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Linda Pengelly, Lou Griffith & Kati Patterson.  
Inset: Maurice Broom & Mary King (middle)

# SUCCESS

## AT THE WORLD SUPER SENIORS

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was fantastic to see some of our members have success in the World Super Seniors Championships played in Umag, Croatia in September 2012.

Some lucky Kooyong Seniors members represented their country in an event which takes place annually in different countries. During the first week the World Team Championships are played with teams of four players selected in 5 year age increments from 60 to 85+ yrs, from form and results of ITF tournaments throughout Australia and overseas, played the previous year. The Teams event is followed by the World Individual Championships

the next week. Lou Griffith and Katie Patterson represented Australia in the 65 year age group in the Kitty Godfree Cup and finished 5th from 21 participating countries. Linda Pengelly played in the 70 year age group for the Althea Gibson Cup and finished 2nd of 16 participating countries, going down to the USA, and won the silver medal. Week two saw Linda & her Western Australian partner, Helen Muir, make the semi final of the 70's doubles earning them a bronze medal. Maurie Broom played in the 70 year age group in the Crawford Cup and finished 8th. In the second week Maurie won the Consolation event of the

70's singles and was runner up in the 70 Men's Doubles partnering a NSW player. Together with another Kooyong member, Mary King, Maurie was runner up in the 70's mixed doubles. Three medals is a wonderful achievement! This was Mary's first World Championship and she was thrilled to make a final and being presented with her silver medal.

Congratulations to the above players who all enjoyed their first visit to Croatia, enjoying the wonderful weather, very old towns steeped in history and the wonderful scenery to be seen everywhere.

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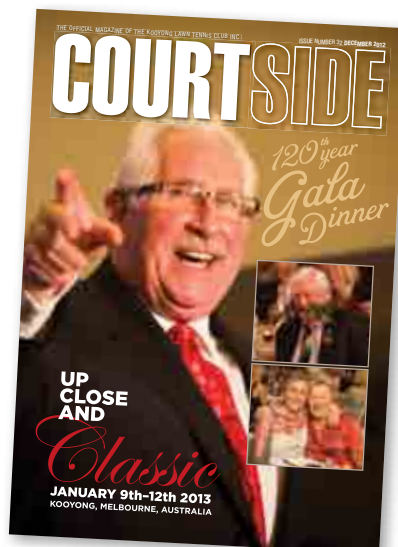
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2012 marked the 120th year of operation of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. Our Club has such a rich history having hosted many Davis Cup ties, was the permanent home of the Australian Open up until the Grand Slam event moved to Melbourne Park in 1988. Our iconic Centre Court and a Membership containing Australian tennis royalty is why Kooyong is the spiritual home of Australian Tennis. All of this made our 120th year Gala Dinner a celebration of the people and the events that define our Club and by all accounts it was a fitting celebration.

Double fault is the name given to a proposal to eliminate railway crossings along the Kooyong train line. For Members, realisation of the proposal stands to dramatically improve traffic flow around Kooyong, making it much easier to enter and leave the Club. From newspaper reports the proposition includes taking the train line underground from Heyington station encompassing Kooyong and Tooronga as underground stations along the route. The project would be funded in part by the sale of land freed up by taking the train line underground. Kooyong's southern border would potentially become home to a number of new neighbours many of whom one would think would be Kooyong members taking up the opportunity to be close to the Club they love. The idea of eliminating the railway crossings isn't new, however, the economic imperative to remove the bottleneck builds with time and inevitably the problem will be addressed. Kooyong Tennis Club will of course seek to influence any project so a double fault doesn't lose us the game set and match.

Kooyong Members have enjoyed their most active social calendar in many ways with a number of Club managed events supported by an increasing number of well patronised social committee events. Our Social Committee, Food & Wine, Crèche, RCH, Young Members, Squash and Bridge Clubs have been active during 2012 putting on a range of dinners, fund raisers and sporting events for Members and from time to time events that showcase our Club to the broader community and are to be congratulated for their efforts in extending the activities and life of the Club to our Members. The time honoured format of four President's Lunches each year timed and themed around major sporting events once again attracted good crowds and great speakers.

The jewel in our crown, the 26 lawn courts opened mid November on target and in superb condition and, in respect to feedback from Members, the opening day was reserved for walk up play rather than a formal Members tournament. However, the official opening of the lawn courts took place a week later with the President's Day tournament going ahead with over 100 participants. Unfortunately some Victorian tennis clubs and officials find it necessary to knock Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club for what we are; the leading Tennis Club

in Australia in terms of Membership, facilities and attractiveness to tennis players. We are criticised from some quarters for attracting promising tennis players to our Club at the expense of their local club and for dominating tennis competitions in the State. It is true that many aspiring junior tennis players are attracted to joining Kooyong and it is true that our Club is representative across most tennis competitions in the State, however, it is wrong to say that we dominate competitions and rather than criticise Kooyong for its attractiveness we wish to politely suggest that clubs expend their energies on making their own clubs attractive to their members rather than simply taking the easy route of criticising Kooyong. From a competition perspective, our Club philosophy has been to help develop junior tennis players by blending youth with experience across all our teams, no better evidenced by the composition of our State grade teams. Despite the opportunity to do so with the talent at our disposal, our Club has chosen junior development over a pennant count. Thankfully some clubs have chosen a different route than these knockers and have sort advice from Kooyong on how they too can attract and retain members and what they can consider doing to secure their own financially sound future; advice that we have freely and happily provided.

Our Membership does include a number of promising junior tennis and squash players including Richard Yang the Australian National title holder for the 14's singles and Caleb Boland the Australian National 14's doubles champion. Runner up in last year's Kooyong Women's Open event, a result which is all the more remarkable given her age at that time, Destanee Aiava was runner up in the Australian National 14's singles which was indeed impressive considering she is very much bottom age for the 14's.

In the Australian National squash competition, Taylor Flavell was runner up in the 19's while Sam Ejtemai was runner up in the 17's age group. At the time of printing Courtside both our men and women's teams are still alive in the Asia Pacific Tennis League competition in the Victorian Conference. The winners of each conference progress to a national final played during the Australian Open at Melbourne Park taking in sides from around Australia and Asia. On behalf of the Club I wish our teams the best of luck and congratulate our Members on their local, national and international successes during 2012.

I wish to encourage all members to support the 25th AAMI Kooyong Classic to be held in January 2013 by purchasing special Members tickets and taking a day or two to enjoy the atmosphere around the Club and to see International tennis close up at your Club. Colin Stubs Enterprises have assembled one of their best player fields in recent times so I encourage all Members to be a part of international tennis in our boutique event.

As a wrap up to 2012 I wish to thank my Committee for their efforts during the year to steer the Club in a direction that delivers the results that help support another wonderful 120 years of history and to our hard working administration who oversee the policies, rules and regulations of our Club with great skill and dedication and to our Members I say thank you for your continued support of your Club whether that be through your participation in Club events both sporting and social or simply via your casual use of the Club facilities. A Club that is frequented by its Members is a Club that is valued by its Members and that in turn creates a great space and Club atmosphere we can all enjoy.

Merry Christmas and here's to a happy New Year!



Ian Hill President

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Sometimes it takes a special milestone to make us stop and reflect on what a magnificent Club we have at Kooyong. Such was the case when the Club celebrated its 120th year with a gala dinner in the Kooyong Room in October. In preparing for the evening, we drew on the resources to prepare films that highlighted the significant development of our Club to be what it is today 'one of the great Clubs of the world'. The reflections of our guests on the night including two former Australian Open winners, Ashley Cooper and Bill Bowrey and International Tennis Hall of Fame member Lesley (Turner) Bowrey provided a reminder that Kooyong is today a truly great Club. The wonderful celebration was worthy of our magnificent club. In closing our year with the grass courts open again for the enjoyment of Members, we look forward to January with anticipation of another magnificent AAMI Classic featuring headline players including Juan Martin Del Potro and local Australian hero Lleyton Hewitt. In our final Courtside for the year, we extend to Members best wishes of the season. We hope all enjoy a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to a magnificent year again in 2013.

Chris Brown CEO

# 120 years

It was a spectacular celebration of history, and recognition of Kooyong's place as the 'Spiritual Home of Australian Tennis', when the Club celebrated the "120 Year Gala Dinner" in the Kooyong Room on Friday 19th October 2012. On arrival, as guests mingled and reminisced, many took the opportunity to be photographed with the Australian Open trophies that were on display in the main foyer.

This provided an early reminder of an important part of Kooyong's history and set the scene for a great night. When the evening commenced, the incomparable Max Walker welcomed guests, and as ever in his role as MC, entertained the audience with his exuberance, energy and humour. Max then introduced the vocal duo Diva & Divo, the Founders of the ever-popular Pot-Pourri, and with their piano accompanist, the group entertained the audience with an outstanding opening performance.

As the guests settled in to enjoy the wonderful hospitality, a magnificent film outlined the history of the Club. It reminded all guests of the journey from humble beginnings at Albert Park, on to times hosting the Australian Open, Davis Cup and Federation Cup, and the more recent AAMI Classic. It concluded that the Club is recognized today as one of the great tennis clubs of the world.

President Ian Hill then welcomed the guests including tennis champions Ashley Cooper, Lesley Bowrey, Bill Bowrey, Neale Fraser, Frank Sedgman, Judy Dalton, Janet Young and Scott Draper. Ian shared his personal experiences of the Club with the audience and noted the contributions of Committees past and present to make Kooyong the great club it is today.

David Temple then made a special presentation and spoke of the contribution to the Kooyong squash section of Brian "Tichy" McDonald reaching the significant milestone of 1,030 games. A specially framed racquet commemorating the milestone was presented back to the Club and

Tichy joined Max Walker to relive some of the memorable moments of his significant achievement.

Tichy's humor had the audience in stitches of laughter as he relived some of the more memorable moments. Following dinner, Max Walker interviewed Ashley Cooper and they spoke about memories of Kooyong including his win in the Australian Open here in 1957.

They also spoke of his career highlights that saw him win Wimbledon in 1958, become world number 1 in 1959 and his subsequent journey on the professional tour through the 1960's. Ashley today is a Board Member of Tennis Australia and there was opportunity to also get his insight into where tennis is heading in the future.

