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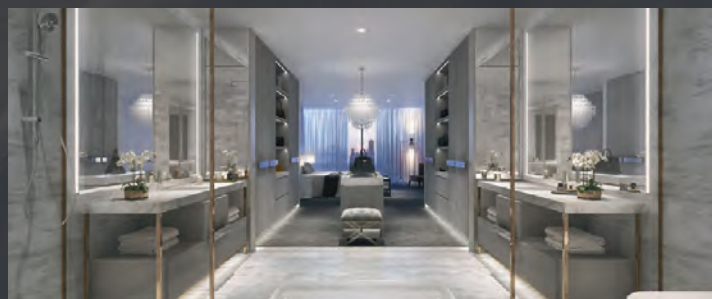
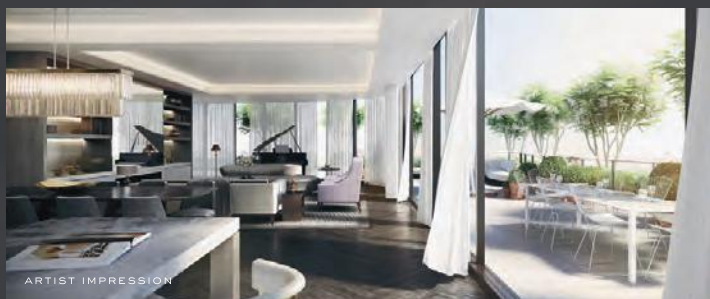


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Kooyong's Steve Mifsud Wins 7th Victorian Billiards Crown

Kooyong's Steve Mifsud won the Victorian Billiards Championship at Kooyong recently, defeating 18-time champion David Collins 1266 - 857 in the final.

The final was the first Victorian Billiards Championship to be played at Kooyong, and the first major billiards championship at Kooyong since the 1990 Australian Billiards Championship won by David Collins.

This is Steve's seventh Victorian Billiards Championship, which matches his seven Victorian Snooker Championship wins.

In a storied career, Steve has also won 18 Australian Championships in billiards and snooker; but the undoubted highlight of Steve's career was becoming the 2002 IBSF World (Amateur) Snooker Champion.

Congratulations Steve from all at Kooyong! ■

▲ Kooyong billiards and snooker star Steve Mifsud continues to rack up the State and National titles with his recent win at Kooyong.

SESSION SCORES

Steve Mifsud	1266 (25.3)	David Collins	857 (17.5)
81 96 70 55	598 (26.0)	60 53	363 (15.8)
70 92 93 125 110	668 (24.7)	104 78unf	494 (19.0)



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Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic Preview

Featuring the best line up of players in recent years as the event celebrates 30 years.



“The New Year promises a good deal for Kooyong with the Priceline Kooyong Classic attracting four of the top 10 male players in the world”

Peter Carew, President

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CEO'S REPORT**This time of year highlights the summer of tennis**

at Kooyong commencing with the opening of the grass courts for another season and then the return of the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic in the New Year.

The return of women to the tournament was a welcome change in 2017 and we will see that continue next year with a great field including our own up and comer Destanee Aiava, while the men's field is shaping up as one of the strongest in recent times with four players currently ranked in the top twelve in the world.

The Classic is a great opportunity for Kooyong Members to enjoy with family and friends and take up the excellent corporate hospitality offers available including the chance to be part of the pre-match coin toss and to shake the hand of some of the world's most talented athletes.

Later in the month, we will watch the Australian Open with interest as Kooyong players take to the courts to compete. The Open draw will include John Peers who has had another stellar year and we will look on with interest as he attempts to back up his Grand Slam victory at the Australian Open last January.

And February will come around shortly after and again offer Members the opportunity to compete in our Club Championships in both tennis and squash. The weeks of those events provide exciting competition and continued strong interest should see another group of record entries across both competitions.

As we move to the end of 2017, there are several remaining opportunities for Members to enjoy a range of social activities organised by our hard working groups and we also can look forward to a very enjoyable New Year's Eve event in the Racquet Club.

I thank Members for their involvement and support of activities throughout the year. I extend best wishes for a great Christmas and New Year and look forward to wonderful times continuing at our Club in 2018.


Chris Brown, CEO

I'm pleased to report that the Board that has served the Club so well over the last 12 months will continue without change. I'm looking forward to another year working with Vice President Brian Capp, Treasurer Joe Dicks and the rest of the board.

At the recent AGM I confirmed that the Master Plan had been lodged with Stonnington Council and I am pleased to report that Stonnington Council required us to advertise our application.

Priceline Classic, the Club Championships and The Australian Open

The New Year promises a good deal for Kooyong with the Priceline Kooyong Classic attracting four of the top 10 male players in the world including Marin Cilic, Dominic Thiem, Pablo Carreno Busta and defending champion and world number 7 David Goffin as well as Andrea Petkovic, Belinda Bencic and our own Destanee Aiava.

This is a marvellous opportunity for Kooyong Members, young and old, to enjoy tennis up close and personal at the "Spiritual Home of Australian Tennis". I hope to see you all there in numbers supporting an event that showcases the Club to the world.

Hot on the heels of the Priceline Kooyong Classic we have the world's best playing at the Australian Open and then the Kooyong Members will be playing in the Club Championships so there is a great deal of tennis to be watched, played and enjoyed in the next few months.

Recent Sporting Achievements

- Kooyong has again enjoyed success on the international stage particularly with John Peers having an incredible year reaching the Wimbledon US Open semi-finals after winning the Australian Open title and winning titles in Cincinnati, Beijing and Shanghai and winning the ATP Tour Finals for the second time. John also represented his country winning the doubles tie with Jordan Thompson in the Davis Cup semi-final against Belgium.
- We have a national champion in Cooper White who is the National 14's Singles and Doubles champion.
- At the recent Tennis Victoria Awards Destanee Aiava was awarded Junior Player of the Year and Glenn Busby was awarded the 35+ Masters Player of the Year and member Rufus Keown received the Club Coaching Excellence award.
- The Billiards Group have won a number of premierships this year and Steve Mifsud won his



“We are one of the great clubs of the world and it is in no small part due to the culture we have built...”

