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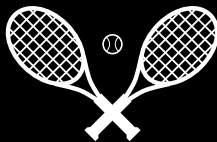
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# DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

31ST ANNIVERSARY KTF GALA



The "Diamonds are Forever" 31st Anniversary Kids Tennis Foundation Gala Ball on 5 October did not disappoint!

The RACV Club Ballroom looked spectacular thanks to the generosity of Louise Higgins and Function Accessories. KTF is indebted to Abbe Corrugated Cardboard Packaging too for their sponsorship of Louie & The Party Boyz who set the scene and wowed guests with their rendition of the famous hit from the James Bond movie, "Diamonds are Forever" with the gorgeous dancers adding that extra special touch.

Craig Willis was fantastic as MC ensuring that the night ran smoothly. Given that the night was jam packed full of fun,

fundraising and entertainment, no mean feat! The Main Auction was an exciting part of the evening with truly amazing items on offer. Andrew Johnston from Nelson Alexander (Essendon) did a great job as auctioneer, generating lots of excitement and enthusiasm which resulted in fantastic amounts being realized for the beautiful pieces of "diamond" jewellery from BRINKAUS JEWELLERS (Perth), for the "money can't buy" AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2019 experience from TENNIS AUSTRALIA, for the Cocktail Party for 40 at BOUZY ROUGE, for the SEALY Posturepedic Queen Bed Ensemble, for the Cocktail Party for 20 at the SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS, for Entertainment and Dining for 10 "at home" by TREBLECLEF, for the Golfing Experience with MIKE CLAYTON and for the framed & signed 2018 MELBOURNE STORM jumper, What wonderful supporters!



A great array of fantastic items and prizes were also on offer in the Silent Auction and Grand Raffle, including extremely generous donations from ABV Craft Merchants, Alcaston Gallery, Antler Luggage, Barb Cullen, Barbra Macdonald, Bronwyn Webb, Bunnings, Chapter One @ 230 Boutique, Collingwood Football Club, Crown Melbourne, Decjuba, Denise Maresh, Eric Campbell, Essendon Football Club, Geoff & Hal Salter, Idiom Events, Independent Cement & Lime P/L, Jaspa Herington, Laser Clinics Australia, Maxwell & Williams, McGuire Media, McPherson's, Melbourne Racing Club Foundation, Moonee Valley Racing Club, Peter & Sandra Gillooly, Ronni Douglas, Sydney Swans Football Club, Tony & Joe Bongiorno, Wild Wombat Winery Tours, Valda Walsh and Yonex.

The generous support of DE BORTOLI WINES certainly helped "loosen the purse strings", of TOMORROW AGENCY who designed and produced the fabulous invitations and programmes, of COMPLETE COLOUR PRINTING for the printing of same ensured that this function was not only truly a social success but also definitely a financial one.

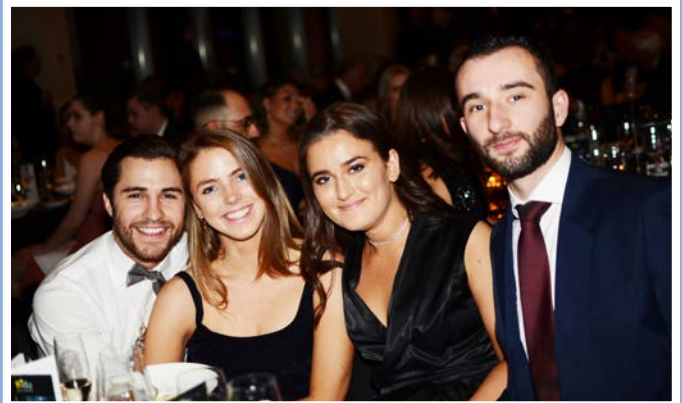
More thanks to the many guests who organised tables and to the many KTF supporters who could not attend the Gala, but whose generous donations helped make the night a financial success.