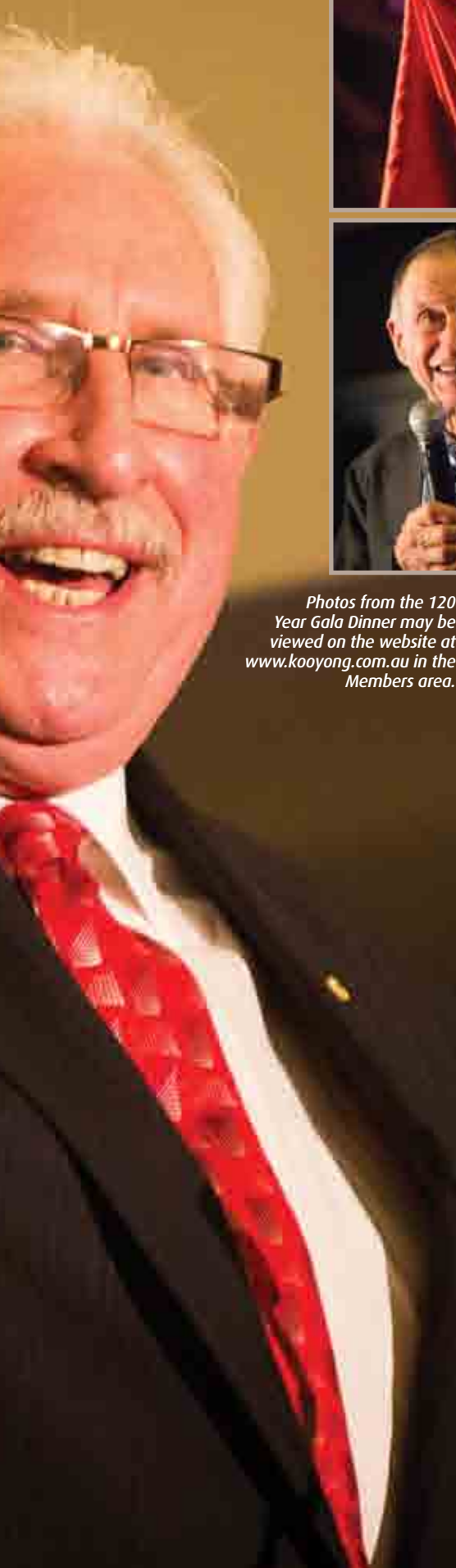
Later in the evening Lesley and Bill Bowrey joined Max on stage and discussed their individual careers as well as their time when they joined up as a doubles team and achieved success winning the Italian Open. Lesley discussed her thirteen major titles including two French Opens and membership of the International Tennis Hall Of Fame, while Bill reminisced about his win in the 1967 Australian Open, here at Kooyong.

Lesley and Bill also reflected on the special developments that have made Kooyong what it is today.

The evening concluded with a final performance by Diva & Divo and a spectacular finale to what proved to be one of the great events held at Kooyong for many years.

# 120<sup>th</sup> year Gala Dinner





*Photos from the 120  
Year Gala Dinner may be  
viewed on the website at  
[www.kooyong.com.au](http://www.kooyong.com.au) in the  
Members area.*



# UP CLOSE AND

# Classic

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**T**he AAMI Classic will celebrate 25 wonderful years in January and it'll be fantastic to see Australian tennis legend, Lleyton Hewitt, back to his competitive best at Kooyong.

The 2011 AAMI Classic winner has recovered from his most recent surgery on his foot and is looking forward to another big Australian summer and the year ahead.

Having returned to form late in the year with some impressive wins, including the scalp of world number 10 Juan Monaco, to regain his spot in the top 100, Hewitt was buoyed about his chances of competing with the world's best players in 2013.

'By the end of the year I played some really good tennis and obviously knocked off a couple of top 30 players in the last couple of weeks and then, you know, it was good to beat Monaco, a top ten player only three weeks ago,' he said.

'So that gives me a lot of confidence that you can still go out there and match it with the best players in the world.'

Hewitt will be joined in the AAMI Classic field by world number 7 and 2009 US Open champion, Juan Martin Del Potro.

The big Argentine was the 2011 ATP Comeback Player of the Year as he captured two titles and reached another final and four semi finals.

This year he started with a quarterfinal loss to Roger Federer at the Australian Open and then made the final in Rotterdam, again losing to Federer, before capturing his 10th tour level title when he won in Marseille.

Through the European clay swing he was able to retain his Estoril Open title by defeating Richard Gasquet in the final and then fell in the semi finals of the ATP Masters 1000 Madrid to Tomas Berdych before losing to Federer again in the French Open quarterfinals.

At Wimbledon, Del Potro lost in straight sets to David Ferrer but returned four weeks later to win the Olympic bronze medal with a win over Novak Djokovic.

He continued that form through the North American summer where he reached the semi finals at the ATP World

Tour Masters 1000 Cincinnati and the quarterfinals at the US Open where he lost to Djokovic on both occasions.

He also won the title in Basel by defeating five-time winner Federer in the final to lift his fourth title of the year.

The crowd at Kooyong will be excited to see this giant in action especially now that he is back to his devastating best.



JUAN MONACO



JANKO TIPSAREVIC

Janko Tipsarevic has had a wonderful year by any measure and with a ranking of 9 you can safely say he has continued on from his 2011 form.

He started the year by making the final of Chennai and also made the semi finals in Marseille before losing to Djokovic in the quarterfinals of Dubai.

He had a fantastic clay court swing highlighted by a run to the semi finals at the ATP Masters in Madrid where he lost to Federer after defeating Djokovic in the quarter finals.

Tipsarevic then helped Serbia to win the ATP World Tour Team Championship title in Dusseldorf before losing to Almagro in the fourth round at Roland Garros.

He lifted his third ATP World Tour title in Stuttgart by beating Juan Monaco in the final before reaching the final in Gstaad and made semi final appearances later in the year in Bangkok and Vienna.

Joining Tipsarevic at the AAMI Classic for the first time will be Argentinian Juan Monaco who has been extremely consistent over the past six years.

Five top 30 finishes over the past six years highlights that consistency and Monaco now finds himself ranked number 12 in the world after reaching a career high of 10 earlier in the year.

He lifted the Vina del Mar title with a win over Carlos Berlocq and then went on to make the semi finals at the ATP Masters 1000 in Miami where he lost to Djokovic.

After helping Argentina to a Davis Cup win over Croatia, Monaco then went on to win the title in Houston where he beat John Isner in the final.

He then lost the final in Stuttgart to Tipsarevic and followed that up with another title when he defeated Tommy Haas in Hamburg.

Monaco's year was rounded out nicely when he won another title in Kuala Lumpur with a victory over Julien Benneteau in the final.



Another big server on his way to Kooyong in 2013 is Canadian youngster Milos Raonic.

The 21 year old has worked his way up the rankings this year to find himself just outside the top 10 at number 13.



MILOS RAONIC

The rising star started the year brilliantly with a win in Chennai over Tipsarevic and he continued that form through to San Jose where he lifted another ATP World Tour title when he defeated Denis Istomin.

The following week he again made a good run this time in Memphis as he made the final before losing to Jurgen Melzer.

His European swing included a semi final appearance in Barcelona before making quarterfinals in both Canada and Cincinnati before the US Open.

Later in the year he was able to make the final in Japan where he lost to the home town hero Kei Nishikori who will also join the field here at Kooyong after an exciting year.

The Japanese star reached a career high ranking of 15 in October and his ranking currently sits at 19.

His year started with a fantastic result at the Australian Open where he reached the quarterfinals, after defeating Tsonga in the fourth round he eventually lost to Andy Murray.

Nishikori then reached quarterfinals in Newport, Atlanta and at the London Olympics to show his consistency throughout the year before having a great run later in the year where he reached the semi finals in Kuala Lumpur and then becoming the first Japanese player the tournament's history to lift the trophy in Tokyo.

His energy on the court was a highlight last year and we are sure to see more of that this January.



LLEYTON HEWITT

The last of the seven players named so far needs no introduction as he is a fan favourite here at Kooyong and someone Australian crowds love to watch play.

Marcos Baghdatis is currently ranked 36 in the world but is capable of beating anyone on his day.

His year has included a semi final appearance in Sydney and Zagreb to get him off to a great start and then he made the quarterfinals in Munich before making another semi final in Tokyo and again in Stockholm.

This excitement machine could rip his shirt off at any moment and the Cypriot fans are sure to be here in great numbers as they have in the past.

With one spot open in the line up for January's AAMI Classic you can already



JUAN MARTIN DEL POTRO

sense it will be a fantastic spectacle as Melbourne gears up for the Australian Open.

Another exciting initiative in 2013 will be a free fan day on Tuesday January 8th hosted by first ever winner, Pat Cash, which will get the Classic off to a great start.

The day will be in support of Challenge Cancer.

A kids' day will also be held on Friday, January 11th, when all children under 16 will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult (limit two children per adult).

**Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster on 13 6100 and all event information is available on [www.aamiclassic.com.au](http://www.aamiclassic.com.au).**

# National Titles For Yang and Boland

Caleb Boland (right) with partner Cole Ingram.

Inset: 14's National Champion Richard Yang.

Below: Destanee Aiava (left) with Kimberley Birrell

**K**ooyong's Richard Yang and Caleb Boland were the big winners when they travelled to Sydney recently for the Optus Spring Nationals.

Richard Yang is a part of Tennis Australia's National Academy and won his very first 14s Nationals title after defeating Queenslander Cole Ingram 6-3 7-6 in a hard-fought final.

Despite dropping a set in both the quarter final and semi final, Richard was able to steady himself in both matches and make it through in impressive fashion before taking the final in straight sets.

"Richard used his impressive court craft to secure another National title, his first in the 14s age group," said Tennis Victoria's Player Development Coordinator and former Kooyong State Grade player Emily Rea.

"He is a fighter who really loves the competitive battle and fights hard to get over the line," Rea added.

In the 14's Doubles it was Kooyong's Caleb Boland that went on from his 5th placed finish in the singles to go on and win his second consecutive National Doubles title.

Caleb paired with singles runner up Cole Ingram to defeat Kody Pearson and Moerani Bouzige in the final 6/2 6/4.

Richard Yang also made the semi final of the doubles with his partner, Matthew Romios, while Mike Vaughan lost a tight semi final in the 14's doubles with his partner, Daniel Nguyen, against Caleb and Cole in a match tiebreaker.

Another highlight was the continued great form of Kooyong's Destanee Aiava who went up to the 14's Nationals seeded number 4 at just 12 years of age and made a great run to the final.

