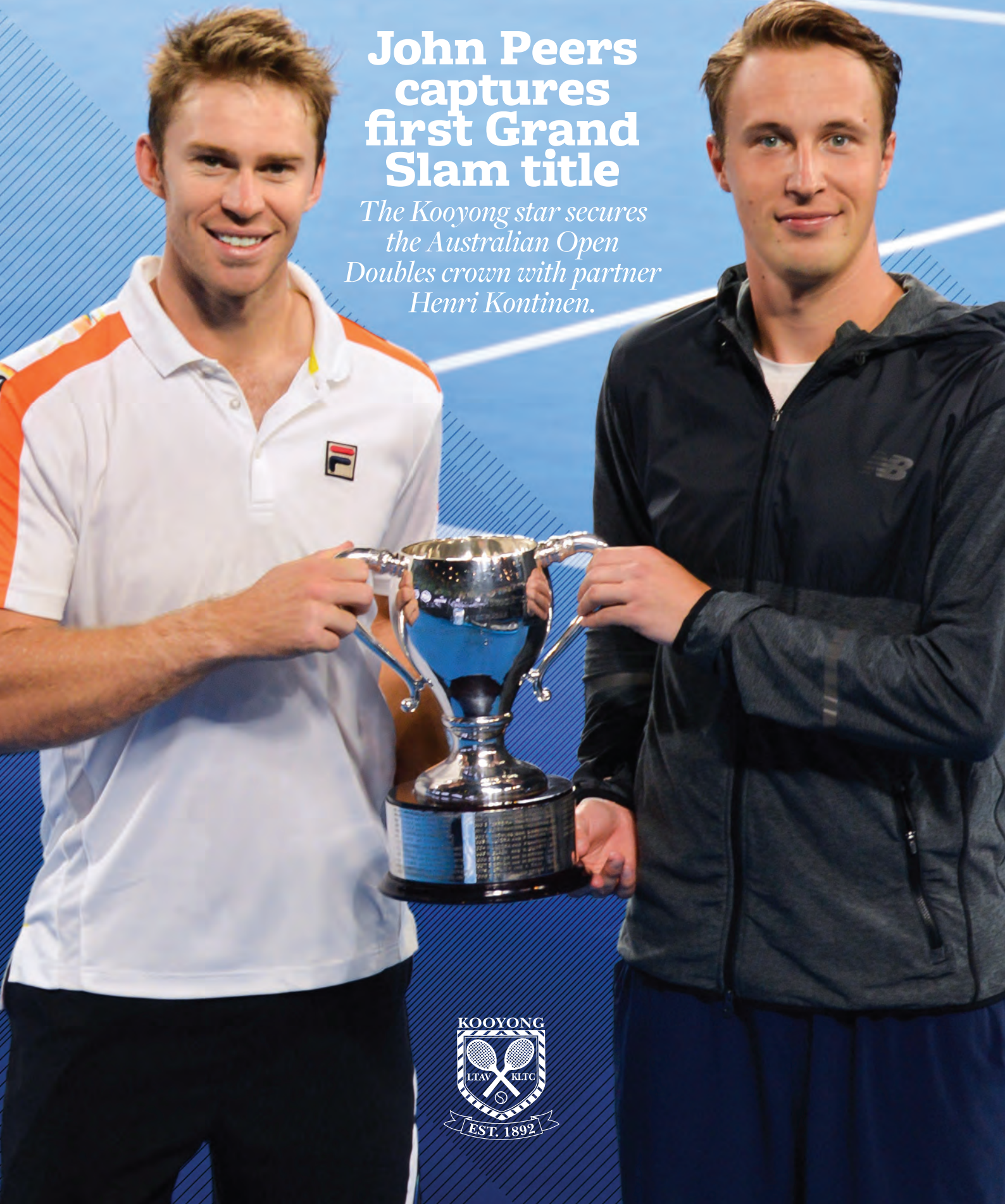


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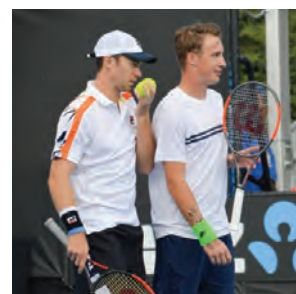
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# Kooyong's John Peers Wins Australian Open Doubles Title

Kooyong's John Peers has won his first Grand Slam title after capturing the Australian Open Doubles crown with his partner Henri Kontinen in late January.



◀ John Peers hits a forehand in the pair's second round win.  
 ▼ The home town atmosphere was fantastic in the final against the Bryan brothers.  
 ▶ Talking tactics: Peers and Kontinen talk it over.



In an unbelievable fortnight for Kooyong Foundation Scholarship holders, Peers put the cream on top with a virtuoso performance in a classic final against the legendary Bryan brothers.

Having come through some tough matches, especially their third round win against Colombians Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah where they won 6/7 7/6 7/6 before facing off with Sam Groth and Chris Guccione in the quarterfinals.

Peers and Kontinen didn't put a step wrong to defeat the big serving Australians 7/5 6/3 to setup a semi final against fellow Kooyong Foundation Scholarship holders Andrew Whittington and Marc Polmans, who had been on a giant killing run of their own including wins over the 11th, 8th and top seeds.

Polmans and Whittington had defeated the number 8 seeds, Daniel Nestor and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, in the second round after losing the first set 6/0 before defeating the 11th seeded pair of Jean-Julien Rojer and Horia Tecau in two tiebreaks.

The match against the top seeds was another fantastic

performance by the young pair who defeated two of the best doubles players in the world 7/6 2/6 6/4.

In a great match between three of Kooyong's finest products Peers and Kontinen continued their run with some clutch serving and solid all round play to defeat the young Kooyong duo 6/4 6/4.

The final was another brilliant match with the Bryan brothers hoping to break the record for the most doubles Grand Slam wins but the Australian and Finnish combination got the crucial break late in the first set to edge closer to their maiden Grand Slam title.

The second set was more of the same as both pairs tried valiantly to get the crucial break but it took a sublime lob on match point from Peers to secure the Australian Open title and what an exciting moment it was as the crowd including many family and friends erupted as they won 7/5 7/5 over the famous Bryan brothers.

Congratulations must go to everyone involved with John over the years and it was an absolute treat to see him win his first Grand Slam title in front of his home town crowd! ■



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## Davis Cup Returns to Kooyong

Kooyong has again hosted a first round tie, this time against the Czech Republic.



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Peter Carew, President

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**CEO'S REPORT**

**Kooyong Members have enjoyed a great summer** of tennis with the Kooyong Classic leading in to the Australian Open late in January.

Not only were we treated to another great tournament at Kooyong to start the month, we watched with great pleasure as six of our own Members made their way through in the main draw of the Australian Open the week following.

It was wonderful to see the early round success for Andrew Whittington, the first Grand Slam appearance for Destanee Aiava and a semi-final of the men's doubles featuring three Kooyong players on court.

Congratulations to John Peers on his first Grand Slam title with partner Henri Kontinen.

The return of Davis Cup in February saw our club again the centre of attention and the Australians on this occasion were victorious over the Czech Republic.

In the weeks that followed, we saw the Club Championships played out for tennis and squash. Numbers across the grades were again high and congratulations to all who competed including Daniel Byrnes and Binasa Beslagic for taking out the titles in the Open section of the tennis, Cam White and Christine Nunn in the squash and David Pitt and Don Richter in the billiards and snooker respectively.

The year has kicked off with all our club groups active, and included another successful RCH tennis day which raised more than \$16,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital. The Wine & Food Society dinner in March featured "Tastes Of King Valley", the Bridge group have been busy since New Year, while a "Longest Lunch" and later a tennis day have been early events for the Social Committee.

Weekly EDM's will detail all upcoming events and any Members not currently receiving these are encouraged to log on, and be kept updated about all the opportunities to enjoy during the year.



**Chris Brown, CEO**

**A** good deal has happened at the Club since my last report to the members in Courtside. The Priceline Kooyong Classic was a great success with the introduction of women players and we were treated to some great tennis over four days with the eventual winners being world number 11 David Goffin defeating world number 20 Ivo Karlovic 7-6 after a five hour rain delay while Yanina Wickmayer defeated Sorana Cirstea 6-4.

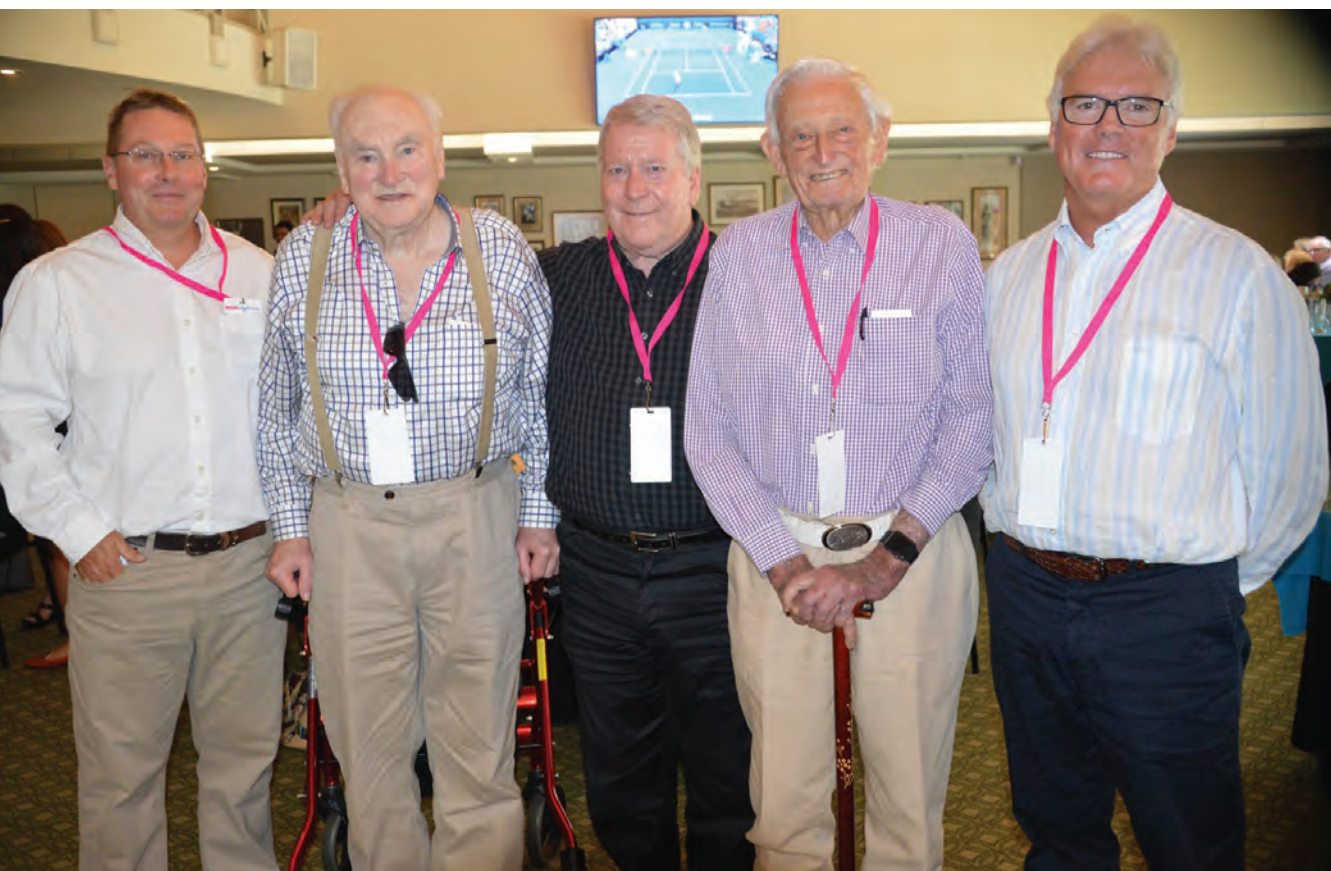
Kooyong was at its most colourful with the Priceline pink, the Stella Artois red and white and of course the hands free drive to the sky Jaguar. Many thanks to our partner IMG and tournament director Peter Johnston for their efforts in making it such a successful event, and of course all the staff at Kooyong who work so hard to make it so enjoyable.

