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# Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

## NEWSLETTER- DECEMBER 2022

### *MERRY CHRISTMAS !!*



*The RPTC Management Committee and Sub-Committees wish all members, together with their families & friends, a very happy & safe festive season, plus a healthy and prosperous time in 2023.*

### A GREAT FINISH TO 2022!!

It's been a busy time recently, with competition finals, and our Festive Fun day!

**On court success!!** We have six happy teams celebrating Grand Final wins!!

NSNTA: B Special 1 Mixed; Men's A Reserve 1 & C Grade 4

NSJTA: Boys A2 (Blk); Unisex C Special 2 & C Grade 1

Super congratulations to everyone involved with the teams: players, supporters and captains.

Many thanks for your support and involvement - positive results despite wet weather times!

Read their stories!! Click here! [RPTC Spring 2022 NSNTA Winning Teams Stories](#)

**Festive Fun Day!!** Some 70 members and families rolled up on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November for tennis, games, tasty food, conversation, & refreshments.

The atmosphere was relaxed, with a great buzz in the air, and a mix of juniors & adults on site.

Many contributed to the successful gathering - and a BIG thank you to everyone who did!!

### An Opportunity!!

Here is an invitation to those interested in helping at the Australian Open (January 16-29 2023).

**Travellers Aid** - a non profit community organisation supporting people with mobility needs, have been engaged by Tennis Australia to provide support for people living with disabilities, or experiencing other mobility challenges, who wish to attend the Australian Open. Volunteer roles are available:

- Shifts 9.30am – 4.30pm and 4.00pm – 11.00pm
- Minimum 3 shifts ([a free day pass is the reward!](#))
- Uniform supplied
- Training and induction provided (Event volunteer roles and responsibilities)



As an event-trained volunteer you will keep busy:

- connecting people from public transport, taxis or private parking to event entry points by manual wheelchair
- helping people to and from allocated seating within the event grounds by manual wheelchair
- providing personal guidance around the event site.
- hiring out mobility equipment including wheelchairs.
- offering a friendly face to tired or overwhelmed event-goers needing some time out.
- assisting people leaving the event to reconnect with their mode of transport.

[For more details](#) contact Arnie Bax or Lee Davy on 0498 023 959 or email [Arnie.bax@travellersaid.org.au](mailto:Arnie.bax@travellersaid.org.au)

**See Poster on Club Noticeboard.**


## DOGS & OTHER PETS

On various occasions, you may have noticed we have four-footed visitors which usually wear furry coats! These visitors are generally well behaved, but once in a while, there may be an unexpected incident, and there are other considerations which fall into the “health and safety” aspects of Club activities.

The Club has an existing By-Law/POLICY which has recently been reviewed and updated by the Management Committee to more appropriately reflect community expectations and regulations. Details are:

*11 (f) No person shall on any account bring animals into the Clubhouse or other pavilions. Animals must be kept on a leash when within the Club’s boundary fence. All pet owners who bring their pets onto the property shall be responsible for clean up after their pet/s.*

Please note the By-Law and observe the requirements should you wish to bring an animal into the complex.

 <p><b>COURTS</b></p>	<p>They are our biggest asset - so they necessarily get lots of care and attention!! The warmer weather, plus occasional times of high winds, have started to dry out the courts! The sprinklers are on overnight, but we need your help too!</p> <p><b>Please make sure you water from fence to fence before play &amp; every 30 minutes (for player safety &amp; court protection!).</b></p> <p><b>Don't forget to Slip, Slop and Slap as well!!</b></p>
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## Annual General Meeting

Held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022; with 21 attendees ; Major outcomes included :

- A vote of thanks to staff and outgoing Committee for club recovery after Covid-19.
- Committee elections: Kim Summerill (Pres); Maria Keys (Sec); Anthony Malkoun; General Committee: Jason Vochala & Vignesh Wilkinson.
- Operating profit \$59,000 (2020-21- \$104,000); more typical of regular activity;
- Membership steadied to 469 (from 460 - 2021/22), with strong renewals (334);
- Auditor’s Report: no material matters were noted, and the report was accepted.
- Member Subscriptions: 5% increase for 2023/2024 (first increase since 2019/20); Credit to members for any shutdown periods during the 2021/22 financial year.



**Carole Houston** (Club Manager) received a special **Highly Commended Tennis Service Award** in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the sport. See the write-up: <https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news/2022/11/11/carole-houston-recognised-for-long-standing-commitment-to-royal-park-tennis-club>

## Management Committee:

- Following the AGM, 3 members have been appointed to vacant positions at the first meeting for 2022/2023: David Tan (Treasurer); Matthew Cull and Michael Furey.  
*Thank you all for volunteering!!*
- The AGM also endorsed a Management Committee recommendation that the “portfolio” concept previously applied to General Committee positions should be re-activated. Lead roles have now been assigned as follows:
  - Jason Vochala – Competition & Coaching
  - Anthony Malkoun – Communications & Events
  - Vignesh Wilkinson – Social Tennis Programs
  - Michael Furey – Facilities & Maintenance
  - Matthew Cull – Junior Co-Ordinator
- It is also anticipated that our Maintenance management workload will increase further, as our new lease shifts more maintenance responsibility to the club, and the Committee has agreed to appoint a **Maintenance Co-ordinator** to lead that activity.