After defeating top seed Maddison Inglis in the semi final, Destanee lost a tight encounter with Kimberley Birrell 6/3 6/3 in the final despite giving her opponent two years advantage.

Destanee will now take part in the Asia Pacific Tennis League with the Kooyong side set to kick off their campaign on November 11th at Kooyong.

**Congratulations to all of the Kooyong juniors who participated in the Spring Nationals!**







# THE WAYNE ARTHURS CUP

15th-16th DECEMBER 2012

## Kooyong will again host the state's best 10 year olds for the 2012 Wayne Arthurs Cup.

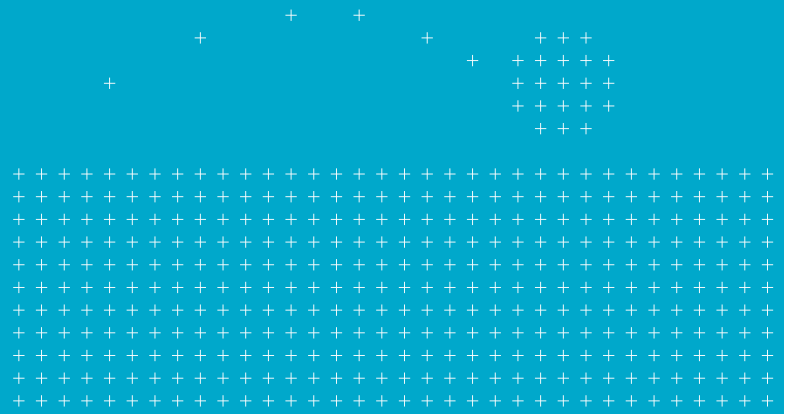
The tournament, again supported by the Kooyong Foundation and in recent times by AAMI, is a fantastic event for Victoria's emerging tennis athletes and a great chance for them to soak up the atmosphere at the 'spiritual home of Australian tennis'. Starting on Saturday December 15th from 9am, the Wayne Arthurs Cup hosts around 64 junior players and will conclude with the finals being played on Sunday December 16th from around 1pm. The Wayne Arthurs Cup is played between 16 teams from metropolitan associations and country regions and forms part of Tennis Victoria's Regional Teams Events calendar providing teams competition for players from the 10/U age group through to the 18/U Country Cup event. The mixed teams round robin format, now in its sixth year, was dominated in its first two years by Waverley Tennis who won the inaugural event in 2007 by defeating Bayside TA and defeated Eastern Region Tennis in 2008. Last year's winner was North Suburban Junior Tennis Association who defeated Bayside-Moorabbin in the final. The Club is again looking forward to hosting the Wayne Arthurs Cup and Members are encouraged to come down and see the talented junior players on show in early December.



Commencing February 2013, the Kooyong Foundation will host monthly Hot Shots days in the stadium on the first Sunday of each month. Each program will run from 2pm to 4pm in the afternoon and Members are encouraged to bring young family members aged between three and eight to participate in this fun activity and learn the basics of the game. Coaches will run the children through a series of programs designed specifically toward young players starting out and will give every encouragement to the children to see tennis as an enjoyable activity. Further information will be available on noticeboards, the website and via email regarding arrangements early in the new year.



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# GRASS COURT OPENING

**The Club's grass court season is up and running yet again.**

Many Members took the opportunity to play on the grass courts on Saturday the 17th of November despite some rain delaying things in the morning. The ground staff have returned the courts in excellent condition and the Members can again look forward to them playing extremely well over the next six months. The official opening of the grass was celebrated with the President's Day on Sunday the 25th of November as over 100 Members took part in a mixed round robin before coming up to the Clubhouse for a drink and a bite to eat. It was a beautiful day to be on the grass and everyone enjoyed a relaxed game while meeting some new Members. Along with the Club Championships, these types of social tennis days are a great chance to meet other Members while having a game on the grass courts. Keep your eye on the website and noticeboards for the details of all the upcoming social tennis days.







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Members must present a letter of introduction authorized by the CEO to the reciprocal club on arrival and produce a membership card if requested. Details of all reciprocal clubs can be found on the website at [www.kooyong.com.au](http://www.kooyong.com.au).







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# New Boardwalk OPEN

Access to courts 44 to 49 has been made easier with the construction and opening of a boardwalk to the north of the courts near Gardeners Creek. The new boardwalk connects the car park near court 43 to the car park east of court 49. There are gates at the northern end of courts that allow improved access and avoid interruption to play. The boardwalk also completes a circular path around the entire property.



## 2013 AUSTRALIAN SENIORS CLAYCOURT CHAMPIONSHIPS LABOUR DAY WEEKEND MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup>

- Played at Kooyong LTC on the En-Tout-Cas
- Run by Tennis Seniors Victoria
- ITF Seniors Tournament
- Open to all Players (Kooyong Members most welcome)
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# KOORYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club was held in the Kooyong Room on the 25th October 2012. President, Ian Hill welcomed all attending and delivered the one hundred and twenty first report of the Committee to the meeting.

He outlined another successful Club noting continuing achievements, which provide opportunities for members and the continued development and support of the game of tennis. Ian also outlined the achievements of some of our young players in both tennis and squash on the national and international circuits and the ongoing programs of the Kooyong Foundation.

Treasurer, Des Hinsley presented the financial reports for the year ended 31 July 2012.

The meeting closed with acknowledgement of the grounds staff for the excellent condition of the grounds and property including the gardens.



The results of elections were confirmed as follows:

- Ian Hill elected unopposed as President for 3 years
- Peter Carew elected unopposed as Vice President for 3 years
- Duncan McCulloch, Joe Dicks and Adam Cossar elected to fill the vacancies for the remaining Committee positions

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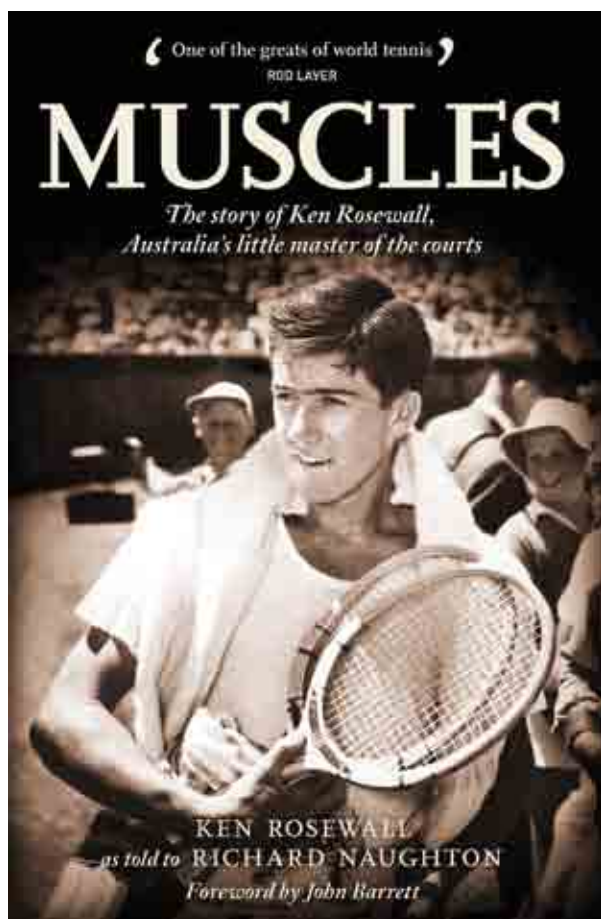
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*'Muscles' – The story of Ken Rosewall, Australia's little master of the courts, has been released and Members may be interested in picking up a copy for Christmas.*

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## WORLD LADIES SQUASH TEAM

The World Ladies Squash Team Championships were held in Nice, France, in late November. The Australian Team included four Kooyong members including Manager Vicki Cardwell, Coach Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Melody Francis & Sarah Cardwell, which is an unprecedented representation from any one club. The team without top player, world ranked Number 12 Kasey Brown, was considered by pundits as not a threat, but caused several upsets in finishing fourth after beating the highly ranked Hong Kong in the quarterfinals.



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# 2012 INTER CLUB WINE CHALLENGE

On October 11th Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club hosted the Inter Club Wine Challenge. Teams (14) from some of Melbourne's finest Clubs were represented, with members from the University Club, Athenaeum Club, Australia Club, Royal South Yarra Tennis Club, the RACV Club and of course Kooyong. The evening started on the balcony with a selection of canapés and a glass or two of the La Zona Prosecco.

Following a brief introduction by the M.C, Terry Fraser, and a reminder of the competition's rules, a line up of 4 white wines were presented to be assessed blind in 20 minutes. The selection was terrific but tricky, with wines representing some of the classic wine regions of Australia, Italy and Spain. Before the main course, a selection of 4 red wines was served and assessed. A Shiraz/ Grenache blend from the Cotes du Rhone, a Central Otago Pinot Noir, a Sangiovese from Tuscany and an older Shiraz from the Pyrenees made up the selection.

A delicious main course was then served and a mystery wine poured for a final taste off. While our guests were enjoying the cheese course, the tasting sheets were scored and results were announced. The "Cellar Dwellers" team from the Royal South Yarra Tennis Club was declared the winner. Although the competition was tough, the teams representing Kooyong did extremely well, with the "Kooyong Classiques" finishing 4th and team "En Tout Cas" finishing 8th.

The dinner was the culmination of months of preparation and secrecy and our kitchen staff did not disappoint, delivering a sumptuous 4 course meal served by our very dedicated function staff who in turn also poured and later polished more than 1000 Riedel glasses. Congratulations to all the Kooyong representatives for attending the training sessions and the event including Greg Baker, Ken Wheat, James Kewley, Marg Bristow, Geoff Pullen, Stephen Jelbart, Bert Armstrong, Tony & Cathy Hancy, Rob Welch, Tony Miach and Peter O'Callaghan.

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# ASIA PACIFIC TENNIS LEAGUE

**T**ennis Australia's new team tennis competition, the Asia Pacific Tennis League, has kicked off and Kooyong's two teams have started in fine form.