Special thanks to the members of the Kids Tennis Foundation Social Committee for their time, donations and dedication and commitment prior to and on the night, namely Jane Anderson, Joan Cubbin (NSW), Jody Costantino, Louise Higgins, Lesley McNamee, Judy Norton, Julie O'Sullivan and Gianna Trovato. Thank you also to the wonderfully efficient helpers on the night, to photographer Cathy O'Reilly and to all those wonderful people who organised tables.

How lucky and ever so grateful is Kids Tennis Foundation to have such fantastic support from so many wonderful and very generous organizations, companies and individuals!

As a result of funds raised, Kids Tennis Foundation will be able to continue to provide coaching programs on a regular weekly basis for many, many disadvantaged children throughout Australia, and, in the process, the boost to their self-esteem and self-confidence the important end result. There is a big short fall between the funding received and what it costs to run all the KTF programs, hence these fund raising events are extremely important.

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL.



# WOW ANTON!

The opportunity to work with the students of Fitzroy Primary School is one that is rewarding, not only in being able to present the sport of tennis as a fun, inclusive skills based activity, but also being present in the growth of the students as individuals over time. Mentoring the students in their development of fundamental physical & mental athletic responses, not only in the sport, but with their awareness of themselves, their fellow students & how to appropriately respond to various scenarios, is the most rewarding experience any coach of any sport can ask for. I have been working with the students now for a couple of years & I can attest to the growth I have witnessed in these young people as individuals & as a group. They began as the excited, chaotic, uncoordinated kids that we all were & have over time developed not just tennis skills, but the skills of self confidence, non prejudicial social interaction, being able to take initiative, self reliance, respect & ownership of themselves & each other. Friendships and team work too, the standards that allow for continual, positive maturity in their lives, have developed. Seeing this firsthand and up close is an amazing experience for a sports coach & one that makes for total enjoyment, an inspiration in doing what I do with such an opportunity. Kids Tennis Foundation is a necessary component in tennis, as without it, so many young people would never have the opportunity to play this sport, never experience the joy & fun of tennis & perhaps never realise that they may be a future star of this greatest of games. The Foundation fully supports the schools with equipment, the coaches, the teaching supervisors. Without KTF, as a coach, the avenues to present tennis within an educational environment, especially non private government schools would be a scarce commodity. I, personally, will be continuing to work with KTF, the school, for as long as I can, to take students as far as I can within tennis. There might be that 'star' waiting to be awakened & developed! I can only see positives with KTF being able to continue to bring tennis to schools in Australia. For myself working in conjunction with KTF, I have not only been able to mentor these students as sports persons, I have experienced growth as both a tennis coach & as an individual in my own approach, attitudes to others of all ages. I cannot recommend highly enough the program that KTF offers schools in Australia and I cannot recommend highly enough that other coaches become involved with KTF programs & I cannot recommend highly enough that all primary schools come "on board" through the tennis in school grants that are available to them. A fantastic opportunity, with a fantastic KTF Board of Directors, in particular, Susie Norton. You couldn't ask for a more hands on, energetic, resourceful director who works personally with the program, with the coaches & with the schools.

Anton Hanssen

KTF Coach



# HATS OFF TO LARRY!

## LONG TIME KTF COACH, LARRY MUSTON, IS CERTAINLY KICKING GOALS AT THESE SCHOOLS.....

Thank you Susie and KTF for giving the children at our school the opportunity to play tennis. We are a low socio economic school, so children don't often get the chance to play tennis mainly because of cost or parents being unavailable or.....

Larry was fantastic with the kids. His 4 week block was perfect for the children to develop new skills and improve on their skills. He was efficient, prompt and had a variety of engaging activities for the children he coached. Thanks again for the support and we look forward to KTF being at our school next year.

David Peters

Belvedere Park Primary School

Larry has been an amazing asset to our school with all of his tennis coaching over the past few years. The grade one students look forward to having Larry on a Thursday afternoon. We would love to continue the program with Larry as the coach. He has great patience and understanding for the junior grades.

Jake Macaulay

Rowellyn Park Primary School



Kananook PS in particular is a very high need school so I am writing to thank Kids Tennis Foundation for the opportunity to take part in your tennis program. It has been most successful at Kananook Primary school.

