global stage as he secured triumphs in the Indian Army Singles, Doubles, and Open Doubles tournaments. This same

year, Barclay's name resonated within the historic Wimbledon Championship, reaching the third round in Singles and Quarter Finals in Doubles. His journey continued with wins at the Hurlingham Singles Championships and the British Hardcourt Doubles Championships in collaboration with Kingsley.

Barclay's legacy is a testament to his dedication to excellence and his instrumental role in fostering the growth of tennis in Tasmania. His achievements underscore the transformative power of sports, bringing people together across genders and ages. Harry Barclay's name remains an embodiment of the values of collaboration, resilience, and the pursuit of greatness that define both tennis and the human spirit.



Tennis Tasmania Incorporated
ABN 58 889 629 361

30 June 2023

Tennis tasmania incorporated
Statement of income and retained earnings

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Affiliation Fee Income	5	51,684	50,610
Total revenue and other income		51,684	50,610
Operational expenses		(41,349)	(40,488)
Total expenses		(41,349)	(40,488)
Net finance income	6	1,670	4
Net finance income		1,670	4
Net surplus for the period		12,005	10,126
Retained earnings			
Retained earnings at the beginning of the period		68,615	58,489
Retained earnings at the end of the period		80,620	68,615

The Statement of Income and Retained Earnings is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Tennis tasmania incorporated
Statement of income and retained earnings

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	70,170	69,502
Trade receivables	8	11,495	125
Total current assets		81,665	69,627
Total non-current assets		-	-
Total assets		81,665	69,627
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	1,045	1,012
Total current liabilities		1,045	1,012
Total non-current liabilities		-	-
Total liabilities		1,045	1,012
Net assets		80,620	68,615
Members' equity			
Retained earnings		80,620	68,615
Total members' equity		80,620	68,615

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Tennis tasmania incorporated Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Note	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from customers	-	66,010
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(1,002)	(46,344)
Interest received relating to bank deposits	1,670	5
Net cash from operating activities	12 668	19,671
Cash flows from investing activities	-	-
Net cash used in investing activities	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities	-	-
Net cash used in financing activities	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	668	19,671
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	69,502	49,831
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	7 70,170	69,502

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

TENNIS TASMANIA INCORPORATED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. REPORTING ENTITY

Tennis Tasmania Incorporated ('the Association') is an Association domiciled in Australia. The Association is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1964. The address of the Association's registered office is:

Tennis Tasmania Incorporated
2 Davies Avenue
Glebe TAS 7000

Tennis Tasmania is a not-for-profit entity and the principal activities of the Association during the course of the financial year were the promotion and development of the game of tennis in Tasmania.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

In preparing the financial report, the Directors have made an assessment of the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern, which contemplates the continuity of business operations in the ordinary course of business and at the amounts stated in the financial report. The Association incurred a net surplus of \$12,005 for the year ended 30 June 2023 and has a net current asset position \$80,620 at 30 June 2023.

On 23 August 2017, the Association entered into an Operational Agreement with Tennis Australia, effective 1 July 2017. The Association continued to offer services to tennis clubs and tennis bodies in Tasmania and as such the Association continued to collect the affiliation fees and Tennis Australia in conjunction with Tennis Tasmania delivered the participation and operational services in Tasmania.

On this basis, the directors have formed the opinion that the Association's financial statements should be prepared on the going concern basis.

The financial statements were approved by the Members of the Board on 3 August 2023.

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements are Tier 2 general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities and the Associations Incorporations Act 1964. These financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards - General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures For-Profit and NotFor-Profit Tier 2 Entities . In the opinion of the directors, the Association is not publicly accountable.

(b) Basis of measurement

The financial report has been prepared on the historical basis.

(c) Use of estimates and judgements

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

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

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

(a) Financial instruments

(i) Recognition, initial measurement of derecognition.

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

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

Tennis tasmania incorporated Notes to the financial statements

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Subsequent measurement of financial assets.

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

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

After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Association's cash and cash equivalents, trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instrument. The Association do not hold any financial assets at FVOCI.