The men's competition comprises six teams and each team will play each other once before the top two teams clash in the final. Kooyong's men's team, captained by David Bidmeade, played the Dingley Dingoes in the first round and came away with a hard fought 4 rubbers to 2 victory. Andrew Coelho and Jay Salter showed the way in this quick fire format to get the men on the board. The second round was the clash of the titans as the men played the Liston Seagulls who feature some of Australian tennis' biggest names including Sam Groth and James Lemke. The match was tied at two rubbers apiece after singles but it could easily have been three rubbers to one to

Kooyong if Andrew Whittington had made it past the more fancied Groth in an epic encounter. The doubles both went Liston's way but the Kooyong side felt they were right in the match and could definitely challenge them if they got another opportunity. Andrew Coelho and Jay Salter again showed their class in the singles while Andrew Whittington's match showed he belonged at this level. The third round saw the men take on a tricky Waverley Warriors side featuring some very talented players including Nima Roshan and young gun Jacob Grills. Andrew Whittington, Andrew Coelho and Daniel Byrnes all had solid wins in singles to ensure the side got over the line again. With two rounds to go the men should make the final as long as they beat the bottom two sides, Bundoora and Donvale, and Liston defeats Dingley.

In the women's competition, the Kooyong side started with a solid 5 rubbers to 1 win over the MCC Demons side as Belinda Woolcock, Michaela Johansson, Molly Polak and Michaela Capannolo won their singles. The girls then had the bye in the second round before facing a dangerous and talented Frankston side and despite being 2 rubbers all after the singles, it was all Kooyong in the doubles as Belinda Woolcock and



Michaela Johansson teamed up for a dominant win while Kate Antosik and Molly Polak got the job done in a match tiebreak. With two rounds to go the Kooyong girls should make the final with a match against the Waverley Warriors and Belgrave Rangers to come. The final of the Asia Pacific Tennis League will be played at Kooyong on Friday the 30th of November at 7pm and hopefully there's a big crowd on hand to get our teams over the line.

Michaela Johansson and Andrew Coelho starred in the Asia Pacific Tennis League



# Club Championships

**After record entries for the Club Championships again in February, we now look forward to another wonderful event on the Club's famous grass courts.**

From the Open events to the junior events, the Club Championships provide all categories of membership with the opportunity to play for glory at an appropriate standard. It's also a great opportunity for Restricted members to play on the grass courts, something they don't often get to do until their Playing membership comes through. After celebrating two new champions, Daniel Byrnes and Molly Polak, in the Open Singles events last year, will we see the baton change hands again in 2013 or will we see Daniel or Molly defend their titles?

The challenge to the men's crown is sure to come from the likes of 9-time winner Jay Salter, 2011 winner David Bidmeade, last year's semi finalist and Premier League star Andrew Coelho, rising stars Mitch Burman and Will Kneale or maybe even AIS scholarship holder Andrew Whittington if it happens to fit into his busy tournament schedule. The development of young stars Marc Polmans, Daniel Nolan and Daniel Nickels, amongst others, will also be interesting to see as we look to see who will step up to take the mantle from the established stars at the Club.

In the women's event we are sure to see some of the rising stars hope to take their chances against the top echelon of players at the Club. Destanee Aiava was the big story coming out of last year's event and she is another 12 months into her development and fitter and stronger so she is sure to be a threat for the title.

There are also a number of other chances including the experienced Kate Antosik, former winner Adriana Szili, Premier League star Belinda Woolcock and last year's semi finalist Michaela Capannolo. The next tier of players developing through the Club include Brigitte Beck, Annabelle Andrinopoulos, Katerina Valos, Danielle McIntyre, Alana Parnaby and Romy Stephens, amongst others, so it will be interesting to see if any of these girls can take that next step.

John and Sally Peers would also be clear favourites if they were able to play in the event. It's also great to watch the Club's juniors take part in the under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 21 events while there is also an opportunity for social players to enjoy the atmosphere around the Club in events that suit their standard.

Entry forms were sent out with Courtside but can also be picked up from the Club or downloaded from the website.

Daniel Byrnes



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# Another Successful Season

**F**urther development of the junior talent at the Club was the aim at the start of the season and this was definitely achieved during another busy Tennis Victoria Pennant season.

With 14 of the Club's 19 men's teams finishing fifth or better we can safely say our players were challenged to develop and they reacted positively with some fantastic team performances.

The Club also had some success in the finals with Matthew Carroll's Grade 1 team going one better than in 2011 when they defeated an extremely talented MCC side to win the flag.

Back to back flags were also claimed by Chris Straford's Grade 1 Seniors team in another brilliant finals performance while Bryce Mitchelson's Grade 5 team and Doug Bell's Grade 5 Seniors team were runners up after reaching their respective grand finals.

Matthew Carroll's team had their backs to the wall throughout the finals series but continued to find a way past their more fancied opponents week after week.

From Anthony Zafiris digging in for some memorable wins to the captain's consistency, the continued development of Will Kneale and Ricky Robertson and the enthusiasm of Scott McNamara, this side had it all and came away with the spoils.

Matthew Nickels' Grade 1 side also had a fantastic season and were unlucky not to have their full side on the court in the finals with Mitch Burman, who had been in scintillating form, succumbing to injury.

In Grade 3, the Club had four teams competing and at the end of the season three of them managed to make the finals which was a great result considering the young players involved.

Michael Wood's team made the Tier 2 semi finals of Grade 3 despite several players being unavailable throughout the finals which is a credit to all of the players involved.

The captain should also be congratulated on winning the Player of the Year award.

Dexter Bonet's Grade 3 team faced Luke Chigwidden's team in the semi finals and it was Dexter's team who came out on top in a high quality match between some of the Club's rising stars.

Unfortunately Dexter's team was knocked out by a powerful Wonga Park side in the Tier 2 quarter finals.

Many of the boys in these teams played Grade 5 or Grade 6 in 2011 and they took the step up in their stride and several will be looking to continue that momentum into the top grades at the Club next year.

Along with Bryce Mitchelson's Grade 5 side, who made it all the way through to the grand final in an impressive run for a team that nearly missed the finals altogether, the Club also had two young teams playing in the same grade on a Sunday afternoon.

Both teams were highly competitive but it was Alex Bielinski's team that reached the finals before going down to the eventual champions from Springvale North.

In the Seniors grades, Barry Evans' Grade 3 team reached the finals before going down to Macleod in the semi final while James Tulloch's Grade 4 team also made the semi finals and lost to a dominant Hawthorn team.

We now turn our attention to next season and the new rules that must be taken into consideration including one that only allows each club to have two teams in any section.

The top grades have also been adjusted in the men's competition so there will only be two sections of Grade 1 and three sections of Grade 2 which will push a lot of teams down through the grades.

Zoning will also start to occur in the lower grades of the competition to try and attract players into the competition while a 50+ Masters competition will be unveiled alongside a Men's Open Doubles competition for those not quite ready to move to the older age group.

If you want any information on any of these changes please contact the Club on 9822 3333.

We would like to congratulate everyone involved with our Pennant teams in 2012 and we look forward to another great season in 2013.



Below: Men's Grade 1 Premiers.  
Inset: Men's Seniors Grade 1 Premiers





## Women's Pennant News

## New Stars On The Horizon

**Experience is a wonderful thing and the Club was able to fast track the development of many of its junior players across the Tennis Victoria Pennant competition this season with some tough competition at all levels.**

9 of the Club's 10 teams finished fifth or better and that included two teams that made the grand final in their respective grades before going down to the eventual winners in tightly contested finals.

In Grade 1, Rebecca Leahy's team made a brave run to the final including a nail-biting Tier 2 semi final win over Hepner Place Indoor and looked in a winning position in the final against Royal South Yarra before falling just short.

Michaela Capannolo was a pillar of strength for this team all season but the continued improvement of young guns Destanee Aiava and Katerina Valos gave this team a real edge.

Georgiana Ruhrig, Sinead Disaya, Grace Nolan and Brittany Boys were also vital to keeping this team on track and the captain, Rebecca Leahy, did a great job pulling it all together.

Also in Grade 1, Kate Antosik's team finished in third position on the ladder and had to travel down to Hepner Place Indoor in Geelong for their semi final where they were unfortunately beaten trying to defend their title from 2011.

Karen Kleverlaan's and Romy Stephens' Grade 1 teams weren't far from finals action as both finished the season in fifth position in their respective sections.

In Grade 2, Kate Francis' team looked likely to get the chance to defend their title after another fantastic season only to run into a Caulfield Rec side with other ideas in mind.

It was great to see Natalie Baic, Lucinda McKillop, Kate Francis and Kerin Tulloch help future stars Stephanie Serafidis and Samyuktha Rajagopalan find their way in their first season at this level.

Daphne Mantzanidis' young Grade 2 side battled their way through a tough season to finish in sixth spot on the ladder but there were some exciting results along the way.

In Grade 3, the Club fielded two young and exciting teams that are eager to improve and showed their potential throughout the season.

Both Olivia Green's and Peta Valos' teams finished in fifth spot on their respective ladders but both could easily have played finals if a few results went their way.

In Grade 5, Alexandra Bailey's team had a fantastic season and a very unique team as two sets of twins, Alexandra and Madeleine Bailey and Paris and

Elle Dagres, teamed up with Ifeoma Donnellan.

Three of the girls were in their first season of Pennant but they took all before them to storm into the final before finally meeting their match in the form of a Waverley representative team playing out of Doveton.

All of the girls in this team had a great season and they should be excited about the opportunities that lie ahead next year.

Angela Woodruff's Grade 5 team also had a solid season finishing in fifth position with two youngsters, Nicole Kaminsky and Erin Ronge, showing plenty of potential.

These great results, from some very young teams, have the Club well placed to continue to help develop our talented juniors in this tough competition in 2013.



Below: Women's Grade 1 Runners Up  
Insert: Women's Grade 5 runners up



# junior competition news

**It's great to see so many of the kids continuing their development in our junior teams this season as well as the Club having a handful of kids representing the Bayside Association in the Junior Pennant.**

There are also a large number of our kids participating in tournaments across the state and even interstate which is fantastic experience for all involved.

The current Bayside Regional Tennis Association season has just finished its home and away rounds and the finals are about to begin and we have plenty of teams in contention.

On Saturday mornings, Natalie Ronge's Section 1 team will finish in third spot on the ladder and will be hoping to defeat Carmelite in the semi final.

Andrew Argyrou's Section 1 team will also play finals having finished in fourth spot on the ladder while Kristofer Hyde's Section 1 team only just missed out having finished in fifth spot.

In Section 2, Sam Waddell's team will finish the season on top of the ladder having dominated all season and they should win the flag if everything goes to plan.

Jack Sorger's Section 2 team has also had a great season and looks like finishing in second or third position and could make it an all-Kooyong final if they win their semi final.