The Australian Open showcased the success of the Kooyong Foundation so well led by Peter Quinn. There were six Kooyong Foundation Scholarship players in action. John Peers and his sister Sally, Omar Jasika, Andrew Whittington, Marc Polmans and Destanee Aiava made the Club proud with their efforts and I would be surprised if there was any other club in the world that could boast 6 members of their club playing in any Open event around the world.

The successes don't end there and can be seen throughout this issue of Courtside.

The funding for the Kooyong Foundation comes from many sources including members of our club who donate generously each year and it is hoped that the success this year will encourage more members to be even more supportive when subscription time comes around again in August.

During the Australian Open, as it was our 125th birthday, Kooyong had the honour of hosting the International Club luncheon and we were joined by the President of Tennis Australia Steve Healy, the USTA President Katrina Adams, the Chairman of the All England Tennis Club Philip Brooke and the President of the French Tennis Association Jean Gachassin. They got to sit together with family and friends without any official duties in the early afternoon of the men's final and all enjoyed the collegiality, food and ambience of the spiritual home of Australian tennis.



▲ It was great to see all of Kooyong's past and present Presidents in one room at this year's Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic with Ian Hill, Terry Fraser, Peter Quinn, Joe Devereux and Peter Carew enjoying the day.

The Davis Cup came straight after the Australian Open and again Kooyong was delighted to host the event. The Australian team included Kooyong's John Peers playing in the doubles and this time Australia won, much to the delight of the crowd.

Our Club championships have come and gone and we have two new Club tennis champions in Daniel Byrnes, who won his second title, and Binasa Beslagic, who won the women's title. The squash titles were taken out by Cameron White and Christine Nunn and we congratulate all Club members who competed.

## **Kooyong Master Plan**

Kooyong enters its 125th year with a reputation for development and innovation, providing world class facilities for its members while remaining the spiritual home of Australian tennis. In recent years there have been substantial improvements to the courts and gardens, and of course the iconic clubhouse.

But, despite the excellent opportunities provided for members today, there are challenges that we need to overcome, and further improvements to services and facilities that must be made to ensure the club continues to maintain its reputation as one of the great clubs of the world.

To this end, the Board has been reviewing the Club's master plan in conjunction with architect Bruce Henderson who worked with us on the successful 2009 clubhouse redevelopment.

Based on feedback and practical considerations, the two priority issues that must be addressed are increasing car parking and improving internal traffic flow. There is also desire to make further improvements to amenities and services within the clubhouse.

Kooyong is often busy and parking is regularly close to capacity. In addition, the club's southern boundary crosses land occupied via a leasehold arrangement and it is possible that this land may be reclaimed in future years for railway developments or crossing works. So, we need to ensure the club increases parking on the site, while ensuring alternative arrangements are in place to future proof the property for access and egress.

The layout of the site both constrains and dictates the way forward.

A number of options have been explored including construction of car parking below the grass courts, a major development along the southern roadway, and alternatively, construction of multi-tiered car parking north of the stadium, close to the freeway. These have all been found to be prohibitive in terms of cost, and amenity and access.

The most logical and practical solution which improves parking capacity, traffic flow around the site and opportunities for required additions and improvements to clubhouse facilities, lies with the stadium. Specifically the removal of some upper level sections on the southern and western sides.

The original lower level stands in the stadium were built in 1926, and in 1934 the four upper level sections were added to the north. These sections reflect the integrity of the traditional structure and heritage of the stadium and are considered important to retain. However the other upper level sections added in the late 1950's and early 1960's are not of similar significance and removal of those sections and supporting concrete pillars would free up much needed space. Although these changes would reduce seating, there would still be sufficient capacity to accommodate the needs of events, including the annual Kooyong Classic, and potential Davis Cup ties.

From an ongoing maintenance perspective, this approach also has merit. Members will be aware from previous reports that remedial and protective work has been undertaken to deal with concrete cancer. This treatment is expensive and has a finite life span, and so it is not ideal (financially or otherwise) to maintain all sections of the stadium in the long term.

Freeing up spaces around the stadium would enable our priority requirements and other improvements to be achieved (without impacting the courts) including:

- construction of a two-way road between the clubhouse and stadium to improve access and egress,
- creation of three level car parking west of the stadium increasing capacity by almost 50%,
- extensions of the clubhouse to provide additional squash courts and change rooms,
- expanded health club facilities,
- additional rooms for member groups' activities,
- a new crèche for members' children, and
- new workshop areas for property maintenance.

### Next steps

While the masterplan is progressing, several issues need to be dealt with before detailed plans can be developed and presented to members for consideration.

The club has had preliminary discussions with Stonnington Council. Council has advised that any changes to the stadium structure would require a Planning Permit under the heritage overlay that currently exists. Council has recommended that we lodge a Planning Application to allow formal consideration of the proposal under the permit application process. This is preferable to seeking an amendment to the heritage overlay itself, which would require a separate planning scheme amendment process that would be very difficult particularly insofar as it applies to the original part of the stadium.

We have also had discussions with Melbourne Water regarding proposed works, and because the site is considered a retarding basin, the flood management plan for the site is currently being updated. These discussions have raised concerns about development over a sewer line that runs east west under the property, including sections proposed for construction of the car park. The condition of the structure built in 1907 is currently being investigated and we are seeking to gain in-principle support for the proposed works to enable a Planning Application to progress.



“Kooyong has a history of which we are all proud, and we need to balance in any redevelopment a commitment to recognising that history, while continuing to evolve and meet the needs of members.”

Therefore, we have engaged a panel of expert advisors and consultants headed up by Sally Macindoe of Norton Rose Fulbright to prepare the Planning Application and ensure that a responsible and rigorous approach is undertaken to progress the application to lodgement. Sally is widely acknowledged for her expertise in all aspects of planning law with a particular focus on major project development work. As heritage is a major issue, our consultants also include conservation and heritage architect, Bryce Raworth, who is well regarded by Stonnington and has extensive experience in dealing with similar applications.

The Planning Application (including detailed reports from each of our consultants) is intended to be lodged with Council by mid 2017. From that time Stonnington Council will follow a process to review and seek information relevant to the application, prior to advising the club of a decision.

If the Council decides not to grant a Permit or decides to impose conditions that would be problematic the Board considers the club should exercise its rights to seek a review of that decision in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Whilst this could be a lengthy process, it is considered crucial for the future of the club.

We are, however, hopeful that the application process will achieve a positive outcome. From there we'll be in a position to develop detailed plans to present to members for due consideration. It is important to note that members will ultimately decide if the club is to proceed with any development and member approval would need to be obtained before we commit to any works.



**Peter Carew, President**



# Destanee Aiava Named in First Fed Cup Team

Australia's Fed Cup captain Alicia Molik named Kooyong Foundation star Destanee Aiava alongside fellow Kooyong member Ash Barty as well as Daria Gavrilova and Casey Dellacqua for the Fed Cup World Group II Play-off against Serbia in late April.

**S**ixteen-year-old Aiava announced her presence on the world stage after qualifying at the Brisbane International in January before featuring at the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic. Awarded a wildcard into the Australian Open after winning December's 18's National title, Aiava became the first player born this century to compete in a Grand Slam.

"I'm delighted to name Destanee alongside Dasha, Ash and Casey for this must-win tie against Serbia," Fed Cup captain Alicia Molik said.

"We all saw Destanee's talent and determination during the Aussie summer and I'm really looking forward to seeing her blossom and develop as she matures into a professional tennis player. I'm also very pleased to include another of our young standout players, 17-year-old Jaimee Fourlis, in the squad as orange girl. Jaimee too had a breakthrough summer, winning her first-round match at the Australian Open, and this will be a terrific experience for her.

"Destanee and Jaimee will see first-hand what a fantastic team this is. Dasha, Ash and Casey are a truly professional unit, with a great work ethic and a willingness to put the team first to get the job done. I'm looking forward to a week of hard work, great team spirit, and of course a big win," Molik said.

The team, with the exception of Gavrilova who was already in Europe, had been preparing for the tie at a training camp at Melbourne Park, before heading to Serbia on Easter Sunday.

This was the first time Australia and Serbia had met. Australia went on to win the tie to retain their place in World Group II, the top 16 Fed Cup nations, and the loss for Serbia committed them back to the Europe-Africa Zone.

The tie was played in Zrenjanin, Serbia from 22-23 April with Barty and Gavrilova proving dominant to help Australia get over the line. ■



► **Top** The Serbian and Australian teams shape up prior to the tie.  
**Middle** Kooyong's Destanee Aiava embraces Daria Gavrilova after her singles win.  
**Bottom** Casey Dellacqua, Jaimee Fourlis and Destanee Aiava.

# Davis Cup Returns To Kooyong For Second Straight Year

Kooyong has again hosted a Davis Cup first round tie, this time against the Czech Republic on hardcourt after last year seeing the Americans win on a drop in grass court.



**A**fter a ten year hiatus Kooyong has hosted two ties in two years with this year's first round match being played directly after the Australian Open to give the Australian team a distinct advantage especially without the prospect of having to face the Czech Republic's number one player in Tomas Berdych.

Australia was also without Bernard Tomic which saw Jordan Thompson come into the team to make his Davis Cup debut while Kooyong's John Peers would again feature in the doubles with Sam Groth while Nick Kyrgios again headlined the team.

The Czech Republic team was made up of Jiri Vesely, Jan Satral, Radek Stepanek and newcomer Zdenek Kolar with Australia's Jordan Thompson drawn to get proceedings underway against Vesely on day one.

The first match would set the tone for the tie as Thompson made the most of his debut with a straight sets win 6/3 6/3 6/4 over the 54th ranked Vesely to give Australia the perfect start.

"Unbelievably satisfying," said Thompson, of his first Davis Cup success. "That was the best feeling in my life, I reckon."

Nick Kyrgios was up next against the inexperienced Jan Satral and he immediately stamped himself on the match to ensure the Australians took control of the tie. Kyrgios' solid serving was a key to his straight-set win 6/2 6/3 6/2. He served up 21 aces and a 76 percent record on first serve points won.

"It was a really professional job by Nick today to go out there and get the job done, and to walk away putting us 2-0 up," said Australian captain Lleyton Hewitt.

With Radek Stepanek unable to compete in the doubles, the Czech Republic changed their doubles pairing to feature the two singles players from the first day to hopefully keep the tie alive but Kooyong's John Peers and Sam Groth had other thoughts.

The doubles rubber was another straight forward affair for the Australians despite one early break of serve to neatly wrap up the tie 6/3 6/2 6/2.