7th Victorian Billiards title here at Kooyong.

Around the Club

The grass courts are open and looking in excellent shape and let's hope the weather gives us a long season. I am really looking forward to the President's Day on the 26th of November and I hope to meet everyone playing on the day.

We finish the year with the facilities and activities we enjoy in excellent shape and with the wine and food we have on offer Kooyong is a club that we can be proud to be a member of. We are one of the great clubs of the world and it is in no small part due to the culture we have built of respect for each other and the people who work here and our love and respect of tennis and the other activities that the Club provides.

Master Plan

Having lodged the planning application recently, I can report that the progress to date is good.

We are moving ahead with advertising as requested by Stonnington Council and hope to receive a response to the application early in the New Year.

As I said at the AGM, the benefits of the plan are for everyone and address some issues that have been around for years and some new ones like the State Government's position on road crossings. I want to reassure Members that there will be no loss of current facilities and there will be no loss of courts.

We have no control over the process, save to say that we have begun it and will advise Members further when more is known. Importantly, it should be noted that we are only at the beginning and there will be no implementation of the plan without the Members approval.

Christmas and the New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends and the staff at Kooyong and their families a Merry Christmas and happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Carew". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a horizontal line underneath the name.

Peter Carew, President



THE MAKING OF GREAT TENNIS

The Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic will feature the best line up of players in many years as the event celebrates its 30th anniversary.

With their preparation for the Australian Open in mind, world number 4 Domenic Thiem and world number 5 Marin Cilic have decided to play at Kooyong.

Joining them is two time Kooyong Classic champion and world number 8, David Goffin while world number 10 Pablo Carreno Busta gives the event four players inside the top ten.

Add to that US Open finalist and world number 14 Kevin Anderson as well as former top ten star Richard Gasquet and Japanese rising star Yoshihito Nishioka and you have all the makings of a great week of tennis.

“The buy in from the top players has been great this year. They are all about finding the perfect preparation to maximise their chances at the AO and as we know, Kooyong provides that. Guys like Cilic, Anderson, and Thiem have been so close to winning Slams in the past 12 months and they have had the taste of what is required to go all the way. And Cilic has already won a US Open,” said Tournament Director Peter Johnston.

▼ David Goffin finished the year in style including reaching the final of the ATP Tour Finals in London.

► Dominic Thiem is on the rise and is set to sizzle at Kooyong in January.



Domenic Thiem comes to Kooyong on the back of another very consistent year...

“Preparation is key, and the fact that 4 of the top 10 have chosen Kooyong, proves that Kooyong still plays an important role in the lead up to the Australian Open. It’s stood the test of time since Colin Stubs and Kooyong developed the idea 30 years ago,” he said.

After last year’s successful return of women to the Kooyong Classic we will also see some great players in action with former world number 9 Andrea Petkovic in action alongside former world number 7 Belinda Bencic.

Kooyong’s Destanee Aiava also returns for the event after another big year for the 17 year old who has risen up the rankings to now be on the verge of breaking into the top 100.

“The addition of the women’s event last year really added to the event and we want to keep building on that this year,” said Johnston.

One spot remains available in both the men’s and women’s events and that announcement will be made in the coming weeks.

Domenic Thiem comes to Kooyong on the back of another very consistent year that included a run to the title at the ATP Tour 500 event in Rio de Janeiro while also reaching his first ATP Tour 1000 final in Madrid going down to Rafael Nadal.

He also reached the final at the ATP 500 event in Barcelona where he again went down to Nadal but will look to finish the year strongly with another trip to the ATP World Tour Finals in London.

Marin Cilic had another great year including reaching a career high ranking of number 5 on the back of his second Grand Slam final when he played Roger Federer in the final at Wimbledon.

He won an ATP Tour title for the 10th straight year when he defeated Raonic on clay in Istanbul while also reaching the final at Queen’s where he held a match point against Lopez before losing 7/6 in the third.

“I have chosen to play at Kooyong in 2018 as my lead-up to the Australian Open,” Cilic said. “I’m really looking forward



◀ Marin Cilic had another great year that included a spot in the elite 8 at the ATP Tour Finals.



to playing at the club, which has an amazing tradition and I hope it's going to be really good preparation for me."

Two-time defending champion David Goffin returns to Kooyong on the back of some terrific form especially at the back end of the season including back to back titles in Asia and a career high ranking of 8 in the world.

He is the first Belgian player to reach the top 10 after titles in Shenzhen and Tokyo and has lead his country back to the Davis Cup final after helping his team defeat Australia in September while also reaching finals in Rotterdam and Sofia.

Pablo Carreno Busta also broke into the world's top 10 for the first time this year after a run to the US Open semi finals while also reaching the quarterfinals at Roland Garros. He won his third career ATP Tour title in Estoril while also reaching the final in Rio de Janeiro where he lost to Thiem.

"I have decided to play at Kooyong as I have heard so much about the club as the former home of the Australian Open and it will be great to play there," Carreno Busta said.

"The playing conditions there will be similar to Melbourne Park so it should be the perfect preparation for me."

Kevin Anderson was the surprise packet at the US Open when he reached his first Grand Slam final eventually falling to Nadal but in doing so became the lowest ranked US Open finalist since inception of rankings in 1973 and Grand Slam finalist since No. 38 Tsonga at 2008 Australian Open.

He also became the first South African US Open finalist in the Open era and Grand Slam finalist since Kevin Curren at 1984 Australian Open.

Anderson also made the final in Washington and will be looking to get his year started well after missing the Australian summer with injury in 2017.

Another player looking to get his season started well will be the popular Frenchman Richard Gasquet after dropping

to his lowest ranking since 2011 with a season marred by injury. He appeared in his 5th straight Montpellier final, falling to A. Zverev as 11-match tournament win streak came to an end...

He beat Monfils en route to the semi finals at Marseille and also reached the semi finals in Halle and Eastbourne while also making four other quarterfinals including at the ATP Masters 1000 in Shanghai and Vienna and will be primed to get his season off to the perfect start in Australia.