On Sunday mornings the Club has built up three very strong teams in Section 1 which shows how well the juniors at the Club are developing.

Sebastian Loader-Oliver's Section 1 team continues to lead the way with the boys finishing the season in second spot on the ladder and they will play Hugh Davenport's Section 1 team in the semi final.

Hugh's team finished in third spot on the ladder and will be dangerous with a full strength line up on the court.

Also in Section 1, Calum Bennett's team has finished in fourth spot on the ladder, which is a fantastic effort considering most of the kids in this team are playing at this level for the first time.

They will, however, face the tough task of a semi final against the all conquering Dendy Park side that has dominated this competition for quite some time.

In Section 2, the Club has had two very competitive teams sitting in the top four for the majority of the season.

Michael McKay's Section 2 team will finish in third spot on the ladder and will play Black Rock in the semi finals while Tom Meysztowicz's team look likely to finish in fifth spot on the ladder which is a great result considering all the boys are playing at this level for the first time.

In Section 3, Henry Marcel's team won their match in the last round to give themselves a chance to sneak into the top four but have to hope Dendy Park 2 lost their final match.

Alex Savage's Section 4 team has finished in fourth spot on the ladder which is a great effort while Hugh Griffith's Section 4 team will finish just one spot below them.

In Section 7 it's great to see Lachlan Goller's team set for finals action having finished in second spot on the ladder.

Tania Szwarcberg's Section 11 team will finish top two and they are joined in the top four by Gabriel Lennon's Section 11 team so they may yet face each other in the semi finals or even the grand final.

In Section 13, Patrick Shortall's team will finish either second or third and will be looking forward to experiencing a finals campaign together.

Congratulations to all of the players and parents for another very successful season and we look forward to seeing you all back on the court in February.

## TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

We continue to hear about a lot of our kids having successes in the tournaments around the state and wanted to make mention of a few who sent their photo in recently. Pictured is Alexandra Bailey and Coco Swansson who won the main draw Optus Junior Tournament events in Bendigo in the Under 16's and Under 12's respectively. Congratulations to both girls and to all our juniors who have had big wins recently!





# CEDRIC MASON CUP

A fantastic day was had by more than 80 kids from both Kooyong and Royal South Yarra as we celebrated the great Cedric Mason at Kooyong recently. Cedric's contribution to junior tennis at both clubs over the years has been enormous and he has always championed the development of junior tennis. With ten courts filled with kids

playing a round robin format throughout the afternoon, it was fantastic to see the kids from both clubs enjoying each other's company despite the competitive streak shining through at various stages. The day was completed after a BBQ and a drink and the presentations were made to the various court winners. There was also the small matter of the Cedric Mason

Cup and that was quietly handed across to the Kooyong kids who had a win on the day. Thank you to Tony Joubert, Julian O'Donnell and all the kids from Royal South Yarra who participated in the day and the kids will no doubt be looking forward to the return match next year.



## Midweek Ladies Report

**T**he Midweek Ladies teams have again represented the Club well throughout the year as the current Bayside and Waverley competitions come to a close.

On Tuesday mornings in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association, Stephanie Fry's Section 1 team has finished the season in second spot on the ladder and heads into a semi final against Coatesville with the winner moving through to play St Finbar's in the final. In Section 2, Priscilla Kiernan's team finished in third spot on the ladder and had a marathon match in the semi final, also against Coatesville, but they pulled through to win and now face Dendy Park in the grand final.

On Wednesday mornings, also in the Bayside Association, Young Sook Edington's team played in Section 1 and finished in sixth spot on the ladder. On Thursday mornings the Club has teams in both the Bayside and Waverley Associations. Jo O'Donoghue's Section A team finished the season in third spot on the ladder and won a great match in the first final against Beaumaris Lawn and go into the preliminary final full of confidence. Sue Lester's team also played in Section A and finished in seventh spot in a very competitive section while Sally McIlraith's Section 1 team goes into their final against Elwood hoping for a win to send them into the grand final.

In the Waverley Association, Alita Davis' Section A Reserve 2 team has finished in seventh spot as has Gena Ferguson's B Special 1 team. Anne Fitzpatrick's B Grade 1 team finished the season in second spot and will be hoping to defeat the top side, Eley Park, to move straight through to the grand final. The Club also has three teams in the middle of the MEMRLTA season on Tuesday mornings with Jo O'Donoghue's and Rebecca Diedrich's Section A1 teams sitting in sixth and seventh respectively. In A4, Sandra Daly's team is currently in tenth spot on the ladder but there's a long way to go in their season.

Congratulations to all the Club's teams on a great year and hopefully a few have won flags by the time this arrives in your mailbox.

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## Crèche News

**A**driana, Gill, Sue, Marie and Karen continue to provide a caring, happy and fun environment for members' children and grandchildren in the crèche, allowing those members to make the most of Kooyong's facilities.

On any weekday morning, from 9.15am, there are a maximum of 20 children in the crèche, with at most 6 babies under 18 months. There are lots of different activities to do, both inside and out, such as painting, drawing and collage, dressing up, playing with dolls, cars and trains as well as riding bikes, playing in the sandpit and climbing and sliding on the play equipment. About 10.15am, the children enjoy eating their morning tea together.

With their children happily settled and playing in the crèche, mums, along with some dads and grandparents, play tennis, go to the gym, do a Pilates class, or just have a coffee, chat or read the newspaper in the bistro.

The crèche operates during school terms, from 9.15am to 12.00pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 9.15am to 12.15pm on Fridays. The annual family registration fee for both 2012 and 2013 is \$75, with a session fee of \$12 per child.

For more details and to arrange a tour, please contact the Pro-Shop.



## Recent Social and Fundraising Events

### Parents' Tennis Night - Friday 7th September

A fun and enjoyable night, we had 22 for tennis followed by dinner in the bistro, with the weather luckily holding off for us.

### Kooyong Children's Christmas Party - Sunday 25th November

An annual tradition - as always, the children attending had a wonderful time, as did their parents and grandparents. Apart from enjoying lots of party food and playing with many balloons, the children were treated to a visit from Santa and were entertained by a balloonist and Christmas face painters.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish the new Crèche Committee all the very best for 2013.

Samantha Wood | President



# Kooyong International Tennis Academy

**T**wo of our rising stars in Gemma Seeley, 14, and Codey Gunn, 11, had an exciting morning with Leyton Hewitt as part of the AAMI classic launch.

After watching them play, he was really impressed and thought they had a great future ahead for Australian tennis. We have seen some of our young Academy players achieve some great results in the past month. Players such as Michael Commings, 13, has improved his Australian Open Ranking from 848 to 714, Ted Williams, 13, 753 to 669, Josiah Roach, 14, 729 to 709 and Ricky Robertson, 19, 165 to 129 and will drop even further in the coming weeks. Codey Gunn, 11, 891 to 745 and Gemma Seeley, 14, who has just come back from injury has gone from 571 to 560, to name a few. We have some really talented players coming through and are very excited with the depth of 10-14 year olds who are starting to understand what it is like to train like a professional. This is largely due to the injection of new elite coaches such as Ross Belman (level 3 Spain) who this year came off the WTA tour after 7 years of travelling, Wayne Smith (TA Elite) former Tennis Victoria head coach, Gregg Gun who is just completing his TA Elite coaching qualification and is very experienced having travelled overseas assessing the direction of junior tennis, Alessio Barbieri who is an advanced Italian coach and worked in Spanish academies, Sesan Oyeniyi is a former ITF travelling coach and fitness expert and Adam Bak who is an advanced coach producing great results with our young players. With all the above ingredients we are really looking at further developing our full and part time programs where players get to train not only as an individual but together as a team, motivating each other in developing a professional outlook and an understanding

of what is required to achieve their full potential. There is an exciting era ahead for those players who want to put their hand up and be challenged and step out of their comfort zone. Programs are tailored to the individual needs after assessment and are designed for during the day and after school.

## Squad Pathway Program /Travelling Teams

At the beginning of Term 1, we announced the new Performance, High Performance and Elite Squad Program. This was a lengthy process and has seen a great response from the players. We have a real direction for players to progress their tennis based on their commitment and taking responsibility for their outcomes. 2013 will also see the further development of these programs and taking players away to country and interstate tournaments. Players during this time can gain a lot of experience, self confidence and knowledge in further developing their skills and enjoyment, with other players.

## Hot Shots 3 - 7 Year Old Program

Other initiatives for 2013 will see the further development of the "Tennis Hot Shots" Program which will be promoted throughout the summer of tennis. Tennis Hot Shots is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play. Program times include Mon 4-5, Tuesday 10.30-11.30, Thursday 12-1, Friday 4-5, Saturday 8-10. Other times can be made available if you have friends that would like to enjoy the sessions together. All times are subject to class numbers. New students who sign up will receive a FREE Junior Tennis Racket!

## Ladies Clinic Program – Monday 9:30-11:30am & Wednesday 9:30-11:00am

The ladies clinic program is always popular and there are limited spaces available. This is a great environment for players whom may want to return to tennis after a break, are a beginner or a competition player right up to section 1 and Pennant. The ladies clinics involve technical, tactical and fitness based activities to meet the individual group abilities. Bookings are now taking place for term 1, 2013

## Boot Camp Tuesday 6.30am -7.30am

If you are looking hit a lot of tennis balls, get the heart rate up and be challenged physically this is the program for you. In this hour you will work with others and motivating coaches to push yourself to your limits and hopefully have fun with others while doing it. Standard is no barrier, all is required is your effort to achieve your outcome. Please note that we will be having boot camps running from Mon 10th Dec- Thurs 13th and Monday 17th Dec- Thurs 20th Dec for those wanting to work off that overdosing on Xmas breakups and preparing for the New Year. Please call the office early if interested

## Clinic Programs During School Holidays

We have 5 clinics over the holiday break which include 2 in December and 3 in January incorporating the AAMI Classic and the Australian Open. Please go to the web site [www.kitacoaching.com](http://www.kitacoaching.com) to find all details and sign up procedures.

For all your coaching needs please call Shane in the office on 98246860. Glenn, Shane, Silvia and all the coaching staff hope you have a great break and enjoy the tennis in January!