► Nick Kyrgios was at his attacking best on day one of the tie.

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▲ Jiri Vesely found Jordan Thompson too much to handle in the opening match.  
► Sam Groth and John Peers continued to build their understanding of each other in a great straight sets win in the doubles.



“It’s never easy to back up what I went through at the Australian Open,” Peers said. “I was on an amazing high afterwards and was very drained for a few days. Wednesday I said to Grothy that I have some mental energy and feeling almost fresh again on court.”

On the final day with two dead rubbers to be played, Groth went down to Vesely 3/6 7/5 6/3 in a tight three set encounter after serving for the match in the second set while Thompson completed the 4 rubbers to 1 rout with a 7/6 6/2 win over Satral to setup a quarterfinal showdown with America in Brisbane in early April.

“We really want to make a good run this year and we’ve given ourselves an opportunity to do that now,” said Lleyton Hewitt, the Australian captain. “We know it’s going to get a lot

tougher along the way. We have a good team going forward and we’re going to look forward to this next quarterfinal.”

In a deal brokered all the way back to 1999, the Australians have hosting privileges against America despite the fact the Americans travelled to Kooyong in last year’s first round tie between the two long-time Davis Cup foes.

In 1999, which happened to be the Centenary year for Davis Cup, America wanted to host the July dated tie that year at the Longwood Cricket Club in Boston, Massachusetts as it was the very site where the first Davis Cup tie took place.

The problem was that it wasn’t the USA’s time to host, as they had hosted the previous tie. The Australians agreed to giving up the home ground on that occasion for the right to have the next two outings against the USA in Australia. ■



► Davis Goffin won his second consecutive Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic title after rain interrupted final day.



# A WEEK

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The Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic saw some huge changes in 2017 including the addition of a women's competition and the inclusion of three of the Kooyong Foundation's rising stars in the player field.

# TERRIFIC TENNIS

**With Andrew Whittington and Destanee Aiava set to play in the Australian Open for the first time it was fantastic to see the two long time scholarship holders get some experience against world class players leading into their home Grand Slam while Marc Polmans also made an appearance later in the event in a great win over Russia's Mikhail Youzhny.**

David Goffin returned to defend the title he won in 2016 and Yanina Wickmayer won the inaugural women's title all while the rain returned to dampen the final day after a terrific week of tennis.

The week got off to the perfect start when Kooyong's own Andrew Whittington stepped out on court to open proceedings against the talented Borna Coric and looked comfortable on the famous Kooyong centre court.

It was a terrific hit out for the 23 year old Whittington despite going down to Coric 6/3 6/4.

Next up was another of Kooyong's rising stars, as Destanee Aiava made her first appearance at the Kooyong Classic in the first women's match for more than 20 years as she took on Romania's Sorana Cirstea and despite looking a bit nervous in the first set she worked her way into the match. »



▲ Bernard Tomic returned to the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic in 2017.



► Seeing Jo-Wilfried Tsonga was one of the week's highlights.

Cirstea used all her experience to garner a 6/1 7/6 win over Australia's brightest prospect since Ash Barty hit the scene several years ago.

The first day was topped off with two fantastic matches as big Ivo Karlovic edged out Gilles Simon in a match tiebreak 6/4 6/7 10/7 and Jerzy Janowicz proved to be too good for Tommy Haas in another match tiebreaker 5/7 6/4 10/4.

Day two started in unfortunate circumstances with Andrew Whittington having to withdraw from his match with Mikhail Youzhny after rolling his ankle early in the first set.

With the Australian Open so close there were no risks being taken and the young star had to make sure he was right to go for the first round in five days time.

The second match saw David Goffin come up against Bernard Tomic for a spot in the Priceline Pharmacy Classic final and it was all Goffin in the first set as he took the opener 6/2.

The second set was much tighter as Tomic attempted to wrest back the momentum but Goffin again proved to be too good as he moved through to another final 6/2 6/4.

Jerzy Janowicz returned on day two to play young Japanese star Yoshihito Nishioka and it was two tight sets in perfect conditions but Janowicz worked his way through Nishioka to win a hotly contested match 7/6 7/6.

The last match was between eventual winner of the women's event Yanina Wickmayer and China's Qiang Wang and the former world number 12 used all of experience to get the upper hand against Wang and book herself a spot in the final with a 6/3 6/4 win.

Day three began with a bang as the crowd was treated with the addition of Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in a match against Borna Coric. The young Croat threw everything at Tsonga but the big Frenchman proved to be too good as he went on to win a close encounter 6/3 7/6.

Destanee Aiava was next on court against China's Qiang Wang and it was an extremely competitive battle as both women tried to gain the ascendancy.

Wang seemed to settle into the match a little bit better in the first set and took it 6/4 before Aiava stormed back into the match and looked likely to take the second set before Wang again used her experience to get the vital break late in the set to secure the straight sets win 6/4 7/5.

The third match saw Russia's Karen Khachanov get a win over Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka in a match tiebreaker 6/4 2/6 10/3 before Marc Polmans came back from a set down in his Kooyong Classic debut against Mikhail Youzhny to upset the Russian star 2/6 6/2 10/7 in an impressive display to finish the day.

The final day was unfortunately cut short due to the inclement weather that continued to sweep across the club but both final were shortened to one set to allow a winner to be crowned.

In the playoff for third and fourth it was Gilles Simon who edged out Bernard Tomic 6/3.

The final saw David Goffin and Ivo Karlovic play out a competitive set in tough conditions in which the Belgian star found a way to win in a tiebreaker to take out back to back titles here at Kooyong.



◀ Clockwise from top left Destanee Aiava enjoyed the media spotlight; she also showed she belonged on the court; Qiang Wang enjoyed the warm up to the Australian Open; Yanina Wickmayer proved to be a class above.

▲ Yanina Wickmayer was the inaugural winner of the Women's title at the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic. ▼ Kooyong's Andrew Whittington went on to win his first round match at the Australian Open and reaching the semi final of the doubles.

## The second match saw David Goffin come up against Bernard Tomic for a spot in the final...

"It's never easy to wait when it is raining and finally we played a set," Goffin said.

"So it was nice to play some tennis today and against Ivo it's always the story of tiebreaks. It was a funny tiebreak and it was nice for the crowd, for the people who stayed all day long just to give them some tennis so it was nice."

In the inaugural women's final it was great to see Yanina Wickmayer make it a Belgian double when she defeated Sorana Cirstea 6/4 in a fantastic foray back into the women's tennis for the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic.

"Well it was tough because we were inside the whole day waiting and I had a big practice already this morning as well," Wickmayer said after receiving the winner's trophy.

"So it was tough to get into the rhythm and get into the match but I tried to do as good as I could and I tried to get my legs moving because that was pretty much the hardest part. I think we both did well going out there trying our best."



It was another great event with the women's event adding a new element which will hopefully build into the future and was a great opportunity for some of the club's rising stars to get some world class exposure leading into the Australian Open.

We look forward to a bigger and better Priceline Pharmacy Classic in 2018! ■

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## Byrnes and Beslagic Take Out Open Titles

The Kooyong Club Championships were again another huge event with near record entries again ensuring the tournament was a huge success.

**W**ith nearly 480 members taking part across the 46 events, the event provided an opportunity for both Playing and Restricted members alike to enjoy and compete on the Club's grass courts across three weekends in February and early March.

In the Open events it was Daniel Byrnes, playing the event for the first time in several years, who was able to etch his name onto the Open trophy for a second time.

Having cruised through his opening few matches, Byrnes then continued his superb form in a clinical win over rising star and new Scholarship holder Josh Charlton 6/0 6/3 in the semi final.

On the other side of the draw, four-time winner David Bidmeade faced Mitch Burman in the semi final after scraping past the much improved Luka Cancar and it was Burman who showed the way early in the match as he ran away with the first set 6/1.

The second set was a tight contest but Burman was able to get the crucial break at 6/5 in the second set to take the match and lock in a spot in his second consecutive final 6/1 7/5.

Byrnes, a four time Victoria Grass Court champion, again showed his prowess on what would have to be his favoured surface as he used every shot in the book to take out his second Club Championship title 6/3 6/2 despite the valiant effort from Burman throughout the match.





◀ Daniel Byrnes uses his deft touch.  
 ▼ Binasa Beslagic won her first Club Championship title at Kooyong.



▲ Left Mary Jayakody and Jasmin Starr played the Under 21's final.  
 Right Daniel Paveska defeated Cooper White in the Under 21's final.  
 ◀ Mitch Burman reached another Men's Open final.  
 ▶ Jasmin Starr & Yiota Nicolaou (centre) defeated Kate Antosik & Laura Langmead in the Women's Open Doubles.

In the Women's Open Singles it was Binasa Beslagic who won her first title when she defeated three time winner Kate Antosik in the final.

Beslagic had defeated Jasmin Starr in the semi final in three sets 4/6 6/3 6/3 while Antosik had come through a straight sets win over Kat Valos 7/5 6/4.

In the final, Antosik had no answers for Beslagic as she won in straight sets 6/2 6/3 to secure the title.

The Men's Open Doubles saw David Bidmeade and Andrew Coelho win the title yet again after they defeated the National 18's champions Jeremy Taylor and Joshua Charlton 6/3 6/0.

The young pair will be worth watching over the next few years as they continue to develop.

In the Women's Open Doubles it was great to see the young pairing of Jasmin Starr and Yiota Nicolaou overcome the reigning champions Kate Antosik and Laura Langmead in a three set battle 4/6 7/6 6/2.

The youngsters had to win three consecutive three set matches to win the title in an impressive effort considering they dropped the first set in two of those matches.

Other events to note include the win by Daniel Paveska over Cooper White 6/4 6/3 in the under 21's final while Jasmin Starr followed up her win in the under 21's last year when she took out the event over Mary Jayakody 6/1 6/1.

It was also great to see so many of the club's junior players in action in the under 12, 14 and 16 events.