Yoshihito Nishioka returns to Kooyong in 2018 after a season cruelled by injury after tearing his left ACL at the ATP Masters 1000 in Miami early in the year.

The Japanese star had just beaten Berdych at Indian Wells while also reaching the quarterfinals in Acapulco so he will be champing at the bit to get back on tour after a long year of rehabilitation and training.

The women's event has also stepped up a notch with the inclusion of former world number 9 Andrea Petkovic and the 30 year old will be primed for a big year after reaching the semi finals in both Washington and Ilkley in 2017.

Former world number 7 and rising star Belinda Bencic will also join the women's field as she continues her rise back up the rankings after surgery halted her run and she will be fresh off an appearance at the Hopman Cup with Roger Federer.

Out to spoil the party will be Kooyong's own Destanee Aiava who has another year of experience under her belt and is ready to take the next step in her development and will hopefully break into the world's top 100 at some stage during 2018.

The rising star had an outstanding year in 2017 that included her debut at Grand Slam level at the Australian Open as well as near misses at qualifying at Wimbledon and the US Open.



Don't miss any of the on-court action while you grab a bite to eat at the Kooyong Common.

She topped off her year by being named Tennis Victoria's Junior Player of the Year for the third time in the last four years and, despite the huge expectations, is sure to take it up to her more experienced opponents and will have the home crowd behind her.

Kooyong members have plenty to look forward to on the club's famous centre court with this incredible line up of stars set to take over centre court in January.

As well as the on court action, there will be plenty happening off the court as well.

Kooyong Common

Don't miss any of the on-court action while you grab a bite to eat at the Kooyong Common. Relax, sit back and enjoy a summers day with a Pimms in hand. Watch on the big screen while you treat yourself to some of Melbourne's hottest food trucks and an array of delicious summer drinks. Bring the kids along or enjoy an after-work drink with colleagues at the Common while you listen to live music and entertainment before or after a match.

Activations on the Day

There's something for everyone at Kooyong this January. Priceline is back and ready to provide you and your friends with an amazing pamper session. Why not treat yourself to a fresh manicure and makeup session at the Priceline Pharmacy Healthy & Beauty Lounge? Have a hit of tether tennis with friends, or bring the kids along and allow them an experience they'll never forget as they have a hit themselves on court with Tennis Victoria. It's always 'Pimms O'Clock' at Kooyong, with Pimms returning once again to provide you with classic and refreshing summer cocktails throughout each day.

Platinum packages

Put the class back into a day at the tennis with an exclusive experience filled with a champagne service and fine dining. Secure a spot in a Courtside or Stadium suite, allowing you to experience the tennis along with an elegant backdrop of Kooyong's famous lawn courts. With unrivalled entertainment, impeccable service and a variety of dining and beverage packages, guests will experience a day to remember. With the absolute best seats in the house, the Courtside Suites are only metres away from the action and the world's top players. The Stadium Suites provide the most unique birds-eye view of the centre court, perfect for client engagement. All suite holders have access to the VIP Kooyong Club bar as well so the day remains private where ever you are.

Kooyong Club

Enjoy a drink or two with VIP access to the Kooyong Club bar. Members can enjoy access to exceptional drinks and an elegant space near all the action and away from the crowds. Treat yourself to the elegant service during all four days of the 2018 event.

Tickets

Secure your complimentary ticket to the 2018 Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic today by going to the following webpage: www.kooyongclassic.com.au/guesttickets

As a member of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, you are entitled to redeem a free silver ticket to any day of the event.

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John Peers Continues Reign at Top of Doubles Rankings

The year just gets better and better for John Peers and Henri Kontinen as they head to the ATP Finals in London in mid-November.

The Kooyong Foundation star has continued the form that saw him win his first Grand Slam title in January with semi final appearances at Wimbledon and the US Open together with a great run through the Asian swing that netted the pairing two titles. Those wins made it three titles in the past few months after they also won the Citi Open in Washington at the start of August.

This consistency continues to be the key to the team's rise to the top of the doubles rankings and will hopefully hold them in good stead as they head into the defence of their ATP Tour Finals crown.

The Citi Open win came on the back of four consecutive wins over top class opponents including match tiebreak wins against Ivan Dodig and Mate Pavic in the quarterfinals

and Bruno Soares and Jamie Murray in the semi finals.

The 7/6 6/4 win in the final over the current number one pair in the world, Lukasz Kubot and Marcelo Melo, would have been extremely sweet as they headed to the US Open where they marched into the semi finals with little fanfare before going down 1/6 7/6 7/5 in an epic encounter with Jean-Julien Rojer and Horia Tecau who went on to win the title.

Peers then teamed with Jordan Thompson in the doubles for Australia's Davis Cup semi final against Belgium and despite their heroics it was all to no avail as the Australians dropped the final two singles rubbers to unfortunately miss the final.

Peers' form, however, never wavered as the Asian swing began for the pair in Beijing at the China Open.

The top seeds were again at their consistent best as they made another semi final having defeated some dangerous teams on the way to the final where they met the American pairing of Jack Sock and John Isner.



► Ash Barty is knocking on the door of the world's top 10 after a brilliant year on the WTA Tour.

◀ John Peers and Henri Kontinen have dominated the doubles landscape in 2017 and will look to win back Australian Open titles in January.

It was a high class affair as both pairs were able to win a set 6/3 to send the final into a match tiebreak and it was Peers and Kontinen who again came out on top 10/7 to claim the trophy. This saw Peers and Kontinen head to the Shanghai Masters full of confidence especially after coming so close to winning the title in 2016.

A walkover in the first round gave the China Open champions a nice break before their first match and it was a tight one against Marcel Granollers and Ivan Dodig as they eked out a 2/6 6/3 10/8 win before taking down Murray and Soares again in the semi finals 7/6 3/6 10/4 to reach another final.

The final was their easiest match for the two weeks, going all their way as they strolled to a 6/4 6/2 win over Kubot and Melo and the Shanghai title was theirs for the keeping.