**Glenn Busby** Director

Kooyong's Gemma Seeley  
with Lleyton Hewitt and Codey Gunn



# SQUASH NEWS

## TWO JUNIORS HEADING OVERSEAS FOR COMPETITION

Sam Ejtemai, 16, and Taylor Flavell, 18, have made the decision to compete in Europe and the USA in December/January. Both players want to improve their world rankings and gain more experience in international events. Sam and Taylor are both coached by Sarah Fitzgerald. Sam will play in the USA and Canadian Junior Championships while Taylor will compete in both the British and Scottish Junior Championships and will attend an intensive training camp in Scotland under former world ranked player Roger Flynn who at one stage was assisting Sarah Fitzgerald when Sarah was at her peak.

## SQUASH PRESENTATION NIGHT

A cocktail style night was a great success with many of the older players coming along to welcome the new generation of players. Kooyong has fifteen juniors playing within our sixteen pennant teams.

### Significant awards were won by:

**Jason Holmes.** 15 year old Jason was awarded the Neale Fraser award for the most outstanding pennant player. Jason played three seasons without a defeat. Starting in the lowest grade, Jason has moved to B grade with the goal of playing A Grade in next season's pennant.

**Lincoln Dundas.** Started his racquet skills with tennis and has turned to squash and has become a skillful squash player. He is the son of Lou Dundas who played 766 pennant games for Kooyong. Lincoln is captain of our B Grade team who are a chance to win the pennant this season and he was awarded the John Young trophy for the most improved player.

### Other major achievements included:

#### 600 GAMES

**Jeremy Sneddon.** Can Jeremy Sneddon overtake his dad, Barry, who played 818 games of pennant for Kooyong?

#### 500 GAMES

Richard Bowman  
John Matheison  
Peter Dixon

#### 400 GAMES

John Piccolo

## AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships were both an individual and teams event in a state vs state format. The winning State team was Western Australia with Victoria hot on their heels. The Victorian team had 14 representatives and eight of those players were from Kooyong. Taylor Flavell, 19 year girls, made the final but was unfortunately beaten by Natalie Newton in five tough games. Sam Ejtemai, 17 year boys, won this event last year in the 15 year old division, stepped up this year to the boy's 17 division. In a marathon five setter Sam was beaten by Darwin's Rhys Dowling who claimed his 5th national crown. Jacob Oates and Jason Holmes, 15 Year Boys, played a marathon match in the quarter finals and at 10 all in the 5th Jacob managed to get over the line 13/11. Victoria Leow, 17 year girls, reached the semi final of this event, played off for 3rd or 4th spot, finished 4th. Aeron Skidmore, 17 year girls, beaten in the second round but went on to win the play off for 12th position. Tate Norris, 13 year boys, was beaten in the second round but went on to win the play off for 12th position. Darcy St John, 19 year boys, was beaten in the second round but in the play offs he finished in 9th place.

## SQUASH PLAYERS TARGET WORLD RECORD TO BACK 2020 OLYMPIC BID

Squash players all over the world united to create the biggest squash match in history, with two teams playing in one global event designed to back the sports bid for a place in the 2020 Olympic games. World Squash Day founder Alan Thatcher said, "We quickly moved forward from 10,000 players to 15,000 and in a matter of days we could see we were getting close to 20,000. I wanted to witness that historic moment and stayed up half the night to see it happen." "Kooyong Squash Club registered their event just before 3am and the number of players they registered took the total number just beyond 20,020. I tweeted the news to the world, and went to bed a very happy man!"

How good is that!

**Colin Cruikshank** President



Jacob Oates

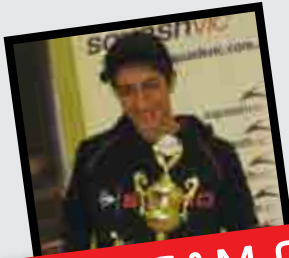


Rising Squash Stars



John Piccolo





**NAME: SAM EJTEMAI**

**AGE: 16 PENNANT GRADE: A1 #1**

**AUSTRALIAN RANKING: #2**

**PLAY L/H OR R/H: RH**

#### Squash Achievements:

- 2011 Canadian Junior Champion,
- 2011 Australian junior champion
- 2012 Australian junior open champion

#### Most admired sportsperson/why?

Roger Federer. Not only is he a great athlete and has amazing skills, he shows amazing class on and off court.

#### Greatest influence on squash career/why?

My parents. From when I can remember they would drive me to training stay the whole time and watch. Day in and day out they would support me 100% in my choices and never put any pressure on me to win. Without them I would not be where I am now.

#### Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

Watching Roger Federer beat Andy to become the greatest tennis player ever played. It was an amazing match to watch.

#### What goals have you set for yourself in squash?

I would like to make the top ten in the world.

#### What do you enjoy most about pennant squash?

I love the fact that on court the match is very competitive but off court everyone is friendly and easy to talk to.

#### If you weren't a squash player what would you be?

I have always like racquet sports so I think I would be a tennis player.

#### What do you do outside squash?

I really enjoy relaxing with friends and family and playing card games such as poker.

#### How much time do you spend developing your squash each week?

I spend around 20 hours a week on my squash game.

#### What sacrifices are required to play squash at a high level?

To be a high level squash player I have to make a few sacrifices. I have to watch what I eat, make sure I get enough sleep and I can remember countless weekends were I would have to give up my weekend to go to training camps.



**NAME: TAYLOR FLAVELL**

**AGE: 18 PENNANT GRADE: B3**

**AUSTRALIAN RANKING: #3 U/19**

**PLAY L/H OR R/H: RH**

#### Squash Achievements:

- 2012 No.1 Junior Female – Victoria
- 2012 No.3 Junior Female – Australia
- Winner 2011 Victorian Junior Xmas Cup
- 2012 Oceania Junior Champion, Girls
- 2012 Australian Junior Open - 5th U/19 girls
- 2012 Australian Junior Champs - Runner -up U/19 girls
- Member Squash Victoria AJC Team
- Member Australian U/21 Squad
- Current world ranking - 116

#### Most admired sportsperson/why?

The sportsperson I admire most is definitely Nicol David - world no.1 women's squash player for over 6 years now. I admire her because she has had the ability and strength to own women's squash for such a long time in such a strong era of squash. She simply is amazing.

#### Greatest influence on squash career/why?

It would have to be my coach, Sarah Fitz-Gerald. I have only been working with Sarah for about a year now but the amount of work and effort she has put into me has really encouraged me to become a better player and to do my best at all times. Her own achievements in squash are incredible.

#### Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

The All Blacks rugby team winning the Rugby World Cup 2011 - classic kiwi favourite.

#### What goals have you set for yourself in squash?

At the moment my goal is to get into the top 75 on the Women's World rankings in a year's time. Long term I would love to be able to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games, hopefully the Olympic Games and become one of the top women players in the world.

#### What do you enjoy most about pennant squash?

Pennant squash is a lot of fun because it's not as competitive as a world tour tournament. I love spending time with my star B3 team - they always love a bit of banter and hearing my stories from previous tournaments.

#### If you weren't a squash player what would you be?

Either a tennis player - as I played for about 8 years from age 4, before I swapped to squash at the age of 12, or I would have loved to be an actress. As a young teenager I loved drama and acting.

#### What do you do outside squash?

When I'm not on court, I study part time as a personal trainer with Australian Institute of Fitness. As a teenage girl, I also spend time catching up with friends from overseas, online or on my mobile phone!

#### How much time do you spend developing your squash each week?

I usually spend 6 days on court, sometimes twice a day - whether it is a coaching session, routines with a fellow player, a solo hit or a match. I am usually in the gym 3-5 times a week as well trying to improve my body strength and fitness for squash.

#### What sacrifices are required to play squash at a high level?

The biggest sacrifice that I have had to make is leaving behind my friends and family whilst travelling. Nothing beats being at home with familiar faces, getting back into your normal training routine and a home cooked meal.



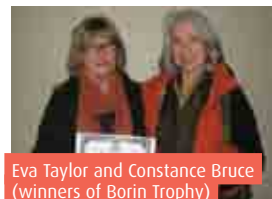
# Bridge News

Our Monday and Tuesday Bridge Groups continue to thrive with a never ending variety of activities.

The Jim Borin Trophy Event for which players competed over three weeks, was won by Constance Bruce and Eva Taylor with runners-up being Susie Hawkins and Leeron Branicki. The RACV Bridge Club visited for a wonderful social evening with a superb dinner then Duplicate and the Kooyong winners on this occasion were Jenny Biggin and Marilyn Busietta. The November Red Point Swiss Pairs Congress continues to be a popular and special event in the Melbourne Bridge Calendar and was booked out several weeks beforehand. The October Annual General Meeting attracted a large number of Members followed by some socialising over drinks and nibbles. Congratulations to the new Committee Members being Dale Christensen and Paulina Baker and the re-elected members being Bruce Higgs (Treasurer) and Anthea Gedge. The balance of the 2012/2013 Committee are then Leeron Branicki (President), Roger Kenna (Secretary), Alfred Branicki, Elizabeth Neal and Diana Wilson. A chronological history

of the Kooyong Bridge Club has been completed covering the period from its inception to now and printed copies are available. Christmas activities for our Club will include Christmas afternoon tea with trophy presentation for the Monday Group on 10th December. For the Tuesday evening group the celebrations will include Dinner with trophy presentations followed by the final bridge game for the year on 11th December. For 2013 we will resume duplicate games on Monday 4th February and Tuesday 29th January. Each Member will receive an activities schedule and Information sheet in the mail in January. I am sure all our Members will agree we had an exceptional year around the bridge tables and that it is a pleasure to attend our Bridge Club. The Kooyong Staff in all areas of our Club have been very supportive and helpful and we thank them and wish everyone a great Festive Season.

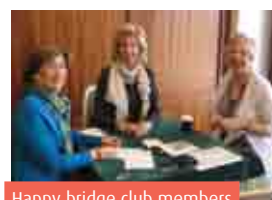
**Leeron Branicki**  
President



Eva Taylor and Constance Bruce  
(winners of Borin Trophy)



First photo is of Jenny Biggin and Marilyn  
Busietta (RACV v Kooyong winners)



Happy bridge club members

## Billiards and Snooker Report

by Alistair Macindoe

### A GRADE BILLIARDS

The billiards team is on track to make the finals, being in fourth place on the ladder with two matches to go. This year's competition has been remarkably even, so a high finish is possible. No one player has stood out this year, but we are muddling through.

### KOORYONG REGAINS THE SANDRINGHAM-KOORYONG CUP

In October, Kooyong triumphed 7 frames to 5 in the annual social match against the Sandringham Club, played at Sandringham. The rivalry is now ten years old. Harry Andrews had the top break of the night, a courageous run of 28. As ever it was a fun night, with frames decided by fractions.

