

Thanks to all the committee for your contributions and support throughout the year

Club Achievements 2018-19

- **Synthetic Court resurfacing project completed** January 2019
- **Open Day** in February was the highlight of the year! – official courts re-opening – large member and public attendance including Banyule Council Mayor Wayne Phillips and other representatives, Paul Cammack from Tennis Australia, Steph Eshak and other representatives from Tennis Victoria. John Fitzgerald was also our Special Guest (arranged through Paul) – official court re-opening and Q&A session. Thanks to all the committee members who were able to assist in one way or another on the day.
- **Bunnings Eltham BBQ Fundraiser** - Feb 2019 – raised \$1000 for the club – special thanks to all the committee and the members who were able to assist on the day to make it the success it was. (We hope to do another one next year).
- **Clay Courts 5 & 6: Light Upgrades** – Feb 2019 the Council advised that the light poles needed to be replaced due to risk associated with rust at the pole bases. Council totally funded the installation of the New light poles (with LED lights and padding). The project was completed in May 19. Some hire of other club courts such as Diamond Creek, Montmorency and Diamond Valley College was required during this time.
- **Clay Courts 5 & 6: Sprinkler system and other Upgrades** – at the near completion of the lighting project, the club agreed to spend funds ed on excavating and re-laying a new layout of sprinkler pipes (in order to improve the efficiency and spread of court watering). The umpire chairs, “squeegee” rollers and net poles were also identified as requiring some maintenance. Thanks to Bob Reilly for all his hard work in initiating and organising of these works. The sprinkler system including new watering poles are due for completion in the coming few weeks.
- **Clay Courts 5 & 6: Court surface Upgrade** – It was decided that the last upgrade required was to top up / re-dress the en-tout-cas by removing the worn dust and replacing this with around 2 cubic metres of new brick dust. Bob has meticulously undertaken this task (along with Bradley) to re-groom the courts through regular rolling and watering as well as to notify all members through signage, email communication and direct verbal conversations about correct style of footwear to minimise court damage.
- **Membership** – consistent membership base (around 280) includes new members that have joined to date this past year.
- **Financial** – Sound financial position (per Sarah's report) – Audited financial records.
- **Bendigo Bank** – We opened another Term Deposit and a Bendigo Bank account as part of our support for the Eltham community bank who supports our club. We

gratefully received a grant of \$2,000 in November 2018 from Bendigo Bank to put towards our Court resurfacing project.

- **Donations** to our club made through Australian Sports Foundation.
- **Governance** – met all Council Lease requirements, Victorian Government (Consumer Affairs) requirements, Liquor Licence upheld, Tennis Australia affiliation etc.
- **Good Sports Program – reached Level 3 Accreditation.** Focuses on healthy practices, including the responsible serving of alcohol, no smoking policies and also ‘Healthy Choices’. As part of this, our club has recently actively promoted drinking water over sugary drinks. This was achieved through reducing the price of bottled water below soft drinks, providing signage to demonstrate the amount of sugar in popular “sports” drinks and lastly by recently installing a water cooler in the alfresco area.
- **Future Leaders Program** (Tennis Victoria) – We were very pleased to have two of our junior members – Emma Parfitt and Bradley Reilly participate in this year’s Future Leaders program in July. As part of this program, Emma and Brad are completing a project for the club which includes a **promotional video**. Emma has also recently started to run our club’s **Instagram** page. We thank Emma and Bradley for all the work they are putting in to promote our club particularly to junior players who are essential to our club’s future.
- **Social Media / Promotions** – Continued to run an active presence on Facebook with regular posts. We currently have 116 people following our page. Facebook has been used to promote our club’s social activities and for paid advertising of our Book a Court system. We look forward to seeing this engagement tool grow into the future (also now in conjunction with our Instagram account). The introduction of our blue club water bottles for all members was also initiated to promote our club.
- **Maintenance** – Thanks to Bob Reilly for his continued dedication to maintaining our court facilities, on-going mowing, weeding, landscaping etc.
- **Capital improvements** - Install of a new clubhouse oven and install of flat screen TV were capital improvements during the year.
- **Member Communications** – Quarterly newsletter and emails of club events – Open Days, Club Junior Championships, Euroa Lawn tennis tournament (Labour Day weekend), suitable footwear for clay courts, AGM invitation etc.
- **Juniors** – It is very pleasing that we have had 10-11 junior Karingal teams participating in the NEJTA (Saturday morning) and DVTA (Friday night) competitions this past year - (we are one of the largest clubs participating in our local area) – especially good given that we only have 6 courts. Congratulations on our Girls team competing in Section 1 this season (it’s been a long time since Karingal had a Section 1 team)
- **Coaching Relationship** – Continue with a positive and open relationship with Karingal Drive Tennis Coaching business. Regular communications including update meetings to discuss the Junior / coaching program at Karingal. **John Schmidt** has been a very positive addition to the coaching team this year. John has enthusiastically attended the Tennis Vic. Forum discussing positive Club-Coach

relationships (along with Brain Trim). Cam and his team have supported our club's events and KDTC have also supported promotion of the coaching business.

- **Club Relationship with Holy Trinity PS** – this relationship has continued to grow (after inception last year with the Tennis in schools PE program). Both Cameron and Kristen were involved in whole school tennis lessons as part of the P.E. program in Term 2. We were pleased to offer for the school to use our courts on Friday mornings for inter-school Match Paly competition (new for the school). In turn the school acknowledged our club and coaching team's support through their newsletter and free advertising of the coaching business throughout Terms 1 & 2.
- **Life Membership Nominees** – The club is proud to nominate for Life Membership for three of our existing members – Catherine Keegan, Cameron Simon and Kevin Kelly to acknowledge their significant contributions to our club's development over an extended period. (Individual contribution stories and plaques to be presented to the new nominees).