Congratulations to John and Henri for their season and we wish them well for the ATP Tour Finals in mid-November! ■



TOP 10 BECKONS FOR ASH BARTY

Kooyong star Ash Barty has had a monumental year, rising from a ranking of 271 at the start of the Brisbane International in January through to her current ranking of 17 in the world.

From playing Premier League with the Kooyong women last November to now being within striking distance of the top 10, the year couldn't have gone much better after some time away from the game.

After reaching the third round of the Australian Open, Barty quickly found her groove with a title win in Kuala Lumpur having had to qualify for the event before beating Nao Hibino in the final to announce that she was ready to take her game to the next level.

Her year also involved reuniting with Casey Dellacqua in doubles and that combination no doubt helped with the grind of touring throughout the year and came with great success as the pair also won in Kuala Lumpur after a quarterfinal showing at the Australian Open.

Barty continued her good form in both singles and doubles in Strasbourg including taking out the doubles title which flowed on to the French Open where the pair reached another Grand Slam final.

The success continued with the title in Birmingham and reaching finals in Eastbourne as well as New Haven to lock in a spot at the WTA Finals where they lost a tight match to Kiki Bertens and Johanna Larsson.

Her singles game continued to progress in line with her doubles success as she reached the final in Birmingham only to go down to Petra Kvitova in three sets while also reaching the round of 16 in both Toronto and Cincinnati.

The rankings climb spiked again with an impressive run to the final of the WTA Premier event in Wuhan where she defeated a string of top ranked players including Johanna Konta, Agnieszka Radwanska, Karolina Pliskova and Jelena Ostapenko before falling to Caroline Garcia.

This saw Barty break into the top 20 and grab a spot in the WTA Elite Trophy event in Zhuhai and she again showcased her talents with some terrific tennis to beat Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Angie Kerber to reach the semi finals where she was unfortunately knocked out by Coco Vaneweghe to end her year ranked 17 in the world.

A terrific story and great result and we look forward to seeing her continue that climb in 2018! ■

Tennis Victoria Champions Dinner

Destanee Aiava Wins Third Victorian Junior Player of the Year Award

Kooyong Foundation star Destanee Aiava has won her third Victorian Junior Player of the Year Award in four years at the recent Tennis Victoria Champions Dinner. Destanee shared the award with Jaimee Fourlis who also won the award in 2016.

The rising star has had a big year which included playing her first Grand Slam singles match while also competing in the doubles and mixed doubles at this year's Australian Open. Her ranking has risen to be inside the world's top 150 and she went close to qualifying at both Wimbledon and the US Open.

A spot in the 2018 Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic is already locked in and at just 17 years of age there is plenty to look forward to for the Kooyong star as she looks to compete with the world's best.

Other Kooyong members to fare well at the awards included Glenn Busby who took out the Most Outstanding 35+ Senior although Kooyong was always going to have a winner in this section with Jill Meggs and Andrew Rae also being finalists.

It was also great to see Rufus Keown win the Coaching Excellence – Club or Centre for his work with the Victorian Tennis Academy.

Rufus won the B Grade Mixed Doubles at the Club Championships with his wife Tina in 2016.

Cedric Mason was also on hand to present the Victorian Spirit of Tennis Award that he won in 2016 to former Premier John Cain who was recognised for his part in moving the Australian Open to Flinders Park and the development of the world class Olympic Park precinct.

Congratulations to all of our members on being nominated and especially to those who took home awards on the night! ■



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► **Far right** Cedric Mason was on hand to present the Spirit of Tennis award to former Premier John Cain.
Right Kooyong member Rufus Keown and wife Tina celebrate his win in the Coaching Excellence – Club or Centre award.



▼ Destanee Aiava and Jaimee Fourlis share the Victorian Junior Player of the Year award.



► Cooper White topped off a great year by winning the National titles in both singles and doubles in Canberra recently.



KOORYONG'S COOPER WHITE WINS NATIONAL TITLES IN SINGLES & DOUBLES

Kooyong Foundation star Cooper White has continued his good form from his recent tour of Europe to win the Australian Claycourt Championships 14's Singles and Doubles titles in Canberra.

His toughest match came in the semi final against his doubles partner and fourth seed Haru Sonton where the match was tight throughout but Cooper fought his way through to the final 6/4 7/6. In the final he faced fifth seed Derek Pham, who had defeated another of Kooyong's rising stars in Aidan Vaughan in the semi final to deny us an all-Kooyong final, and again Cooper was able to get the crucial break of serve in both sets to secure the title 6/4 6/4.

In the doubles, Cooper and Haru survived a scare in the second round but otherwise ran through the tournament in impressive fashion and won the final 6/1 7/6 against second seeds Casey Hoole and Edward Vo.

It was also great to see Kooyong's Aidan Vaughan reach the semi final of the doubles with his partner Luke Vuletic.

Kooyong had further success at the National Championships with Roisin Gilheany taking out the 12's Doubles event with her partner Darina Kamenoff from Queensland.

The unseeded pair defeated the second seeds, Andrea Kristo and Emily Ryan, in a tight semi final 3/6 6/4 10/8 before winning another epic match against the third seeds, Jessie Culley and Sidney Stone, in the final 7/6 6/7 10/5. ■

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Central Otago – Discovery of an isolated wine region

Invited by the Central Otago Winemakers Association, a small group of wine professionals (12) from Australia, N.Z and Singapore; was treated to a series of tastings, winery visits and on field discussions. This educational tour was the opportunity for the winemakers to showcase the latest vintage and share the history of this wine region. It was also the perfect chance for us visitors, to become more familiar with this distant location.

Central Otago is located inland from Dunedin, in the Southern part of the South Island of New Zealand. Although very isolated in these mountainous surroundings, Central Otago is one of New Zealand's hottest, coldest and driest regions.

The region's vineyards are located Eastwards of the resort town of Queenstown and include the small towns of Wanaka, Cromwell and Alexandra. The region is a system of Valleys, bounded by the Southern Alps and is, essentially split into 4 main sub regions, Gibbston, Wanaka, Alexandra and Cromwell.

The first wine grapes were planted in 1864 but it is more than a century later that grapes for wine making were commercially grown again in Central Otago.