(iv) Cash and cash equivalents.

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

(v) Non-derivative financial liabilities.

The Association has the following non-derivative financial liabilities: trade and other payables.

Such financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition these financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

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

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

(b) Impairment

(i) Financial assets (including receivables).

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

Tennis tasmania incorporated Notes to the financial statements

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Impairment (continued)

(ii) Non-financial assets

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

(c) Provisions

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

(d) Revenue and other income

(i) Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of returns and allowances, trade discounts and volume rebates. Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer, recovery of the consideration is probable, the associated costs and possible return of goods can be estimated reliably, and there is no continuing management involvement with the goods.

(ii) Rendering of services

Revenue from services rendered is recognised in the profit or loss in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The stage of completion is assessed by reference to surveys of work performed.

(e) Finance income

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

(f) Income tax

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

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

(g) Goods and services tax

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

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

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

(h) Significant accounting policies

No new accounting standards, amendments to accounting standards and interpretations have been identified as those which may impact the Association in the period of initial adoption.

4. DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUES

A number of the Association's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. Where applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

Trade and other receivables

For receivables with a remaining useful life of less than one year, the notional amount is deemed to reflect the fairvalue. All other receivables are discounted to determine the fair value.

Tennis tasmania incorporated Notes to the financial statements

5. Total revenue and other income

	2023	2022
Affiliation Fees Income	51,684	50,610
Total revenue and other income	51,684	50,610

6. Finance income

	2023	2022
Net interest income on cash at bank	1,670	5
Finance costs	-	(1)
Net finance income	1,670	4

7. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
Bank balances	70,170	69,502
Cash and cash equivalents	70,170	69,502

8. Trade receivables

	2023	2022
Trade receivables	11,495	125
	11,495	125

9. Trade and other payables

	2023	2022
Other payables and accrued expenses	1,045	1,012
	1,045	1,012

10. CAPITAL AND RESERVES

Members' equity

The Association is a body corporate incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1964. In the event of the Association being wound up the liability of members is determined by its rules.

11. OPERATING LEASES

Leases as lessee

Tennis Tasmania occupies a portion of the Domain Tennis Centre on a month to month lease. Under the operational agreement, Tennis Australia has contractually committed to make the monthly lease payments on behalf of Tennis Tasmania.

With respect to the Launceston Regional Tennis Centre, Tennis Tasmania's 20 year lease with the City of Launceston (which commenced in February 2011 and was to expire in February 2031) was transferred to Tennis Australia. During the financial year ended 30 June 2023, \$0 operating lease expense was recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (2022: \$0).

Tennis tasmania incorporated Notes to the financial statements

12. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus for the period	12,005	10,126
Operating surplus/(deficit) before changes in working capital and provisions	12,005	10,126
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(11,370)	9,399
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	33	146
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	668	19,671

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Association, being an Associate member of Tennis Australia Limited, receives shared services benefits from Tennis Australia Limited. These benefits include accounting, human resources, legal and information technology resources. These services are provided for nil consideration.

The names of each person holding the position of officer of the Association during the financial year were:

M. Turmine (President), P. Leedham (Vice President), A. Bradley, N. Haddow, B. Kitto, T. Middleton, H. Radcliff, T. Robertson and D. Sturgess.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There have been no events subsequent to balance date which would have a material effect on the Association's financial statements.

Tennis tasmania incorporated Statement by the directors

In the opinion of the Board of Tennis Tasmania Incorporated ('the Association'):

(a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 3 to 10, are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1964, including:

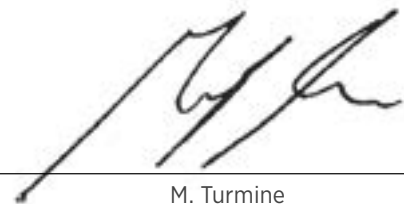
(i) giving a fair presentation of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of their performance, and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Act 1964;

(b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated 19th day of August 2023

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



M. Turmine
President



P. Leedham
Vice President