The student engagement levels have been high and they have loved participating on a weekly basis. I would like to commend Larry who has run the program here at Kananook. He has a lot of compassion and understanding for the children. His ability to engage and support children with high needs such as Kananook is a great credit to him. We are keen to take part again in 2019.

Thank you kindly for the opportunity.

Michael Block

Principal

Kananook Primary School

**This picture is of Larry with the Section 5 Girls team from Carrum Downs Tennis Club. Two of the girls playing in this team are former participants in KTF programs in the area and have continued on with tennis after their school programs finished.**

**Well done, girls.**



**THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO THE GENEROSITY OF CQS, INTERNATIONAL CLUB PHILANTHROPY AND THE YULGILBAR FOUNDATION, MANY MORE CHILDREN IN REGIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF TENNIS THROUGH KIDS TENNIS FOUNDATION AND THE KEN ROSEWALL REGIONAL PROJECT.**

## **HIGH PRAISE FROM.....**

### **BINNU PRIMARY SCHOOL (WESTERN AUSTRALIA)**

Our students are thoroughly enjoying the Kids Tennis Foundation program with Coach Colsie. It has been wonderful to see students developing not only their tennis skills but also their self-confidence and resiliency skills.

The KTF program has provided students with the opportunity to develop their cooperative skills and friendship groups.

Thank you so much for visiting Binnu Primary School and allowing us to be part of the Ken Rosewall Regional Project.

Helen Barnes



## **AND FROM.....**

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PS (VICTORIA)**

Over the past few years, the students in my classes have been lucky enough to participate in the KTF tennis program with Mr Andrew Peavey. The program has always run smoothly and Andrew has always been more than accommodating to our staff and school. Each year the program has been suited to cater for every student's needs and Andrew has made sure every student was involved no matter what ability level they may be. All the students have left the classes with a smile on their faces feeling special that they have succeeded thanks to the program and feeling important thanks to Andrew's wonderful sense of fun and humour. It has been a wonderful program which allowed each student to improve as the lessons developed and we hope that we are part of KTF and the Ken Rosewall Regional Project in the years to come.

Charley Askew



## **AND FROM.....**

### **FRANKLIN PS (NSW)**

The program here at Franklin has been very good, the students have thoroughly enjoyed being involved. Their skills have developed over the weeks with a definite enjoyment in tennis seen. The students are encouraged and motivated to strive to improve their skills. They are given every opportunity to practise these skills and excited to participate in the games used to improve their skills in tennis. A very worthwhile program.

Jodie Barton  
Acting Principal

The KTF program has been fun and beneficial for the Franklin PS children. I have Kindergarten and Year One and we thoroughly enjoyed learning the skills involved in playing tennis. The students look forward to their weekly tennis lessons. The students are passionate about tennis and some students even bring their own tennis rackets.

Birdie (Bernadette Cahill) is an amazing teacher and always ensures our children understand the basics needed to be successful. She supports the staff as well as the staff supporting her and ensures the children have a good time whilst learning.

It is an amazing opportunity that I hope continues.

Veronica Manns  
Teacher

This is my second year that I have been involved in the KTF program, which I conduct at Franklin P.S.. I instruct approximately 86 children in the fundamentals of tennis. We have so much fun. The interaction between the students and the tennis equipment, games and ball skills is amazing and encouraging. Children who normally have limited hand/eye coordination are completing all the tasks each week. The children, as I, look forward to playing tennis, with the modified equipment, every week. I do love that this program is available to every child.

Bernadette Cahill  
TA Registered Coach and Official



**YULGILBAR**  
The Yulgilbar Foundation



**Philanthropy**

# TENNIS FOR LIFE!

Colin Mason is the ACT Manager of Kids Tennis Foundation and has been for many, many years.

A group of senior tennis players from Lyneham Tennis club was invited to Parliament House Canberra in September to meet with two distinguished Australian tennis players in John Alexander OAM MP and John Fitzgerald as well as the Hon. Kenn Wyatt AM MP Minister for Senior Australian Aged Care.