The first commercial release of a Pinot Noir from Central Otago, was the 1987 vintage, by the region's wine pioneer, Alan Brady at Gibbston Valley Winery.

Pinot noir is the most planted variety (70%) with the remaining planted with Riesling and Pinot Gris as the predominant white varieties. Small quantities of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc are also present.

Plantings in the region lie mainly within the semi-arid inland basin of Central Otago, where elevation varies from

150m to 400m. Yearly rainfalls do also vary from 350mm to 625mm. In comparison, the Yarra Valley receives 750-950mm.

The climatic conditions experienced in the region are also very extreme and can fluctuate from 38.7°C to -21.8°C. These variations present evident challenges for the grape growers and anti-frost technology/equipment is apparent in most vineyards.

Albeit all these natural challenges, Central Otago has gained an enviable reputation for producing world class Pinot Noirs. Now, the Central Otago Winemakers Association is embarking on a new project: organising an Appellation system.

This system will define the geographical origins of a wine, based on the location of the vineyard and its specific terroir (location/soil/climate).

The implementation of such system will certainly take time, but already, some of Central Otago's producers are making reference on their labels, of the sub-regions where the vineyards are located. This will also help define specific and distinctive characters attached to each sub-regions. The advantage of a terroir-based classification is that price differences between different producers' wines in the same appellation, also tell you what the market thinks of each producer.

But until these geographical differences are clearly identified and recognised by the drinking public; the wine trade has a role to play, in promoting the diversity of Central Otago and by clearly listing the sub-regions of each of the producers.

Overall, this field trip was a great way to discover the Central Otago region and its wonderful wines. Some of them will over the next few months appear on the Club's wine list. ■



MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSIONS

The Rules and Regulations detail member entitlements for the use of the facilities including access to courts and visitor privileges and membership checks are carried out regularly. Member only restrictions apply in the gymnasium and swimming pool and as a result of checks over recent months, some memberships have been suspended as a result of breaches.

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

Members are reminded of the requirement 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 and if Members do not have their cards, a membership check will be required in order to gain access at Reception.

If cards are lost, please report to the membership department and a new card will be issued for the appropriate fee.

Dress Code

Members are reminded that a dress code applies both within the clubhouse and on the courts. Members are also responsible for ensuring that visitors are aware of the dress code and comply with it at all times.

Failure to meet the dress code by Members or guests could result in a challenge and possible removal from the court or clubhouse. To avoid this, please ensure that dress code requirements are complied with at all times.

Full details of the dress code and other regulations are available on the club website at: www.kooyong.com.au in the membership section.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is available for Members only except in the allowed times for Member's children at the nominated times of 10am to 12pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays and the Tuesday swim class of 4pm to 6pm.

This is a special opportunity extended to Members and we offer a reminder that these times must be strictly adhered to. Failure to comply with these Regulations or visits outside the hours nominated may result in a loss of this privilege.

Visitors

It is a requirement of the Club Rules and Regulations that Members sign in all guests on arrival at the clubhouse or prior to play on the courts. A signed in visitors slip should be retained and presented as requested. Any appropriate fees must be paid prior to play. Failure to sign in guests may result in removal from the courts. ■



◀ Ornamental Cabbage and White Stem Pak Choi
▼ Below Mexican Bush Sage 'Santa Barbara'
Bottom Standard 'Just Joey' Roses



Around the Grounds

The Kooyong Balcony

A focal point of the Kooyong facility is the large balcony that overlooks the grass courts and beyond. After the renovations in 2009 this area has become an extension of the gardens with nearly 100m of border plantings and 25 large Terracotta pots.

Ficus hilli topiary standards are the main feature with under-plantings changed regularly. Vegetable crops were the theme throughout the cooler winter months this year with *Ornamental Cabbage* and *White Stem Pak Choi* creating an interesting combination.

Things to look out for this summer on the balcony are ornamental *Capsicum 'Tango'* in deep orange and red, *Yellow Celosia* and *Purple Angelonia (Summer Snapdragon)*. All plants are grown in house and present a rewarding challenge for the gardening department.

Moonga Road Entry/Exit

Right down the back of the property and sharing the road with St Kevin's College, the gardens have become well established after a major renovation some 12 plus years ago which saw the creation of the Moonga Road entry/exit gates.

On one side of the road the *Gold Bunny Roses* are striking and prolific. On the railway side *Lily Pilly Topiary Standards* have been underplanted with *Mexican Bush Sage (Salvia leucantha 'Santa Barbara')* to give a mass of mauve flowers from summer through to early winter.

Summer Rose Care

The ever popular rose can give an abundance of colour through the warmer months but a range of pests and



diseases can quickly change this, so here are a few tricks to get the best from your roses this summer.

1. Don't over water, 2-3 deep waterings per week in the hotter months will be more beneficial than a small amount every day. Always water in the morning and where possible avoid contact with the foliage.
2. Remove last years' mulch and leaf litter and replace with a fresh organic mulch. This will help to reduce fungal resting spores. The mulch will also greatly increase soil water retention, increase soil bio-activity, add food as it breaks down and suppress weeds.
3. Roses should be fed regularly from August through to March using a quality rose specific fertilizer. Applications can be made every 8-10 weeks according to the directions.
4. Lightly prune old flowers as soon as the petals have dropped. Prune for shape and to an outward facing bud.
5. Aphids need to be kept in check and keep a close eye on fungal diseases such as Black Spot, Rust and Powdery Mildew. Early detection and control can quickly eliminate the problem. ■



Lagardere Paris Racing



The Lagardere Paris Racing is one of the best and most beautiful private clubs in France.

Located in the Bois de Boulogne on the historical site of La Croix Catelan, it hosts mainly tennis and swimming for passionate people of all levels: amateur and elite athletes.

The Lagardere Paris Racing has more than 13,000 members. Launched in 1890, the club builds on a strong history. A 6-hectare verdant space dedicated to sport and relaxation, the club offers members 45 tennis courts, 2 outdoor swimming pools, fitness area, synthetic lawn, outdoor track (inherited from the 1900's Olympic games) and a private room equipped with 80 Bridge tables.