Thank you to everyone who played in the event even despite the rain on the second day and we look forward to another great Club Championships in 2018! »



**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

		<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
Event 1	<b>Men's Open Singles</b>	Daniel Byrnes 6/3 6/2	Mitch Burman
Event 2	<b>Men's Open Doubles</b>	David Bidmeade/Andrew Coelho 6/3 6/0	Josh Charlton/Jeremy Taylor
Event 3	<b>Ladies Open Singles</b>	Binasa Beslagic 6/2 6/3	Kate Antosik
Event 4	<b>Ladies Open Doubles</b>	Yiota Nicolaou/Jasmin Starr 4/6 7/6 6/2	Kate Antosik/Laura Langmead
Event 5	<b>Men's 50 &amp; Over Singles</b>	Steve Myers walkover	Greg Spinks
Event 6	<b>Men's 50 &amp; Over Doubles</b>	Ken Cooper/Stephen Gay 6/3 7/5	Peter Gard/Peter Owen
Event 7	<b>Ladies 50 &amp; Over Singles</b>	Wendy Harrison 6/2 6/3	Heather Barwick
Event 8	<b>Ladies 50 &amp; Over Doubles</b>	Leanne Scott/Caroline Venn 6/2 6/2	Wendy Harrison/Sue Thomas
Event 9	<b>Men's 60 &amp; Over Doubles</b>	Dennis Mihelyi/Mark Swindon 6/3 3/6 6/3	Phil Brophy/Steve Myers
Event 10	<b>Men's 100 &amp; Over Doubles</b>	Glenn Busby/Adam Cossar 6/4 1/6 6/4	Ken Cooper/Phil McCall
Event 11	<b>Men's A Grade Singles</b>	Harrison Young 6/3 6/4	Peter Ikosidekas
Event 12	<b>Men's A Grade Doubles</b>	Thomas Pavlekovic-Smith/Elliot Payne 5/7 6/1 6/2	Stephen Doig/Michael Richards
Event 14	<b>Men's B Grade Singles</b>	Lachlan McAndrew 6/3 6/1	William Patton
Event 15	<b>Men's B Grade Doubles</b>	Peter Gard/Lloyd Saville 6/2 6/3	Alex O'Donoghue/Michael Wood
Event 16	<b>Ladies B Grade Singles</b>	Serena Wang 6/4 6/1	Elise Morrison
Event 17	<b>Ladies B Grade Doubles</b>	Sarah Brooks-Gay/Isabelle Gemmel 6/3 6/1	Rosemary Everett/Annie Saville
Event 18	<b>Men's C Grade Singles</b>	Thomas Patton 6/3 4/1 retired	Mariano Frias
Event 19	<b>Men's C Grade Doubles</b>	Chris McKinnon/Robert McKinnon 7/5 6/4	Blake Hillebrand/Ryan Smyth
Event 20	<b>Ladies C Grade Singles</b>	Janine Ross 1/6 6/1 6/3	Holly Feldman
Event 21	<b>Ladies C Grade Doubles</b>	Detje Marcel/Nerissa McLean 7/5 6/3	Priscilla Kiernan/Larnie Morrison
Event 22	<b>Men's D Grade Singles</b>	Mark Teoh 6/3 7/5	Simon Carter
Event 23	<b>Men's D Grade Doubles</b>	David Fountain/Danny O'Brien 6/3 6/2	Paul-Thomas Hicks/Mark Teoh
Event 24	<b>Ladies D Grade Singles</b>	Sharyn Fitzgerald 6/0 6/1	Bridgette Harwood
Event 25	<b>Ladies D Grade Doubles</b>	Mary King/Nalda Mannix 6/0 6/4	Karen Bartram/Gabrielle Campbell
Event 28	<b>Open Mixed Doubles</b>	Mitch Burman/Sophie Vickers 6/1 6/1	David Bidmeade/Molly Polak
Event 29	<b>100 &amp; Over Mixed Doubles</b>	Richard Meyrick/Sue Thomas 6/1 6/4	Bryan Wood/Wendy Harrison
Event 30	<b>B Grade Mixed Doubles</b>	Andres Urrego-Varon/Madeleine Bailey 6/0 6/3	Peter Gard/Siobhan Stagg
Event 31	<b>C Grade Mixed Doubles</b>	Paul Cantarella/Carmel Cantarella 6/3 6/2	Patrick Lennon/Jane Lennon
Event 32	<b>D Grade Mixed Doubles</b>	Michael Cotton/Jacki Tulloch 6/3 6/4	James Egan/Sharyn Fitzgerald
Event 33	<b>Junior Boy's Singles U/21</b>	Daniel Paveska 6/4 6/3	Cooper White
Event 34	<b>Junior Girl's Singles U/21</b>	Jasmin Starr 6/1 6/1	Mary Jayakody
Event 35	<b>U/12 Boy's Singles</b>	Mudiwa Munyimani 6/1 6/2	Maita Munyimani
Event 36	<b>U/12 Boy's Doubles</b>	Maita Munyimani/Mudiwa Munyimani (round robin)	Charlie Hummerston/Paddy Meagher
Event 37	<b>U/12 Girl's Singles</b>	Sienna Opray 6/0 6/0	Caroline Marcel
Event 39	<b>U/14 Boys Singles</b>	Thomas Patton 6/1 7/5	Grant Sandler
Event 40	<b>U/14 Boys Doubles</b>	Thomas Patton/Grant Sandler 6/3 6/1	Alexandre Jaulin/Toby McOmish
Event 41	<b>U/14 Girls Singles</b>	Grace Fountain 6/4 6/3	Emily Harvey
Event 42	<b>U/14 Girls Doubles</b>	Grace Fountain/Paris Rollnik 6/0 6/0	Eliza Seymour/Ruby Seymour
Event 43	<b>U/16 Boys Singles</b>	Cooper White 7/5 7/5	John Amato
Event 44	<b>U/16 Boy's Doubles</b>	Lachlan McAndrew/Max Potter 4/6 6/3 6/4	William Patton/Simon Savage
Event 45	<b>U/16 Girls Singles</b>	Rosin Gilheany 7/6 7/6	Hannah Williams ■



“...it will be a big step to better things in the future”

Stefan Storch

### Storch helps Australia qualify for the Junior Davis Cup Finals

Kooyong Foundation star Stefan Storch was part of Australia’s Junior Davis Cup team that qualified for the finals in New Delhi, India recently.

Storch was named by Tennis Australia to represent Australia in the Junior Davis Asia/Oceania Final Qualifying tournament, along with Rinky Hijikata, Dane Sweeny and captain Ben Mathias.

Storch was honoured to be selected.

“Being chosen for the Junior Davis Cup team is an amazing opportunity and gives me a great chance to play against some top players.”

“It feels incredible because only three players are picked from each country, so hopefully it will be a big step to better things in the future,” Storch said.

On the opening day Australia won all three rubbers against Indonesia, with Storch defeating Bagus Laksono Setyadi 6-2 6-1.

Australia also defeated Singapore without dropping a set, with Storch beating Robin Cheng 6-1 6-4.

In the final group match Storch unfortunately lost his rubber to Korea but teamed up with Ken Cavrak to win the doubles 2-6 6-3 11-9 to ensure to ensure Australia finished top of their group.

In the Quarter Final against Uzbekistan, Storch thrashed Azamat Lukmanov 6-2 6-2.

Rinky Hijikata also won to ensure Australia was one of four teams to qualify for the Finals.

Japan defeated Australia in the Final of the qualifying event.

Storch lost the opening rubber and once again teamed up with Ken Cavrak for the doubles, losing 4-6 4-6.

Japan, Australia, Chinese Taipei and China also qualified for the Junior Davis Cup finals to be played in Budapest, Hungary from 18 to 23 September.

We congratulate Storch and the rest of the team on qualifying and wish them all the best for the finals! »



### PIZZEY CUP

#### Congratulations to the six Kooyong members

recently selected in the Victorian team for the Pizzey Cup to be played on grass in Shepparton from the 29th of April to the 6th of May!

Jasmin Starr again features in the team along with Jemma Carbis, Elise Morrison, Olivia Quigley, Connor Hipwell and Cooper White.

We wish them luck in their pursuit of the National team title!



## Foundation Stars Thrive In Home Grand Slam

**The Kooyong Foundation began 2017 by celebrating** its first senior Grand Slam success with the victory by John Peers and his partner Henri Kontinen in the Men's Doubles at the Australian Open.

This was a triumph to be savoured as John was one of the first boys to be awarded a Kooyong Foundation Scholarship soon after it was established 15 years ago. The Peers name has long been a byword at Kooyong with John's mother, Liz, the winner of a record 14 Club singles titles and sister Sally also a Club singles champion and Wimbledon Junior Doubles winner.

Late last year John and Henri clinched the prestigious ATP World Tour Finals Doubles Championship in London, capping off a superb year in which they emerged as two of the finest doubles players on the circuit.

John followed up his Australian Open success by teaming with Sam Groth early this month to clinch the Davis Cup doubles rubber against the Czech Republic on Kooyong's Centre Court.

The Australian Open saw several Foundation players in action, some of them making their first appearance at that level. The debutants included the highly-promising 16-year-old Destanee Aiava, who gained a wildcard entry into the main draw by winning the 18s National Singles title.

Destanee became the first player born this century to play in the main draw of a Grand Slam and looked very comfortable against Mona Barthel, the former world number 23, going down 6/3, 7/6.

Andrew Whittington was given a discretionary wildcard into the Open and won his first round match against Adam Pavlasek, currently ranked 86, in four sets.

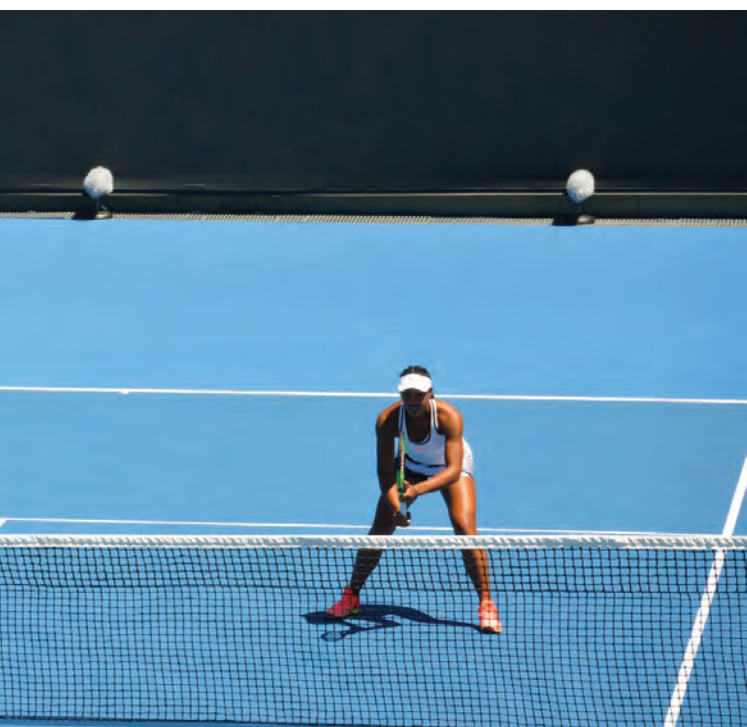
Andrew next came up against the giant-serving Ivo Karlovic, ranked 21 in the world. The Kooyong youngster



The Kooyong youngster put up a fighting performance...

◀ Henri Kontinen & John Peers proved to be too good for Marc Polmans and Andrew Whittington in the Men's Open Doubles at the Australian Open in a historic and memorable match for the club.

▼ Sibling love! It was fantastic to see to long time scholarship holders, John & Sally Peers, play together in the Mixed Doubles at the Australian Open.



▲ Marc Polmans and Destanee Aiava gave us a glimpse into the future when they paired up in the Mixed Doubles at the Australian Open.



## TOP 200 BECKONS FOR

### AIAVA & POLMANS

**Kooyong Foundation stars Marc Polmans and**

Destanee Aiava continue to climb the world rankings with recent successes here in Australia.

Marc has won the past two ITF tournaments in Canberra while Destanee has won titles in Perth and Mornington which will see both players break into the world's top 200 for the first time.

For Destanee it means she will be the first player born this century to reach the top 200 while still just 16 years of age.

Congratulations to both players and we wish you luck for the rest of the year!

put up a fighting performance but found the Croat's power and experience too difficult to overcome.

Andrew then teamed with another Foundation Scholarship player, Marc Polmans, to go on a march through the field in the Open Men's Doubles. Their run included a win over the top seeds before going down to the eventual winners, John Peers and Henri Kontinen, in a semi-final.

That match surely must claim a slice of tennis history because it is extremely unlikely that three members from one club have ever before contested a Grand Slam Doubles semi-final.

Former US Junior Singles and Doubles champion Omar Jasika has continued his great form from late last year where he won the wildcard at the Australian Open play-off in December.