### VICTORIAN BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

This championship was recently decided at the Yarraville Club. Steve Mifsud added another title by defeating 18 times champion David Collins by a wide margin. Steve made a magnificent 382 break in the Final. Four players from Kooyong entered; Don Richter, David Pitt, Simon Fortune and Alistair Macindoe. Alistair had some success, making the final of the losers' contest, before being crushed by potting machine Rudy Sulamein. Pictured is Alistair (on the right) and his semi-final opponent Ryan Bowland of Bendigo.

### LESSONS IN TECHNIQUE

We are looking at bridges again. When you're shooting parallel to the cushion, you often have to improvise a bridge. Here our expert Neil Machlachlan shows us how he copes with this awkward situation, he uses a loop bridge to hold the cue very steady. Notice how his middle, ring and little fingers grip the cloth on the bed of the table and on the cushion for steadiness.

With these shots it's best not to hit the ball too hard; they are tough shots, and making the pot should be your primary aim. Next time we'll look at yet another tricky situation when the cue ball is near the cushion.

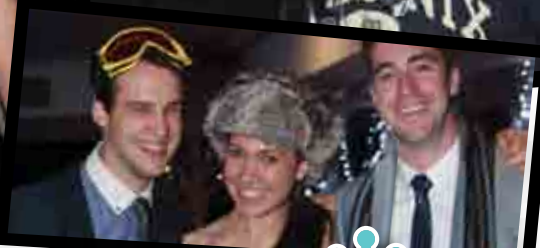
### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Billiards is very similar to snooker, except there are only three balls and no one watches it."

- Steve Davis 1990. Steve won the World Professional Snooker Championship six times in the 1980's.



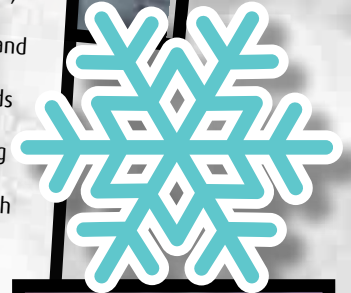




# Young Members

It is with great pleasure that I can formally announce to the club of the welcoming back to the foray of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club "Young Members Committee". After a period of time away it has fallen upon a new generation to take the lead in revitalising this important aspect of our club. It is the committee's goal and sole aim that we keep our young members informed, entertained and involved in each and every aspect of our upcoming events and club activities. Our first event this year was held in conjunction with our friends at Royal South Yarra Tennis Club in the revitalisation of the infamous Yarrayong Ball. Our theme was Apre Ski and our young members turned out in force with one hundred attendees from our end and two hundred and forty attending the night over all! The Champagne was flowing, music pumping and we enjoyed a photo booth to remember the night and the after party at 'Pretty Please' was a super success with door to door service. Kooyong Young Members Committee welcomes Royal South Yarra to next year's ball as we play our roll in hosting the event. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Chris Brown in allowing and supporting our committee in our endeavours in creating a fun and entertaining aspect and helping make each event possible and all of my committee members Mark, William and Jacinta.

Nathan Lodge  
President







JJ Winning Doubles Pair - Francois and Marguerite Baud



Social Committee members Cindi Damian, Frankie Crowhurst, Jenny Silvers and Rowan Harris welcome the 007 Aston Martin

As we head into the festive season and our end of year function 'Jazz on the Balcony' on Sunday 2nd December, we sincerely thank our fellow KLTC members for their continued support and participation in our social and tennis events. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day for the JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin held on the 14th October.

It was a huge success with 70 members playing on 16 courts. This was our biggest Round Robin to date. The overall winning couple was Francois and Marguerite Baud. The overall male winner was Chris Barnett and the women's was Georgia MacDougall. Congratulations to all winners and special thanks to the Court Captains for keeping the games running so efficiently.

140 people attended our 'Bond is Back' Dinner on Saturday the 15th of September. Members arrived in sartorial 007 glamour, suitably 'dressed to Kill!'

Giant Martini glass centerpieces adorned the tables, whilst a video montage of all the 007 agents from the past 50 years of Bond films screened on the monitors throughout the Kooyong Room.

From the first song that Mike and the Party Band played the guests were up and on the dance floor where they remained dancing the night away. Thank you to Mike Daglish and the band for helping make the night the huge success it was. The winner of Best Dressed Female was Fiona Chandler and Best Dressed Male, Michael Kirwan.

We gratefully acknowledge the very generous raffle prize donations received from Tennis Australia Corporate Hospitality, The Racquet Club, Absolute Tennis and Leisure, The Kooyong International Tennis Academy and the Kooyong Gymnasium. Proceeds from the raffle support the Kooyong Foundations Junior Development Program.

JJ Overall Male winner - Chris Barnett with (L to R) Felicity Taylor, Melissa Fielding, Andrew Munday, Andrea Purvis and Natalie Postma



Please mark these tentative dates in your diary for 2013

### Friday 22nd February

Happy Hour on the Sedgman Terrace

### Sunday 17th March

Lunch & Winery Tour  
(Members and guests)

### Sunday 21st April

KLTC/RSY Social Tennis Tournament  
(Members only event) followed by drinks & canapés in the Sir Norman Brookes Room.

### Sunday 26th May

Mixed Doubles Round Robin  
(Members and guests) followed by drinks & canapés in the Sir Norman Brookes Room.

### Friday 19th July

Happy Hour in the Winter Garden

### Saturday 31st August

Social Committee Annual Dinner  
Dance, Kooyong Room (Members and guests)

### Sunday 13th October

JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin  
(Members and guests) followed by drinks & canapés in the Sir Norman Brookes Room.

### Sunday 1st December

Christmas BBQ on the Terrace  
(Members and guests)

Please remember to book early to avoid disappointment. Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season and we look forward to seeing you for a 'Hit & Giggle, Mix & Mingle' in the New Year!

**Cindi Damian**  
President



# Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary



The **Royal Children's**  
**Hospital** Melbourne

**A**s Christmas fast approaches and the 2012 year draws to a close, I look back on a very successful year with our fundraising for the hospital.

Commencing with the Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament last March, we had a record entry, over 300 players, followed by our two Card Days in April and September, which proved very popular.

A new event this year, the Christmas Dinner in July was well supported and our final function, the Trivia Night in October, was a great success.

Overall, our functions raised in excess of \$12,000, which is an excellent result. The Committee has one further function early in January, tickets including lunch, for the AAMI Classic to be held at Kooyong on Wednesday, 9th January 2013.

Booking forms are available at Kooyong for this event.

As always our Committee is very fortunate to have the great support of all the Kooyong staff for the successful operation of our functions.

In this regard and on behalf of myself and all my Committee, I sincerely thank Kooyong's CEO, Chris Brown, Kristina, Tim and all the bar staff and especially Chris, the chef, and all his kitchen staff for all the fabulous food they present for us.

Finally, as the President of the Auxiliary, I congratulate my Committee for all their hard work through the year and join with them in wishing all our members and their friends a very happy and safe Christmas break and we look forward to your continued support for the hospital in the coming year, 2013.

**Marie Devereux**  
President

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Jenny, Caroline, Pam and Frances enjoying lunch at the recent RCH Card Day



# Wine & FOOD

## SOCIETY

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

This special event was superb from start to finish. Chris Goulding and his team created a magnificent menu - an impressive display of culinary talents which inspired the taste buds. Patrice Renaudin excelled with champagne and a wonderful mix of wines from different regions, chosen skillfully to complement each course. Congratulations to all the KLTC team for their dedication, creativity and exemplary service. A written brief history of the Society was distributed and short stories were presented by three living legends: Terry Fraser, Tim Cawthorn and Joe Devereux. A slideshow featuring photographs from past events over many years provided nostalgia and happy memories. Many members were pleased to see again Pamela Middleton, Life Member of the Society. Each guest received the personal gift of a Royal Doulton mini photo frame, as a memento of the occasion. Entertainment was provided with singing by Alexandra Lidgerwood and music by Emilio's Jazz Machine. Our 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner was certainly a night to remember!

### UPCOMING EVENT

Christmas Function - Friday 30 November. Our final event for 2012 will be a Winemaker's Dinner in the Racquet Club, featuring wines by Taltarni.

### MEMBERSHIP OF WINE & FOOD SOCIETY

New Members are most welcome - details can be found on the Kooyong Website under Members Groups, Wine & Food Society.

We look forward to welcoming you to another exciting year of great wine, food and camaraderie with fellow members, guests and friends.

Best wishes to one and all for the joy of the festive season - we hope the New Year is filled with good health, peace, success and happiness.

Christine Johnson | President

### 2013 DIARY DATES

- SATURDAY 23 MARCH - The Melbourne Club
- FRIDAY 24 MAY - Racquet Club
- FRIDAY 19 JULY - Kooyong Room, Themed Night
- OCTOBER - Date and Venue to be confirmed
- FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER - Racquet Club Christmas Function





# HEALTHCLUBNEWS

It is encouraging to see more members utilising Kooyong Health Club consistently and achieving noticeable results. The club has recently upgraded the cardiovascular area with two new cross trainers and exercise bikes. The weights area has a new hack squat machine, which is designed for strength, power, and leg development. A new energy has emerged into the gym with 3 new talented & dedicated trainers. Each one specialises in a different area of fitness.

Here is an insight into their skills that can help members into a healthier lifestyle.