There are 3 restaurants, bar, roof-top solarium, Turkish bath, steam bath, locker rooms, a fitness area equipped with the latest technologies and a pro shop.

A letter of introduction from Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club will be required when visiting Lagardere Paris Racing so please contact the Club to organise this prior to your trip. ■

For further details of reciprocal clubs, please visit www.kooyong.com.au or contact the Club on 9822 3333.

To learn more about Lagardere Paris Racing, please visit www.lagardereparisracing.com



Another Big Season Of Bayside Junior Competition

Kooyong's Junior Competition teams continue to represent the club with great pride and are getting some terrific results along the way.

More than 150 kids play in the club's teams on Saturday and Sunday mornings across four venues including MLC, Scotch College, St Kevin's College and Kooyong, and we thank those venues for their ongoing support. This season the club had 19 teams in action with 5 teams playing on Saturday mornings and 14 teams on Sunday mornings.

On Saturday mornings we had three teams playing in the top section, and two teams in Section 2.

Ruby Seymour's Section 1 team is currently sitting in third spot on the ladder with two rounds to play and are set to play finals again. Also in Section 1, Annabel Hudson's team is in sixth place, while Richard Jones' team is in seventh spot.

In Section 2, Angus Murray's team is in third spot in a six team section so they'll be hoping to jump into the top two to make the grand final while Hamish Wright's team is sitting just outside the top four in fifth spot.

On Sunday mornings, Kooyong has two teams in the top section, with Evan Best's team currently in third spot on the ladder and Celeste Rayment's team is just behind them in fourth. Both teams are hoping to hold on to their position over the last two rounds, despite both having to play the top side in one of those two matches.

In Section 2, Kooyong also has two teams with Toby McOmish's team holding down top spot as they have done for most of the season while Hudson Ciavarella's team have

had some good wins despite sitting in sixth spot.

The club has an exciting group of juniors currently sitting on top of Section 3 with Jack Ganly's team dominating the competition to this point.

Hopefully they can continue that great form into the finals and finish the season with another flag.

Thomas Langford's Section 5 team have shown their fighting spirit all season while being competitive with most teams but the wins haven't quite come and they look destined to finish the season in seventh place.

The club has another two teams in Section 6 and both have performed well across the season with Lachlan Main's team sitting in third spot on the ladder while Lachlan Tingate's team has been steady in fourth spot and both will play finals.

In Section 7, both Sophie Siddons' team and Zach Miller's team will finish outside the top four.

Ava Synnott's Section 14 team has moved up several sections from last season, and are currently sitting in third spot on the ladder, while Jack Saville's Section 15 team is in touch with the top four and could make a late charge towards finals action.

In Section 15, Jemima Wraith-Bell's team sits in fourth place and will play finals while Sara Zayonts' team need two good wins over the last two rounds to sneak into the top four.

We wish all our teams the best of luck for the last few rounds and finals! ■



THE CEDRIC MASON CUP

It was great to see 28 kids from Kooyong and 28 kids from Royal South Yarra enjoy a day of round robin tennis for the annual Cedric Mason Cup held at Kooyong in mid-October.

A highlight on the calendar for both clubs, the day was a great chance for the kids to meet some new friends and play some very competitive tennis as both teams tried to win the cup.

Unfortunately for Kooyong, the Royal South Yarra team was successful in taking back the cup that we won last year so we will have to start planning our strategy to win it back in 2018 when the event heads back to Royal South Yarra.

Thanks to everyone involved from both clubs for making the day a great success!



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Open Singles Titles On The Line

It seems like yesterday that Daniel Byrnes and Binasa Beslagic won the 2017 Club Championships. In a few short months we will find out whether they can defend their titles.

Always a terrific event for everyone at the club, the 2018 Club Championships provide all categories of membership the chance to write their names in the Kooyong history books while enjoying the experience of playing on our famous grass courts.

With 46 events catering for all ages and standards, the Kooyong Club Championships is one of the biggest tennis events in Australia with close to 500 players taking part over the two weekends in February each year.

It is a great chance for members to meet other members of a similar standard while being a great social event at the club with time for a quick drink after play or a bite to eat in the clubhouse.

The Open events are a sight to see with some of the Club's best players in action while we also look to unearth the next Destanee Aiava, Andrew Whittington, Marc Polmans or Omar Jasika.

Next year's men's event will hopefully see Daniel Byrnes try to go back to back while Mitch Burman will

be keen to get his name on the board after reaching the last two finals.

David Bidmeade has won the event four times and can't be discounted while new member and soon to be retired Australian star Sam Groth could be the wildcard in the pack if he decides to put his hat in the ring.

On the women's side, Kate Antosik is a perennial contender while Sally Peers retirement from touring could see her trying to chase down her mum's mark of 14 Open singles titles. Only 13 to go.

Last year's winner Binasa Beslagic can't be discounted while Belinda Woolcock would be a danger if she wasn't chasing the Australian Pro Tour events and Molly Polak and Jasmin Starr pushed last year's champion to three sets.

There's an event for everyone from the under 12's through to the over 60's so make sure to enter the 2018 Club Championships and write your own piece of Kooyong history. ■

If you have any questions about the event please contact Daniel O'Neill on 9822 3333.

Kooyong Teams Look To Compete With Victoria's Best



Mitch Burman & Jasmin Starr (below) will be in action this season.

Tennis Victoria's Premier League competition is set to be played through November and early December with an all-star cast of players setting themselves for the short five round season.

Our men's team will be hoping to go one better this year after a heartbreaking loss in last year's final but there are plenty of talented teams setting themselves for a shot at the title.

Andrew Whittington, Marc Polmans and Omar Jasika will hopefully be available for the short season but may be missing with various Challenger events scheduled in Asia.

This will leave David Bidmeade's team's depth severely tested but they are up for the challenge.

Royal South Yarra have named Luke Saville and recent College graduate Andrew Harris in their team while MCC Glen Iris have an array of talent including Blake Mott, Harry Bouchier, Matt Reid and Peter Luczak.