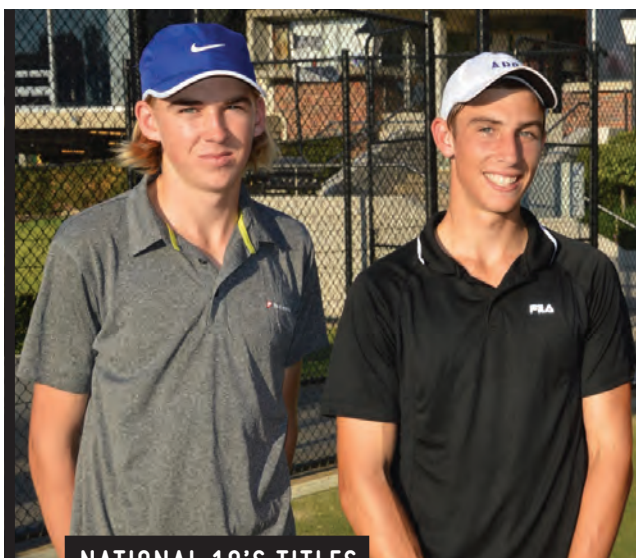
Omar reached the final of the ATP Challenger event in Happy Valley, South Australia, in early January and then put in a strong effort against the former world number three David Ferrer in the first round of the Australian Open.

We congratulate all of our players on a wonderful tournament and look forward to more success in the future! »

► It was great to see another talented group of young players welcomed into the Club via the John Fitzgerald Kooyong Foundation Scholarships.



▼ Josh Charlton and Jeremy Taylor put in a brilliant performance to win last year's 18's National Doubles title.



**NATIONAL 18'S TITLES**

**It was great to see so many of the Club's**

Scholarship holders perform so well at the December Nationals across all of the age groups but we must mention our National champions.

Destanee Aiava locked away a spot in the Australian Open main draw after defeating Jaimee Fourlis 7/5 6/3 in the final of the 18's singles.

Jeremy Taylor and new Scholarship holder Joshua Charlton played a terrific tournament in the 18's doubles to win the title despite being unseeded.

After defeating the top seeds in the first round, Jeremy and Joshua defeated the highly touted Popyrin brothers in the final 6/4 5/7 10/8.

**New Scholarship Players Welcomed Into The Club**

A new group of John Fitzgerald Foundation Scholarship winners were introduced to the Club at the beginning of the month and presented with their membership packs by Davis Cup player Sam Groth.

Club President Peter Carew welcomed the youngsters and their families, outlined the great opportunities provided by the Foundation and also spelt out the high levels of commitment and sportsmanship expected from Scholarship players, both on and off the courts.

A strong level of commitment was clearly on show at the presentation night with the attendance of Elise Morrison, 16, and her parents who had travelled all the way from Swan Hill, a road trip of more than four hours. They were planning to return the same night as Elise had school the next day.

The Swan Hill girl has embraced her Foundation Scholarship even though it is going to mean weekend trips up and back on the train to represent Kooyong in Pennant.

One of the younger players in the new Scholarship group is Mudiwa Munyimani, 10, whose family were originally from Zimbabwe and now live in Berwick.

His coach, Lois Plowman, is a former top Australian player and has been coaching for more than 40 years. She says Mudiwa and his younger brother, Maita, eight, are "amazing talents", eager to learn and a delight to coach.

Both have given strong indications of bright futures in the game with Mudiwa qualifying to play in the national titles against boys two years older than him. While Lois is honing his tennis, Destanee Aiava's father, Mark, is providing strength and fitness conditioning for Mudiwa.

We welcome them all to the club and look forward to following their careers with great interest! ■

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to the Kooyong Foundation in 2016.

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# KITA Coaching

## One of the main focuses of our coaching at Kooyong is

to develop player pathways so the player in question has a goal and a clear direction as to where they are heading with their tennis and what pathways are available. Please refer to our website at [www.kooyongtennisacademy.com.au](http://www.kooyongtennisacademy.com.au) to view the Player Development Path.

One of the strengths of our program is our squad sessions, which cater for multiple levels of abilities and run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4-7 pm and during the day for our elite players. Student/coach ratios are 1:4 ensuring that children get the best out of themselves while receiving quality instruction. We have four levels of squads, this being the Fundamentals, Performance, High Performance and Elite day Squads.

Our Cardio and Boot camp sessions provide more of a fitness workout while hitting plenty of balls. Improve your fitness to play better tennis or improve your tennis with better fitness, whichever way you look at it, it's a win/win! We are looking at developing an adult clinic to provide an opportunity for those to learn all skills of the game while getting an extensive workout during the evening. This would be on a Thursday after 7.30 pm, please contact the Proshop if interested, bring along your friends and meet new members.

We have also added in a Tournament schedule into our School Holiday Clinics. There will be a different format on each day of the clinic where there will be awards and trophies given. This gives the children an opportunity to practice their skills in a match play environment.

We are also very proud to announce the continued success of Andrew Whittington. Andrew, who began his coaching with our Director of Coaching, Glenn Busby, at 7 years of age, took advantage of a Wildcard he received at this year's Australian Open and went on to win his first round in the singles main draw and followed this up with a semi-final berth in the Australian Open Doubles with partner Marc Polmans, both are scholarship holders here at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

Also, congratulations to our Head coach Glenn Busby for winning the Australian Seniors player of the year award, by spearheading Australia's World team win in Helsinki, winning his sixth Individual World title and wins in the Oceania and German championships.

Internally to KITA, Rob Viavattene, who has worked at KITA for many years has been promoted to Program Coordinator, to oversee the running of KITA's programs. Ben Cohen, our Customer Service Manager continues to provide quality customer service to the members of the Club at our Pro Shop Office and Jill Meggs has become an integral part our Proshop bringing years of tennis knowledge and experience (especially in ladies' wear).



▲ Andrew Whittington continues to work hard on his game.



## Other programs of note include our Ladies

Morning Clinics (from Mon-Wed) which is a fantastic opportunity to improve your hitting and game play understanding. Come along and meet some other members, get ready for competition or become a better social player.

Thank you to everyone who have been involved in our programs and continue to support your Proshop. We strive hard to produce excellent results for our tennis players and Pro Shop customers and importantly always appreciate feedback in ways to improve our service to you. We very much welcome your ideas in how we can do things better, as we are here to serve the club and be the best that we can be for the KLTC members.

*If you would like any other information about any of our programs, please call the Pro Shop on (03) 9824 6860. ■*





### MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION

**The Rules and Regulations detail member entitlements for the use of the facilities including access to courts and visitor privileges.**

Over recent months, some members have been reminded about the restrictions attached to their membership category. This included court access and Member-only restrictions in the gymnasium and swimming pool.

Because of repeated breaches of the Regulations related to court entitlements, one member was called to a disciplinary hearing, and as a consequence, the Board ruled to suspend the member for a period of 3 months.

Members are reminded of the obligation to know and observe all Rules and Regulations. We ask that Members comply at all times to avoid any action which may jeopardise membership privileges.

### Membership Cards & Clubhouse Access

Club Rules and Regulations require Members to carry membership cards at all times and present them on request.

Access to secured areas including car parks and Member only areas of the clubhouse require Members to use their membership cards.

If Members do not have their cards, a membership check will be required in order to gain access at Reception.

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# Exciting Opportunities For Young Teams Ahead

The upcoming Tennis Victoria Pennant season will provide some fantastic opportunities for the club's future stars to get some great experience at the top levels of club tennis in Victoria.



Josh Charlton is an exciting prospect and will be tough to beat in Grade 1.

**W**ith three teams in Grade 1, two Grade 2 teams and another two Grade 3 teams, the club is well placed to see some of the best young players in Victoria get the chance to shine against their more experienced rivals.

Jeremy Taylor will lead one Grade 1 team and they have the tools at their disposal to make a great run at the finals while Matthew Nickels' Grade 1 team that just missed out on finals last year is sure to be thereabouts again this season.

The additional Grade 1 side this season, captained by Michael Commings, will be a young and talented team that is sure to enjoy the challenge and are capable of big things.

In Grade 2, Ted Williams will captain one side while Cooper White will head the second team and both sides are full of talented young players that are sure to gain valuable experience at this level.

With some of Victoria's top juniors including David Qariaqus, John Amato, Cooper White, Thomas Pavlekovic-Smith, Aidan Vaughan and Max Flaherty set to play in these teams there's plenty to like about the future of men's tennis at the club.

Sunday's two Grade 3 teams are also filled with some exciting talent with Lachlan McAndrew set to captain one side and Fergus Kearney set to captain the other and we look forward to both teams showing what they can do.

In Grade 5, Bryce Mitchelson's team again suits up in Pennant after one season in the Men's Open Doubles while Peter May will captain a side in Grade 7 and James Goller will lead a team in Grade 8.

The club will also feature a team in the Men's Open Doubles competition with Steve Gay set to captain the team and, after the recent tragic passing of long time captain and star player Chris Straford, this team will be looking to honour his memory with a strong showing this season.

In the Masters 45+ competition, the club will be well represented with two teams in Section 1 and one Section 2 team. Peter Hays will captain one team in Section 1 while Rob McLauchlan's team will be hoping to go one better after reaching the grand final last year.

In Section 2, Gordon Hammet will captain this new team and on paper it looks like a more than competitive team.

Good luck to all 14 men's teams for the upcoming Pennant season which kicks off on the 22nd of April! ■

# Electrifying Season Awaits Kooyong Teams

Kooyong's women's Pennant teams have a lot to live up to after one of the most successful seasons in the club's history.

**A**fter having four Grade 1 teams reach the semi finals and taking home both the Grade 1 and Grade 2 pennants, the club is looking forward to another great season with opportunities arising for many of the club's junior players.

Kate Antosik's Grade 1 team will be hoping to win another pennant after defeating Laura Langmead's Grade 1 in last year's final but there are always obstacles over a long winter season.

Both teams have the talent to reach the finals again and should be right there when the whips are cracking.

Also in Grade 1, Kat Valos' team will be more than competitive against the best teams in Grade 1 while Jasmin Starr's experience playing number one last season will be a huge benefit to her young team for the coming season.

Grade 1 looks to be as strong as it has been for some time so it should provide some fantastic matches to help in the development of the club's younger players.

This then pushes down through the grades with Grade 2 looking equally as strong and Anna Clarkson's team will have their work cut out trying to win back to back pennants.

The team will be without last season's number one, Mary Jayakody, but they still have all the ingredients to make another strong run this season.

Madeleine Bailey will lead the club's second Grade 2 side and they have an exciting young group that will enjoy the season together.

This team will only improve as the season goes on and will look forward to seeing how they develop in what should be a tough competition.

The club also has a team in Grade 3 to be captained again by Ashley Spinks and after just missing finals last season they will be hoping to go one better in 2017.

The addition of some of the club's newest scholarship players and brightest prospects will hopefully add to this side's chances while also providing these youngsters with invaluable experience.

In Grade 4, Paris Rollnik's team is a young and talented side that will be looking to build on last year's success while the club will also field two teams in Grade 5 with Jenny Osborne set to captain one team and Angela Woodruff the other.

We wish all our teams the best of luck for the season ahead! ■



**Both (grade 1) teams have the talent to reach the finals again and should be right there when the whips are cracking...**

▲ Yiota Nicolaou will be hoping to have a big season in Grade 1 this year.