The purpose of the meeting was to demonstrate how older Australians can be active in their older age and encourage people to live up to the motto that tennis and other activities can be enjoyed FOR LIFE.

"Being healthy, active and engaged is important for our bodies and our minds," said Minister Wyatt.

And, Colin certainly is just that!



## THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME A GOLD MEDAL SUPPORTER

### Your Gold Medal Supporter's donation of \$5,000

- Is fully tax deductible
- Provides coaching for an extra 200 underprivileged children across the year.
- Puts many more "smiles on faces" not to mention the huge boost to the self-esteem & self-confidence of these disadvantaged kids.
- Provides a recreational outlet, not normally available to those in ktf programs.
- Assists in promoting a healthy lifestyle through regular active participation in kids tennis foundation programs.
- Assists in fostering physical and social skills
- Assists in fostering tolerance and co-operation between children of many varied nationalities and cultures.
- Will be acknowledged in KTF newsletters and on the KTF website

### WE WOULD LIKE TO REACH MANY MORE UNDERPRIVILEGED KIDS.

Launched at the Annual KTF Gala in October 2017, the Gold Medal Supporter campaign has attracted much interest, but we need more support.

(DONATION FORM ON BACK PAGE)

# WHAT A LOVELY SURPRISE!

Sincere thanks to former great tennis ace, Mark Edmondson, and to SAPIA (Sports & Play Industry Association), as well as MAPEI and Neil McIntosh for a very generous donation of \$2,100 being the funds raised at an auction for Charity.

Each year at SAPIA'S national conference, a fund-raising Auction is conducted. MAPEI, one of SAPIA'S Members, donated a signed and framed photo of Cadel Evans, the cyclist whom they sponsored for many years. Neil McIntosh bid the highest and SAPIA'S President, Mark Edmondson, then chose Kids Tennis Foundation as the Charity to receive these funds.

Thank you so much Mark for choosing Kids Tennis Foundation.

All money raised and donated goes towards maintaining our many coaching programs. Each school term, Kids Tennis Foundation provides close to 2,000 financially and socially disadvantaged youngsters Australia wide with the opportunity to learn and play this great game, not to mention the boost to their self esteem and self confidence. Across the school year, approximately 8,000 children will have participated in KTF programs, several operating in regional areas as part of the Ken Rosewall Regional Project. This opportunity would not be available to them but for Kids Tennis Foundation and the support of wonderful people like Mark Edmondson and that of SAPIA.

This generosity is truly appreciated, especially at a time when Kids Tennis Foundation is in much need of additional funds to continue its great work in the community.



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

For your generosity and support of **KTF**, thank you...  
to National Sponsors, **TENNIS AUSTRALIA & TOMORROW AGENCY**, to KRRP Sponsors, **CQS, THE YULGILBAR FOUNDATION, INTERNATIONAL CLUB PHILANTHROPY FOUNDATION**, to **GANDEL PHILANTHROPY** for support of Victorian programs and to many, many **Tennis Clubs, Companies & Individuals**.

For your dedication & commitment, thank you...  
to the **KTF Board, KTF Social Committee, KTF Administrators and Coaches**.

For your enthusiasm and co-operation, thank you...  
to the **Principals and Staff** at schools where **KTF** programs are conducted...

And, for those smiles, thank you...  
to the **Students** in **KTF** programs... they say it all!!!!

KIDS TENNIS FOUNDATION  
WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A

VERY HAPPY  
*New Year*

AND MAY 2019 BE ALL  
YOU WISH IT TO BE!



DON'T LET THE KIDS MISS OUT!

PLEASE DONATE NOW.



Designed by tomorrow agency 0081

• GIVING DISADVANTAGED KIDS A BETTER SHOT •

Kids Tennis Foundation has already introduced tennis to more than 400,000 financially and socially disadvantaged children throughout Australia.

## DONATION FORM

Yes, I/We would like to support Kids Tennis Foundation in its quest to introduce tennis to disadvantaged children throughout Australia.

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Please find enclosed my/our donation of:

\$50  \$150  \$250  \$500  \$1000  \$5000  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cheque (payable to Kids Tennis Foundation) for \$  
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