Geelong Lawn Tennis Club return to the competition with Adam Lasky leading them alongside Sam Thompson while Bundoora will be tough to beat with James Frawley and Daniel Guccione on board.

With Grace Park not making an appearance this season it leaves the competition wide open especially with tournaments being played in Asia during the season which will leave several teams short-handed.

Depth should prove to be the trump card in this format and timeslot but there's sure to be some great tennis on show leading into the Australian summer.

In the women's competition, the Kooyong ladies will be hoping to make that step from losing preliminary finalists to flag winners but face some very stiff competition if the teams named are any indication.



Kate Antosik's team will be led by Destanee Aiava, Belinda Woolcock and Sally Peers and they are sure to be more than competitive with those players on court during the season.

Liston look set for another dominant season after destroying the competition last year and they have named a team capable of tearing the season to shreds while MCC Glen Iris are again looking like a finalist on paper.

Royal South Yarra could be a finals contender with everyone available while Dendy Park have recruited former Kooyong players Alana Parnaby and Georgiana Ruhrig.

This all points to some fantastic matches and we wish both Kooyong teams the best of luck for the season! ■

Grade 1 Flags Top Off Great Season

Kooyong's men's Pennant teams finished the season with two flags under their belts from four grand finals which is a very pleasing result.

It was at the top of all three competition types on offer from Tennis Victoria that the club was able to reach the final match of the season which saw Jeremy Taylor's Grade 1 team win the flag while Stephen Gay's Grade 1 Men's Open Doubles team also took home the flag.

Rob McLauchlan's Grade 1 45+ Seniors team also reached the grand final but fell to Legend Park for the second year running while the Club's Grade 8 team captained by James Goller reached the grand final before falling to Glenburn in a terrific decider.

Jeremy Taylor's Grade 1 team had performed well all season off the back of some great performances by Daniel Smethurst, Greg Jones, David Bidmeade and Andrew Coelho as well as youngsters Jeremy Taylor, Josh Charlton, Alex Smith, Codey Gunn and Daniel Paveska and it all came together at finals time. Wins over Centre Court Indoor No 1 and Bundoora saw the team through to the grand final where they met Glenburn in a very evenly matched encounter that saw all four singles matches go to three sets. Greg Jones lost an epic battle with Lewis Miles while David Bidmeade got up over Sam Dowler to get things back on track. Jeremy Taylor then put the Kooyong team in front with a hard fought win over Eric Holt-Crossman and Josh Charlton fought back to beat Zac Osborne after dropping the first set.

In the doubles, Jones and Bidmeade used their experience to win both of their rubbers to grab the flag for Kooyong after a long day on the court for all involved.

In the Men's Open Doubles, Stephen Gay's team were shooting for an eighth final in nine years and they wrapped that up with a top of the ladder finish.

St Mary's Greensborough won through to meet them in the final for another showdown between the two teams but it was the Kooyong side that got off to the perfect start by winning the first two rubbers.

Stephen Gay and Wes Horskins won the first set of their second match to be just a set away from victory and Martin Warwick and Chris Costas bounced back from losing the first set of their match to wrap up the title with the second set under their belt.

It was a big team effort from everyone involved after the tragic loss of their former captain, Chris Straford, to cancer earlier in the year.

Rob McLauchlan's 45+ Masters Grade 1 team unfortunately suffered the same fate as 2016 when they went down to Legend Park in the grand final but it was another great effort to get there nonetheless while James Goller's Grade 8 team had a terrific season to go all the way through to the grand



▲ Top Jeremy Taylor's Grade 1 team finished off the season in style.



▲ Above Stephen Gay's Grade 1 Open Doubles team won back the flag in impressive fashion.

final before losing a heartbreaking match 5 rubbers to 3 to Glenburn and they are sure to be back bigger and stronger next year.

Other team to perform well included Bryce Mitchelson's Grade 5 who reached the finals before bowing out in the first round while Matthew Nickels Grade 1 side, Lachlan McAndrew's Grade 3 team and Peter May's Grade 7 side were just outside the top four at the end of the season.

Gordon Hammet's Grade 2 45+ Masters team was also just shy of a finals spot in their six team section.

It was also great to see the Club's young Grade 2 and 3 teams being extremely competitive with their more experienced opponents throughout a tough season and we look forward to their continued development.

We congratulate all of our teams on another great Tennis Victoria Pennant season and we look forward to 2018! ■

Grade 2 Women Go Back to Back

The Club's Grade 2 women's team, captained by Anna Clarkson, have won back to back titles after another fantastic season in Tennis Victoria's Pennant competition.



Anna Clarkson's Grade 2 team won their second title in succession and celebrated with multiple team photos

“Laura Langmead’s Grade 1 team had an incredible season, losing just one match before the finals”

The team won their semi final in impressive fashion against MCC Glen Iris before moving through to the Grade semi finals where they played a young team from Bundoora.

Despite splitting the doubles rubbers to start the day, the team was able to take control in the singles to move through to the grand final against Hawthorn who had dropped down from Grade 1 this season.

Winning three of the four singles was the ideal start and left the Kooyong side needing just two of the four doubles rubbers to claim victory and they were able to wrap things up in the final matches of the day.

The team of Anna Clarkson, Isabelle Gemmel, Sarah Brooks, Kate Walker, Natalie Baic, Melanie Kempson and Jill Meggs can be proud of another fantastic achievement this season.

The Club also went close to defending the Grade 1 flag with Kate Antosik’s team going down in the semi final to the eventual winners from Centre Court Indoor.

Laura Langmead’s Grade 1 team had an incredible season, losing just one match before the finals, while Jasmin Starr’s Grade 1 team also reached the finals which was a great result for the Club.

Kat Valos’ Grade 1 team were just outside the top four while Madeleine Bailey’s team showed glimpses of their best despite finishing seventh.

In Grade 3, Ashley Spinks’ young team had their ups and downs but there’s plenty to like from their seventh placed finish if they continue to develop their games in the years to come while Paris Rollnik’s young Grade 4 team also did well despite finishing sixth on the ladder.