# In Finals Contention

The Bayside Regional Tennis Association's February to June Junior Competition has hit the half way mark with many of the club's 20 teams sitting in finals contention.

**O**n Saturday mornings the club has five teams playing across the two sections.

In Section 1, Harry Mezger's team is sitting on top of the ladder and look to be one of the flag contenders yet again while Charlie Hummerston's Section 1 team is in second spot on percentage and hoping to win back to back flags.

Yasmin Spyrou's Section 1 team is sitting in seventh spot on the ladder but are fresh off a win on the back of the return of some of their more experienced players so will be looking to have a big second half of the season.

In Section 2, Richard Jones' team is sitting in third spot on the ladder while Zara Haunter's team aren't far behind them in fifth position.

On Sunday mornings, the club's 15 teams are spread from Section 1 right through to Section 18.

In Section 1, Celeste Rayment's team is currently in fourth position heading into the school holiday break while Sebastian Sarafian's team in the same section is just two points further back in fifth spot with all-Kooyong showdown looming in the next round which could be pivotal to both teams chances of making the top four.

Patrick Wraith-Bell's Section 2 team is sitting just inside the top four while Angus Cosgriff's team are still within striking distance but sit in seventh spot at this stage.

In Section 4, the club's two young teams are performing extremely well as we head into the second half of the season.

At this stage Jack Ganly's team sits in second spot on the ladder while Martin Buttery's team is in fourth spot but is eleven points clear of fifth.

Josh Palazzo's Section 6 have just dropped outside the top four having been replaced by Zoe Kantanis' team with an all-Kooyong match set to be played when they return from the school holidays.

The club's two Section 8 teams are still in the race for a finals spot with seven rounds to go with Blake Stewart's team just four points outside the top four despite being in sixth spot and Mia Geason's team are just ten points adrift of a finals spot.

In Section 9, Lachlan Main's team is having a good season and sit in third spot on the ladder while Lachlan Tingate's Section 10 team currently sit on the top of the ladder and are destined for finals.

Felix Kan's Section 17 team is also having a great season with top spot in their possession heading into the last seven matches while the club's two Section 18 teams also hold down the top two spots on a very close ladder.



It was great to see so many kids and their parents at our Presentation Night late last year and we look forward to seeing everyone at the end of this season celebrating some more success.



Bronte Game's Section 18 team sit on top and Henry Steven's team is in second position at this stage of the season.

We wish all of our Junior Competition teams the best of luck for the final seven rounds plus finals! ■

# Kooyong Teams Go Down Swinging In Finals

Kooyong's Premier League men went down swinging in another epic final against Grace Park in early December.

**H**aving been the best team all season, Kooyong was decimated with three of their best players unavailable due to the Australian Open Wildcard Playoff and injury.

Facing a full strength Grace Park, who comfortably defeated MCC in the semi final on the Friday night, was always going to be a tough ask but the team gave everything they had in an incredible showing.

Down two rubbers to love after the doubles, the Kooyong side fought back to within minutes of victory on the back of a brilliant singles win by Andrew Coelho over Daniel Nolan and the three other matches all being deep in the third set.

Omar Jasika and David Bidmeade jumped out of the blocks brilliantly against James Lemke and Jarryd Maher by winning their first sets comfortably while Mitch Burman fought back from a set down to take the second set against the big German import Frank Moser.

With all three matches in the balance it was Grace Park's Jarryd Maher who broke late in the third set before staving off three break points of his own to eventually go on and win and secure the fourth straight title for Grace Park.

Congratulations to both sides on another fantastic season representing the club! ■



**The Kooyong women also made the finals on the** back of a terrific season from Destanee Aiava and Sally Peers but they were without Destanee for the semi final against MCC as she was still playing in the 18's Nationals at Melbourne Park.

Despite her unavailability, the Kooyong girls did everything they could to upset MCC but fell just one set short after being one all after doubles.

Singles wins to Sally Peers and Kate Antosik kept the Kooyong side in with a chance but they fell agonisingly short.

◀ Omar Jasika was in terrific form for Kooyong last season.

▼ The team holding up the runners up flag after another strong showing.





**DAVID QARIAQUS**

**Age:** 14

**Grade:** Grade 3

**Australian Ranking:** Men 322

**Play L/H or R/H:** Right handed

**Tennis Achievements:** 2016 14/u Australia Championships Singles Quarter Finalist; 2014 12/u Australian Championships Doubles Winner; 2014 Captain of the winning Bruce Cup team for Victoria; Male Pennant Player of the year at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club; 2016 14/u National Clay Court Championships Doubles Semi Finalist.

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** Rafael Nadal because he has so much respect on and off the court. He is one of the greatest tennis players ever and I admire his quote "I play every point like my life depends on it"
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** My dad has influenced my tennis career so much because he always motivates me to do my best no matter winning or losing, and he shows me respect. He teaches me on how to be a mature young adult.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** My greatest and most amazing sporting moment is being able to have an exhibition match with Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Sam Stosur and Kim Clijsters on Margaret Court Arena. It was amazing to have the chance to meet and hit with them.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** I want to be Number 1 in the world and win each grand slam. Also to represent and play for Australia in the Davis Cup.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** I enjoy playing as a team and having a singles and doubles week to mix it up. I enjoy supporting and having support around me when we play.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** If I wasn't a tennis player, I would be a soccer player. I really enjoy soccer and its fun being in a team environment.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** I don't do much outside of tennis, besides school I really focus on tennis and give it my all.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** I spend a lot of time on tennis not only on court but off court too including fitness. I train everyday besides Saturday.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** Some of the sacrifices I make are not going out with my friends and not eating junk food, not going to parties and concerts.



**THOMAS PAVLEKOVICH-SMITH**

**Age:** 15

**Grade:** 2

**Australian Ranking:** 305

**Play L/H or R/H:** R/H

**Tennis Achievements:** 2017 Kooyong Club Champs A Grade Doubles Winner; 2017 18's Winner MCC Glen Iris AMT; 2016 Semi Finalist Warrnambool Grasscourt AMT 2016 Quarterfinalist Schoolboys & Schoolgirls Championship; 2017 Doubles Semi Finalist Canberra Gold AMT.

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** Nick Kyrgios because he of his amazing game and outgoing personality.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** My coach, Greg Wikman, because he is a very good coach and continues to help me improve my tennis.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** I loved watching the 2017 Australian Open Men's Singles Final between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. It was great to see two champions playing some awesome tennis.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** I want to play at Wimbledon because of all the great history and I love playing on grass.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** I enjoy having afternoon tea because I like getting to know the opposition better.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** I think I would be a soccer player because I enjoy being part of a team.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** I enjoy playing other sports and hanging out with my friends.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** Around 15 hours per week with my coach Greg at Elite Tennis Academy.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** Traveling all the time, not having much free time, not being able to see friends frequently. ■

# A Competitive Season

As of April, midweek ladies competition has remained at 13 teams playing in three different Associations across three days.

**O**n Tuesday mornings, the finals of the summer 2017 season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) is about to commence. Kris Tulloch's Section 1 side improved on their fifth place finish last season to make the finals on percentage. They will play Doncaster in the Semi Final.

After winning the Section 4 Grand Final last season, Sally Addison's team were promoted to Section 3 for the summer 2017 season. They enjoyed a competitive season where they finished seventh on the ladder.

Jo Rush's Section 4 team continued to rebound strongly after being relegated last season, finishing second on the ladder. In the Semi Final they defeated Doncaster 5-41 to 1-36. Unfortunately the team went down to Wonga Park in the Grand Final, 0-27 to 6-48.

The other Kooyong team in Section 4, captained by Mary King, finished sixth on the ladder. They were only a win outside of the top four, with a better percentage than fourth placed Donvale.

On Wednesday mornings, Jane Cash's Section 1 team made the Grand Final of the July to December 2016 season but unfortunately were not able to go back to back, narrowly losing to Parkdale. They are currently in second position of the February to June 2017 season after five rounds.

Unfortunately, Detje Marcel's team were relegated for the second season in a row. They were extremely unlucky to be relegated as they only finished third last for the July to December season. The team is third on the ladder in Section 3.

Kooyong's other Section 2 team from the July to December season were also relegated after finishing on the bottom of the ladder. This season the team is rebounding strongly and are currently in second position in Section 3. Cate Noonan has taken over the captaincy from Merryn Olive.

On Thursday mornings, Kooyong's presence in BRTA's February to June competitions remained at four teams. Anne Forbes' team is currently fourth on the ladder after seven rounds.

Kris Tulloch's team's recruitment of Anna Clarkson and Laura Langmead is paying off this season, as they sit on top of the ladder.

Jo Seeley's team are currently second last, led by new captain Ange Godwin.

Danielle Suttor's Section 2 team finished second last for the July to December season, missing out on the finals. They are currently in sixth position in an even bottom half of the ladder after five rounds.

There are still two teams in WDTA's Thursday competitions. Heather Anderson's A Reserve 2 team finished in third place last season. The team, now led by Alita Davis, has started the February to June season strongly and are second on the ladder after six rounds.

Finally, Mardi Andrew's B Special 1 team finished the July to December season second last on the ladder. This season they are in B Special 2. Under new co-captains Wendy Johnson and Jan MacLeod the team is in second position.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our Midweek Ladies teams are sometimes in need of emergencies. If you are free on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and feel you are of a good enough standard or would like to try your hand at this standard, please contact Tim Baddock at the Club on 9822 3333 or via email: [tbaddock@kooyong.com.au](mailto:tbaddock@kooyong.com.au)

We wish our Midweek Ladies teams all the best for the rest of the season! ■



▲ Jo Rush's team of Janine Ross, Jane Lennon, Jo Rush, Priscilla Kiernan and Kate Wraith-Bell were runners up last season.



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## AROUND THE CLUB

# Crèche

by Libby Green, President & Rachael Ralph, Vice President of the Crèche Committee

**The Crèche committee extends a warm welcome to all members for 2017!**

The Crèche is an occasional care facility for KLTC members' children and grandchildren and provides a happy and caring environment for your child while you use the club's facilities.

For families thinking about using our Crèche for the first time, we are open during school terms from 9:00am to midday Monday through Thursday and to 12:15pm on Fridays. Sessions cost only \$12- per child (5 and under) for the entire morning and you can use it casually or semi-permanently as a term booking. Children enjoy craft, free play, role play and dress ups, as well as fresh air outside in the sandpit or whilst enjoying other outdoor activities. Please ring the Pro Shop on 9038 7141 to register and get started to use our great facility!

We are currently seeking new committee members for 2017. If your children use the Crèche and you are interested in joining a very relaxed and fun committee, then please contact Libby Green (0438 556 364) or let our wonderful Crèche Manager, Marzia, know of your interest when you are next there. We would really appreciate your help.

We look forward to seeing you in the Crèche in 2017. ■



▲ Jack Hubbard enjoying the crèche makeover.





**Kooyong scholarship players win Tasmanian junior open titles**

Kooyong scholarship player, Tate Norris, recently had great reward for all the hard work he's been putting in over the past couple of years. Always promising, and clearly on the move as a highly ranked national junior, a State title had, until now, eluded our young champion.

Well a recent trip across the Bass Strait changed that for the good. Tate took out the U/19 boys section of the Tasmanian Junior Open held recently in Hobart. Tate, seeded third, fought his way to a final showdown against his regular rival Jack Hudson but not before a hard fought semi-final win against the hard hitting Jamie Pattison.