## SONJA

Hi, my name is Sonja Mihelyi. Through personal experiences, as well as my University studies (Bachelor of Exercise Science and Nutrition), I have developed a passion for helping members achieve a balanced lifestyle through exercise and healthy eating. Exercise is important for all domains of health and in the prevention of many

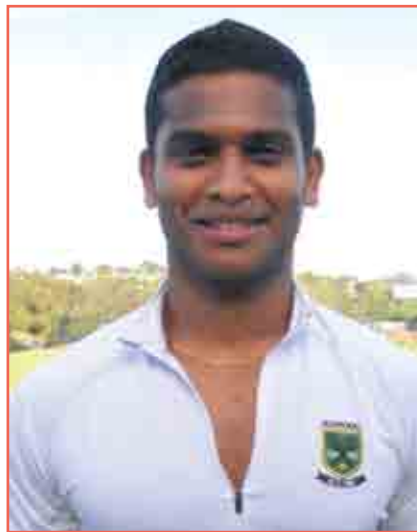


lifestyle diseases. The need for exercise varies for person to person. I believe that my tailored programs allow me to work with all different individuals. As a personal trainer, the need of the member always come first as it is my job to make them feel comfortable and confident. Therefore, the goals and needs of the member drive the program design. As our generation spends majority of its time in a sedentary state, my main focus on all my clients is posture correction and functional exercises, in order to prevent injuries and back issues in the future. The most rewarding part of my job is watching

my clients positively change their lives both mentally and physically. This quote inspired me to want to help others change their lives. 'With realization of one's own potential and self-confidence in one's ability, one can build a better world.' – Dalai Lama

## YOGI

Hi, my name is Yogi and I am a Personal Trainer at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. I am a result oriented Personal Training Professional who specialises in designing exercise and nutrition programs that



maximise workout efficiency and develop an overall sense of well being. I tailor programs to the individual needs of my clients, as everyone is different; goals are different, fitness levels vary between people, dietary habits and requirements are not the same and body shape is unique. The program that I specify therefore aligns with the particular needs of my client, and dynamically changes during the course of our sessions as lifestyles and circumstances change! I have completed a Certificate III and IV in personal training and gym instruction and since then, I have helped several members share in this feeling of personal empowerment and overall health. My passion is to share what I have learned about maintaining health and fitness within everyday life. Nothing satisfies me more than experiencing my client's confidence grow as their body changes, seeing the smile on their face when they achieve their personal goals and sharing the excitement when they have to purchase a new wardrobe!

## JOHN

Hi, my name is John Cooper and I have now been one of the personal trainers at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club for a little over 8 months. I am an enthusiastic and motivated trainer who works hard to help others reach the fitness goals, including recovering from injury, illness or surgery. I have always had an interest in fitness through sports and physical activities, sports ranging from tennis, golf, cricket, basketball to football. I have been playing Aussie Rules Football since the age of 5 and played in the VFL Development competition for the past 2 years. I have always been a big believer of using correct technique when training to reduce the risk of injuries and increase training benefits, such as weight loss, strength gains and improvements to Cardiovascular fitness. I began in the fitness industry as a swim instructor and swim coach and through my knowledge of swimming I have been able to train members in the pool at Kooyong and help in their rehabilitation and recovery even after a big training session or event. Through personal experiences from my own training and studying I have learnt many different training techniques and through a Level 1 Kickboxing qualification, Certificate 3



& 4 in Fitness and Diploma of Sport and Recreation (specialising in Facilities). I look forward to helping anyone who is interested please do not hesitate to contact me for any training or rehabilitation needs.

**If you have any enquires regarding the Health Club Activities you can contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull on Mobile: 0419 003 762 or Phone: 9822 3333.**

<p><b>DEC</b></p>	<p><b>2nd</b> Social Committee Jazz on the Terrace</p>	<p><b>10 &amp; 11th</b> Bridge Club Christmas Activities</p> 	<p><b>15 &amp; 16th</b> Wayne Arthurs Cup</p>
<p><b>25th</b> Christmas Day Buffet Lunch See ad below</p>	<p><b>JAN</b></p>	<p><b>UP CLOSE AND</b> <i>Classic</i> <b>JANUARY 9th-12th 2013</b> KOOYONG, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA</p>	<p><b>FEB</b></p>
<p><b>16th, 17th, 23rd &amp; 24th</b> Club Championships</p>	<p><b>22nd</b> Social Committee Happy Hour Drinks</p> 	<p><b>MARCH</b></p>	<p><b>2nd, 3rd</b> Club Championships (if required)</p>
<p><b>4th</b> Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Tennis Day</p>	<p><b>15th</b> President's Lunch</p>	<p><b>17th</b> Social Committee Winery Tour</p>	

**Tuesday 25th December 2012, 12.00pm—3.00pm**

A delicious buffet luncheon including fresh seafood and baked ham with traditional Christmas trimmings!

Cost: \$110.00 for Adults and \$55.00 for Children (ages 5-15). Drinks at bar prices Bookings close on Wednesday 19th December 2012 (or when sold out)



*Christmas day lunch*



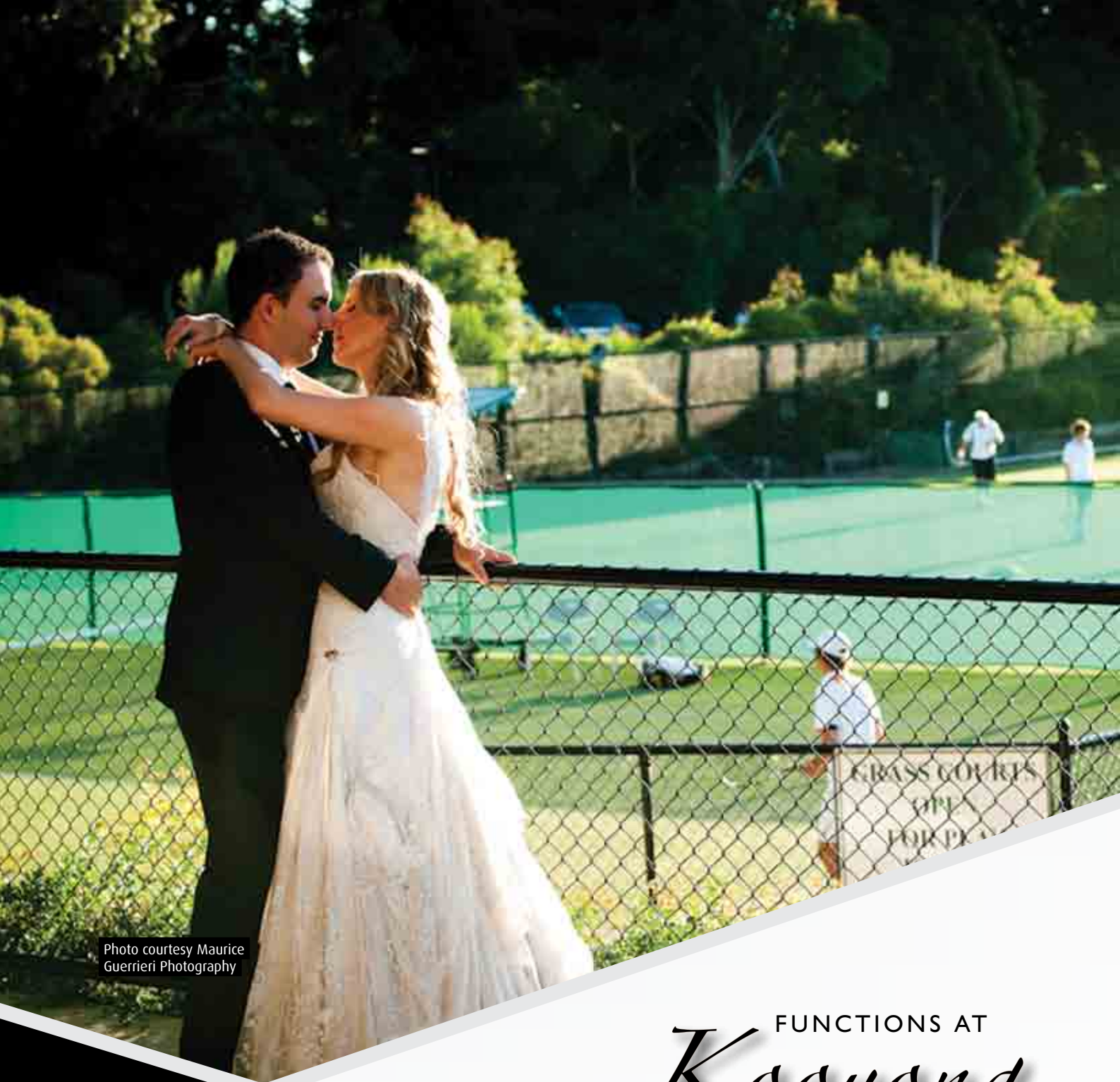


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## FUNCTIONS AT *Kooyong*

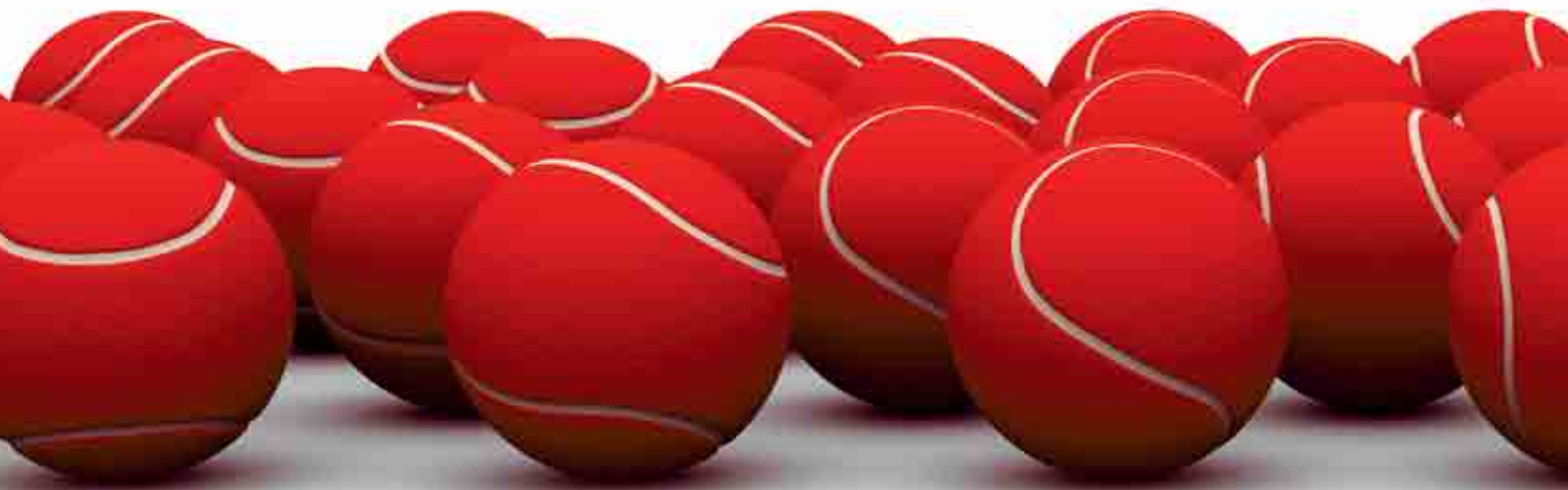
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Please contact our Functions staff on 9822 3333 for more information.

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