The semi was no easy match as Jamie stuck to his game plan and made Tate's life difficult, confident in the knowledge he'd come out on top in their most recent meeting. Tate's game has progressed substantially in the past three months though and he knuckled down to come out on top and avenge that loss in a hard fought 4 games.

The final saw Tate take to the court with Tasmania's number 1 seed and the match had the hallmark of a nail-biting affair with neither player willing to submit. With the home crowd on tenterhooks and seemingly out-shouted by the small yet vocal band of travelling Victorians, Tate finally edged out his worthy opponent to take the honours in five games and pick up a decent sized trophy too.

Now that he has "cracked the seal" so to speak, we hope Tate enjoys much more success in 2017 which is shaping up as his breakout year.

It was also great to see our 13 year old Eishaanii Sukunesan won the under 13 State title at the same event. »



**ARMSTRONG FATHER/SON COMBO  
CREATE SQUASH HISTORY**

**Kooyong's Bert Armstrong is well known for his legendary feats on the squash court and it seems to run in the family.**

Bert's son, Ben, recently played his 500th Pennant game of squash for Kooyong which in turn meant Ben and Bert have become just the second father/son combination in Victoria behind Kooyong's other famous squash family, Barry and Jeremy Sneddon, to have both played 500 games.

Ben has won the A grade Club Championship three times since he started at Kooyong in 1995 while Bert has just won gold at the World Masters Games in New Zealand.

Congratulations to both Ben and Bert on the historic feat!

**Eishaanii Sukunesan (below left) and Tate Norris (top left) were successful at the Tasmanian Squash Open.**



# 2017 Squash Championships

The annual Kooyong Squash Club Championships took place over two weekends in February and some fantastic and competitive squash was witnessed at all levels.

Featuring nine draws and over 60 players we managed the tournament online through *kooyongsquash.com* for the first time which allowed players to be notified of their next round match times and check results across all draws. Things could not have gone more smoothly and the event culminated in a day of finals on Sunday February 25.

Notable results include Tate Norris, still eligible for Juniors, winning the A-grade title and taking out the one and two seeds in the process.

Christine Nunn picked up her second Women's Open title in a hard fought win over Selena Shaikh, last years A-grade winner. Selena threw everything at Christine, attacking from the outset and the first two games could easily have gone either way.

Christine soaked up the pressure in big points towards the end of each though and her steady and controlled approach saw her take a two love advantage. In the last, Chris used all her experience to slow the game down using height and subtle changes of pace to keep the advantage and close the match out in a very entertaining three love win.

Past winner of the Men's Open, Sam Ejtemai took on new club number one and former world top 50 player, Cam White. Sam jumped out of the blocks with focus and intensity, winning the first game in stunning fashion 11-0, something that rarely happens to Cam and those who watched were fascinated to see how he'd respond.

One thing was certain and that was that Cam would fight back. After a slow start to the second, he literally willed himself back into the match and the scoreline started a nail biting to and fro as the pace picked up noticeably. 7 all soon became 8 all and then 9 all with neither player giving an inch until Cam managed to get the 2 point buffer and take the second 12-10.

Amazingly the third took a similar pathway with Cam taking that 12-10 too. After 40 minutes of relentless battle, would Cam's experience be enough to hang on in the face of Sam's youthful energy? After a strong fourth in which he took it 11-7, Sam was certainly believing he could pull off the upset. Surprisingly and almost entirely through his strength of will, it was Cam's body and game that held up best in the fifth and he closed out the match 11-5 in the last to take out his first Kooyong Open title.





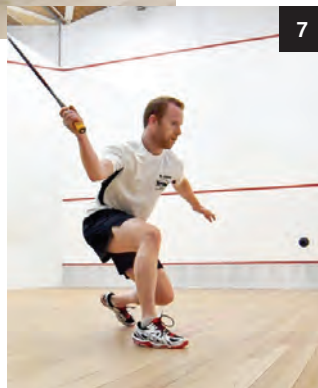
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For all who competed... congratulations and thanks for participating in a fantastic event.

- 1 Open finalists Sam Ejtemai & Cam White
- 2 Open finalists Selena Shaikh & Christine Nunn
- 3 D Grade finalists Mark Wilson & Wendy Pattenden
- 4 F Grade finalists Jim Pappas & Jo Van Dort
- 5 Cam White in action against Sam Ejtemai
- 6 Christine Nunn chasing down a shot against Selena Shaikh
- 7 Chris Morgan gets down low
- 8 C Grade finalists Brien Shipton & David White



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So for many of us, it's back into training to try and lift our game to challenge again next year. For all who competed and particularly to our winners, congratulations and thanks for participating in a fantastic event. »

## RESULTS

<b>Open Men's</b>	Cam White def Sam Ejtemai 3-2
<b>Open Women's</b>	Christine Nunn def Selena Shaikh 3-0
<b>A Grade</b>	Tate Norris def Grant Booker 3-1
<b>B Grade</b>	Christopher Morgan def Sam Blake 3-1
<b>C Grade</b>	Brien Shipton def David White 3-0
<b>D Grade</b>	Wendy Pattenden def Mark Wilson 3-1
<b>F Grade</b>	Jim Pappas def Josephine Van Dort 3-0
<b>Women's Graded</b>	Jill Scott def Sarah Porritt 3-0
<b>U21</b>	Sam Ejtemai def Tyler David Hawkins 3-0



## KOORYONG ENJOYS BEST EVER

### PENNANT SEASON

**Last season, for the first time in its history,** Kooyong managed to secure 7 Pennant flags across 3 competitions, Club Circuit, SSL and State Grade. In Club Circuit we won the A2, B2, C1, D3 and F1 Grades, and we also won State 2 Grade and SSL Ladies A Grade.

The Autumn Competition is now in full swing with Kooyong having 22 pennant teams competing, after four rounds eight of those teams are in the top three positions.

## SQUASH REPORT



Grant Lubofsky plays a shot in last season's Summer Competition (above) while Caroline Van Dort, the player of the tournament, has Colin Cruickshank on the run (below).



### Chris Morgan's Gladiators take out the annual Summer Comp

Chris Morgan's Gladiators beat Selena Shaikhy's Shotmakers in the annual Summer Comp' an event where teams made up from A through to F graders compete and pretty much work on their summer squash fitness.

The finals for the series concluded in early February after six weeks of hard fought squash and great suppers.

Congratulations to Chris, Ryan McCarter, Grant Booker, Austen Diggle, Kim Graham, Carlos da Silva, Chris Purbrick and Fergus Calwell! Players of the tournament were Ryan McCarter and Caz Van Dort.

▼ Below Sarah Cardwell reaches for a shot as she continues her rankings rise.



### SARAH CARDWELL ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL OVERSEAS TOUR

#### Kooyong's top ranked female squash

professional, Sarah Cardwell recently completed an extended tour overseas chasing valuable ranking points in the American winter season. From early in the new year and through six weeks, Sarah completed five tournaments, witnessed her first blizzard and spent good time training with her brother Josh, a former pro' himself who now coaches at a private boys school in Avon, Connecticut.

Highlights for Sarah included a great showing at the Tournament of Champions World Series event where she lost narrowly in five to WR28 Fiona Moverley in the final round of qualifying. Sarah also came runner up in a PSA 10k event in Wilmington Delaware and was semi finalist in the 10k PSA event at the Winnipeg Winterclub. The trip proved well worth the effort as Sarah returned home having achieved a career high ranking of 41.

Sarah is now back home at Kooyong in full training over the coming three weeks in preparation for the Women's World Championships that commence in April in El Gouna. ■

# Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

by Marie Devereux, President Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary



▲ Jenny Booth, Cedric Mason and Lyn Wheat on the balcony during another successful RCH Ladies Tennis Day.  
◀ The grass courts are always full for the Tennis Day in early March.

**The Royal Children's Hospital Kooyong Auxiliary** commenced its fundraising for 2017 with a very successful Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament on Monday, 6th March.

The weather was perfect, 312 ladies participated, Kooyong provided a delicious lunch and our raffle netted in excess of \$1600.

Our total profit on the day amounted to \$16,514, an excellent result.

I must congratulate all my committee for their hard work on the day, with special thanks to Lyn Wheat and Jenny Booth for their great organisational skills.

All the players thoroughly enjoyed their day at Kooyong and on leaving they were very profuse in their thanks for a great day of tennis and they are looking forward to returning next year.

#### Other dates for the diary for 2017 are as follows:

- 1st Card Day - Monday 24th April
- Christmas in July Luncheon - Sunday 23rd July
- 2nd Card Day - Monday 11th September
- Trivia Night - Friday 13th October

The Hospital would also like all the Auxiliaries this year to hold a Morning Tea - Cuppa for the Kids - so please watch the noticeboard in the clubhouse for more details of this event to be held some time in June.

At our AGM held in February at Kooyong, the following Office Bearers were elected to the committee:

<b>Patron</b>	Lisa Carew
<b>President</b>	Marie Devereux

<b>Vice President</b>	Jean Burgess
<b>Secretary</b>	Caroline Hill
<b>Ass. Secretary</b>	Deb Elrington
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carmel Quinn
<b>Ass. Treasurer</b>	Marie Devereux

**Committee:** Genevieve Barnett, Thais Mear, Denise Bartlett, Jenny Booth, Denise Cosgriff, Lyn Wheat, Joan Layet and Marj Galvin.

Unfortunately, in February, we lost a very dear and long standing member of our committee in Edna Lavelle.

Edna was a very active committee member, organising our big Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament for more than 30 years together with her husband Des.

They also attended all of our functions for the Hospital. She will be sadly missed.

It is also with great sadness I have to report that Ann Marie Coghlan, my former Vice President, has had to resign from the committee due to ill health.

We will miss her great expertise acting as ticket secretary and organising our Card Days.

We wish you well, Ann Marie, and look forward to welcoming you back to Kooyong very soon!

In conclusion, I extend my sincere thanks to all our Kooyong members and their friends for their continued support of our Auxiliary so we were able to present a cheque to the Hospital for \$38,000 from the money raised at our functions in 2016.

Please help us to continue raising money for our sick children here in Victoria. ■

## Bridge Club

by Susan Douglas

**KLTC Bridge Club had a very successful 2016.** We welcomed many new members during the year to the Monday and Tuesday games, and the Thursday morning duplicate at 9.15 with Australian Bridge representative Bill Jacobs as director and teacher, has further increased participation.

More than one hundred members attended the annual Club dinner on December 20.

Singer Lou Spargo entertained us and following a sumptuous dinner, President Rob Nurse presented all KLTC Bridge Club trophies. ■



▲ Kerin Tulloch, winner of the Penny Purbrick trophy for 2016, with Penny's sister Belinda, Rob Nurse and Chris Purbrick.

▶ Rob Nurse presenting the Open trophy for 2017 to Virginia Rugless.

▼ Lou Spargo entertaining at the Club Christmas Dinner in December.



## Billiards & Snooker

by Alistair Macindoe

### 2016 Club Championships

In recent weeks the Club Championships in billiards and snooker for 2016 have been contested.

In the billiards, David Pitt defeated Neil Maclachlan in the final 325 points to 306, with Neil making a break of 45. In the first semi-final Neil defeated Simon Fortune.

Neil made a string of excellent breaks: 40, 51, 88, 47. In the other semifinal, David 357 (86, 51) defeated Don Richter 267 (46).

“Martin James made a very good break of 47 unfinished, a personal best in competition. Moreover, Neil’s break of 88 was a personal best in competition for him.”

Thanks to everyone who entered; Martin James made a very good break of 47 unfinished, a personal best in competition. Moreover, Neil’s break of 88 was a personal best in competition for him.

In the snooker championship Don Richter and Alistair Macindoe emerged from the round robin competition to play in the final. Don won a tense match 2-1, coming back from being a frame down.

### Inter-Club Competitions

Kooyong’s two teams have made a good start to the season, and are well in contention for the finals. However, there is a long way to go before then. ■

# Wine & Food Society

by Ken Wheat, President Wine & Food Society

**The Wine and Food Society's End of Year Dinner** celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Best's Wines. Justin Purser, winemaker, entertained attendees with anecdotes about the winery's history. The wines complemented a superb menu, devised and delivered by Chris Goulding and the kitchen crew, who we thank for their culinary art. We also congratulate Patrice Renaudin and his assistants for their presentation of Best's wines. During the evening, the Society awarded KLTC with a bursary for a 'Wine & Food Appreciation Training Program'. We hope these funds will enhance the KLTC corps' professional knowledge and skills.

Welcome to all new members! WFS membership has nearly tripled to over 150 in the recent past.

The Annual General Meeting was held in February. Christine Johnson retired from the presidency and the committee. She has worked tirelessly for the Society collaborating, planning and executing a host of dinners, featuring culinary and oenological diversity and excellence. Robin Daubney also retired after dedicated service to the committee. The WFS owes a debt of thanks to these purveyors of fine dining. The 2017 committee was elected, including: Greg Baker (new) and Elwyn Nania, committee-at-large, Milton Dickins, Honorary Treasurer, Sarah Patterson, Honorary Secretary and Ken Wheat, President. A very pleasant wine and cheese tasting followed the AGM featuring wines from Poole's Rock.

The WFS year begins with Tastes of King Valley in the Racquet Club, Friday 17 March. We will relish dinner at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club on Friday 26 May (NB change of date.). There will be a midyear dinner in the Kooyong Room featuring a theme yet to be determined, a dinner at Denmark House (the home of the Danish Club), and we will conclude the year in the Kooyong Room with another special dinner with wines from a highly regarded vigneron.



▲ **Left** The kitchen in full swing. **Right** Current President Ken Wheat with former President Christine Johnson.  
 ◀ Alicia Simonson and Carmel Quinn enjoying a Wine & Food Society function.  
 ▼ Executive Chef Chris Goulding, Vice President Adam Cossar and Food & Beverage Manager Patrice Renaudin receiving a bursary for a Wine & Food Appreciation Training Program.



Welcome to all new members! WFS membership has nearly tripled to over 150 in the recent past. We plan to utilize electronic communication better, notifying WFS members by email regarding our functions. We are also contemplating proceeding to online bookings. KLTC members who wish to become members of the WFS are welcome. Current members who wish to nominate for the WFS committee are encouraged. ■

# Health Club

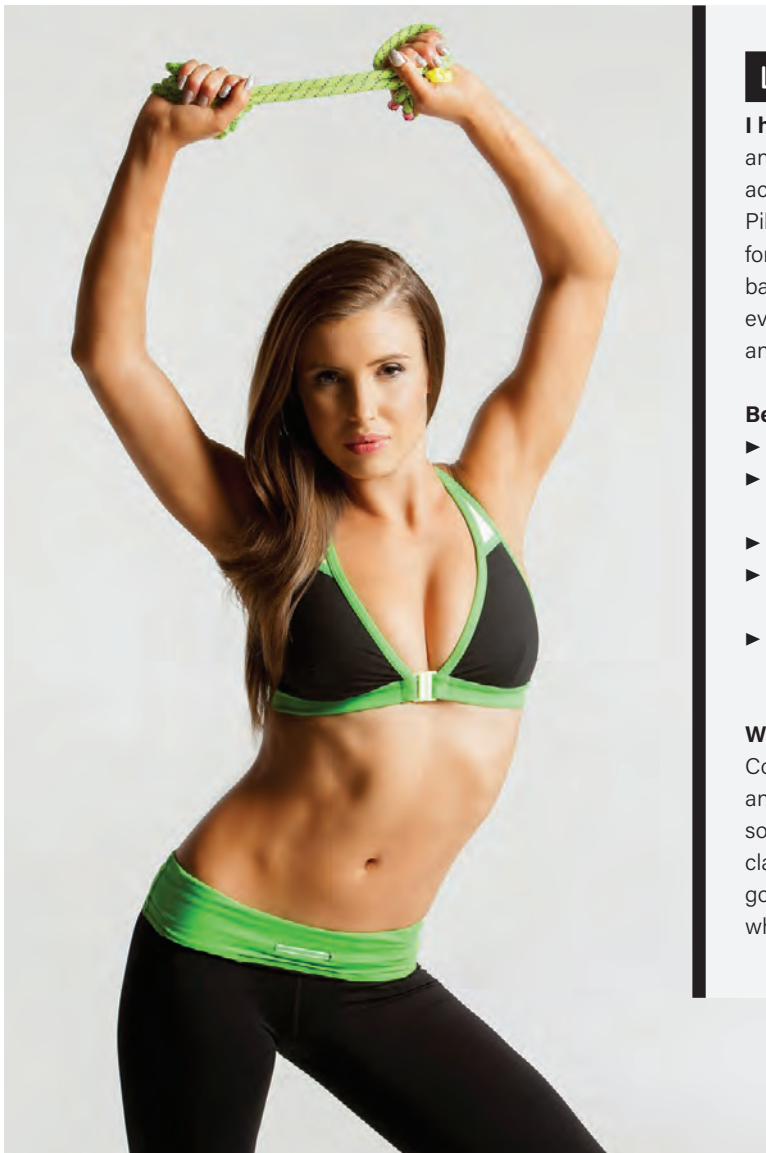
by Michael Kull, Health Club Manager

**Winter is coming so it's easy to sit in front of the fire** or stay in bed. But one thing that will warm you up better than anything is exercise, so come and join our new Thursday evening Pilates class. Here is an introduction to our new Pilates teacher Lauren Skopal.

Lauren has a vast range of knowledge in the areas of fitness and health having completed both a Bachelor of Health Science and an Honours degree in Exercise and Sports Science at Deakin University. Her passion for sport and exercise arose from her success in Rhythmic Gymnastics which was involved in for 12 years, medalling

at state and national level on many occasions. During her gymnastics career she was fortunate enough to train with many professionals from Eastern Europe including former Junior European Champion and Olympic Finalist Valeria Vatkina. Through these coaches Lauren was exposed to wide range of unique training methods for the development of flexibility and strength.

*Members interested in weight loss, strength and conditioning, injury rehabilitation, general fitness, massage or personal training please contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull on 0419 003 762 / 9038 7145. ■*



## LAUREN SKOPAL

### **I have a positive and encouraging teaching style**

and love giving members feedback to help them achieve their best in every exercise. I love teaching Pilates because it is a great mode of exercise useful for everyone from every age group and every background. Pilates has helped me immensely in my everyday training to remain strong from the inside out and I love to share the benefits with others.

### **Benefits of the class include:**

- ▶ Improve mobility and reduce daily stiffness
- ▶ Strengthen the deep stabilising muscles that assist to prevent your body from injuries
- ▶ Tone the abs, gluts, thighs and arms
- ▶ Improve posture and body awareness for everyday life
- ▶ Learn take home exercises that can be done during the week

### **Why you should join the class:**

Come along to my Thursday evening class just once and see the benefits for yourself! There are certainly some core foundations that we will cover in every class but I also look forward to hearing your personal goals and catering the repertoire to the members and what they want to work on!



# Social Committee: A Summer Set for Fun



**PIMMS, PROSECCO AND PUDDING**

by Cindi Damian

The Smits were the perfect band for getting us up and jiving at our annual Christmas Soiree. Not only did they cover some of Amy Winehouse's music brilliantly, they were happy to take requests too. They mixed up the genres of music and everyone was delighted with their amazing repertoire of music. A great start to the Christmas Festivities!

## Longest Lunch

by Jenny Silvers

**The Longest Lunch was a beautiful sunny day.**

Drinks were enjoyed on the Balcony overlooking the grass courts before everyone went inside to be seated at one long table.

The Menu conceived by KLTC Executive Chef, Chris Goulding and superbly prepared by Chef, Babu and his team was simply delicious!

We lucky Members got to enjoy, an Entrée (plated) a selection of house cured salmon, trout rillettes and crab remoulade served with caviar, herb blini, cream fraîche's and devilled eggs. Main course comprising of (shared platters) Spiced roasted duck with star anise and plums; Slow cooked lamb with peppers, green olives and Sicilian wild oregano; Raviolo filled with kale, goats cheese and lemon served with beurre blanc, lentils and truffle. Sharing dishes of: Shaved cos lettuce, shelled peas, mint and Yarra Valley Persian salad; plus slow roasted potatoes with cherry tomatoes, red onion and fresh thyme. Dessert: Selection of Yarra Valley cheese with toasted fruit loaf; house made lavosh, quince paste and dried muscatels plus Chef's selection of petit fours.

Brendan Scott was terrific entertainment, singing and playing both the grand piano and banjo. A musical virtuoso! A big thank you to the Catering staff at Kooyong who ensured no one's wine glass or plate was empty. »





**FEB TENNIS AND GOURMET BBQ**

by Kat Benyon

All participants at this very popular function had a great afternoon of tennis. Kooyong looked beautiful in the late summer sunlight and it was lovely to have so many members and guests enjoying the grass courts. Tennis was followed by a delicious Gourmet BBQ on the terrace. As the sun went down we were entertained by the very talented "Mike", who even managed to get the more spirited members up dancing. Definitely an event to mark in the diary for next year!

**Our next few events coming up are the KLTC v RSY**

Social Tennis Cup, Happy Hour and our Mixed Doubles Round Robin. Please refer to our section of the *myKooyong* website and noticeboards around the Club for dates and booking forms.

There is lots happening at the Club in the next few months, get involved and come along!

April 2017

22nd	Tennis Victoria Pennant Season
24th	Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Card Day
30th	Social Committee RSY vs Kooyong Tennis Day

May 2017

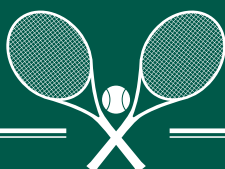
12th	Social Committee Happy Hour
14th	Mother's Day Buffet Lunch
22nd	Bridge Club Kooyong vs RSY Day
26th	The Champions' Dinner
28th	Social Committee Mixed Doubles Round Robin

June 2017

25th	Junior Competition Presentation Night
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July 2017

10th	50 Year Members' Function
23rd	Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Christmas In July Luncheon



SUNDAY 28 MAY  
**MIXED DOUBLES**  
**ROUND ROBIN**



Assemble **1:45pm** at the  
**J.P. Young Pavilion**  
**Tennis** starts at **2:00pm**

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Finger Food & Soft Drinks included. • Alcoholic Beverages at Club Prices.  
5.00pm - 6.30pm in the Sir Norman Brookes Room.

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Booking forms are available from the Members Sign-In Desk, Kooyong reception or can be downloaded from the Members Group / Social Committee section of the myKooyong website. Please return your bookings with full payment to Kooyong Reception.

Members are welcome to invite guests • Club Dress Rules apply

MEMBERS: \$40

GUESTS: \$55

**BOOKINGS CLOSE: TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017**



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