The Club’s two Grade 5 teams both had fairly successful seasons with Angela Woodruff’s team finishing in fifth spot on the ladder while Jenny Osborne’s team finished second before falling in the semi final to Bruce Park who proved to be too strong in the singles.

Congratulations to all of our teams and we look forward to everyone being back on court for the 2018 season! ■



JOSHUA MAXWELL CHARLTON

Age: 18

Grade: 12

Australian Ranking: 70

Play L/H or R/H: Left-handed / two-hand backhand

Tennis Achievements: 2016 Australian doubles champion (partner Jeremy Taylor); 2017 TCAV Platinum doubles champion (partner Chase Ferguson); 2017 Victorian men's country champion (singles and doubles); 2016 18/u Victorian Clay Court champion (singles).

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** Cameron Norrie because he has come through the college tennis pathway which I am becoming a part of next year. He graduated in 2016 and since then has won 3 challenger titles and played main draw Wimbledon and US open and currently sits just outside the top 100 in the ATP rankings. Like me, he is a left hander with a two-handed back hand, so is someone I can learn from. He also has a calm demeanour on court and is respectful which makes him enjoyable to watch.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** Dad. Because he is my tennis coach and he is very knowledgeable and supportive and sacrifices hours of his time to help me develop.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** Watching Roger Federer win his 18th and 19th grand slams in 2017.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** To become professional in the long run. But for now, I want to build my ATP ranking while I'm playing college tennis. So, when I graduate from University I'll be able to go straight onto the future/challenger tour and continue to improve my ranking.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** The team atmosphere and playing alongside good friends. But also competing hard to not only get the win for yourself but for your team mates and for Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** I would like to be a professional darts player because I enjoy the sport and love the crowd atmosphere at professional matches.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** Mainly school at the moment. But I also like to hang out with my mates.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** I train every night of the week. Some nights I have a private lesson and then others I'll have a session within a squad. At least 15 hours in total.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** You miss out on a lot of social events. You also have to sacrifice, to some extent, study time for school.



JEMMA CARBIS

Age: 15

Grade: 1

Australian Ranking: 444

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

Tennis Achievements: Silver AMT November Melbourne Park – Runner Up (Singles) & Semi Finalist (Doubles); Kooyong Club Championships - Quarter finalist (Singles); U18 Pizzey Cup member; U16 Glen Iris Gold Tournament Winner (Doubles), Runners Up (Singles); Eaglemont Club Champion U18 & Open Women's; Receiving Kooyong Scholarship.

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** Serena Williams because when she plays well, she can beat most players. Her serve and power, along with her attacking and intimidating game style, is just brilliant.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** I have two people that have influenced me. My dad because he always takes me to training and matches. Also, Shane Scrutton, who has coached me since I was 3 years old at the Eaglemont Tennis Club. Shane has taught me the skills of tennis and has always been very supportive.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** Watching Angelique Kerber beat Serena Williams in the 2016 Australian Open final, after Serena had been so dominant in the 2015 season. Kerber was very focused to win.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** To win each grand slam. Become world number 1, and to represent Australia in the Fed Cup and the Olympics.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** The team environment, switching between singles and doubles each week and the morning tea. I mostly enjoy the fact that I get to play with and against some really experienced players. I hope to one day play Premier League.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** An athlete of some sort. In primary school I came 4th in the Australian Championships for Discus, so maybe a Discus or Javelin thrower.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** I enjoy playing other sports, swimming, going shopping and of course, I go to school.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** I spend about 10-12 hours on the court each week and I do some cross training such as swimming and athletics.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** Having to catch up with school work after tournaments and going to bed early. ■

KITA Coaching

by Glenn Busby, Director

It has been interesting watching a couple of our top players of the past 12 months. When you compare Rafael Nadal to these players you see just how important “ATTITUDE” is. Nadal is one of the greatest competitors ever to play and as things become tougher in a match he becomes an ever better competitor and thrives on pressure moments.

Watching him train and play matches he puts everything on the line at all time, as he is totally driven to succeed at any cost. He is utterly self-driven and wants to succeed at any cost. He doesn't have a fear of losing.

Unfortunately for a couple of our players they want to reduce the stress when these pressure situations occur and fear losing. As a result, they self-sabotage and I am sure they have a huge self-resentment, afterwards.

They didn't get to the level they are because they don't enjoy the competition and don't want to win, but as things have become tougher in their life both on and off the court they have learned skills that have enabled them to cope both emotionally and mentally to their detriment.

These skills have been learnt over time to reduce the fear and the pain and in many instances occur to protect themselves, as, to be seen to be not putting everything on the line, softens the outcome of losing and if I am seen to be not putting it all the line, then I really didn't lose, I just didn't try.

It's a coping mechanism that has been learnt as said by many players, to protect themselves and unfortunately one that takes a long time to overcome and that's if they want to. This has been going on over a long period of time and has now become an automatic response to pressure. To change an automatic response takes a long time and a big effort. Mental change is a lot harder than physical change. Let's hope for Australian Tennis and themselves that they can turn things around and face the demons that are no doubt haunting them and make us proud of them again.

What is happening around the coaching scene

Our squad program and directions has been going amazingly well. Here players have a pathway to improve and develop and we will be seeking to further expand this pathway in 2018. It currently incorporates all levels of players from 7-8 year old's right up to our full time players looking to play College Tennis in the USA or looking to seek tennis as a profession.

Please enter our December school holiday clinics as early as you can. We have limited courts and spaces available and these tend to book out early. We will be having a wide range of morning sessions with match play and tournaments in the afternoon. All standards and ages



▲ Glenn Busby recently visited Rafael Nadal's Academy in Spain.

are catered for. During our previous clinics we launched a new “Performance Clinic” for the first time specifically for all competition players aged between 12-18 years. This proved to be successful with solid numbers in attendance and will be a common theme amongst our clinics moving forward. A similar set up has also been organised with 7-11 year old juniors who are either on the verge of competition or who are already playing with a bigger focus on match and tournament play. Of course, there is an opportunity for beginner types and hot shot children to join in our holiday program as well.

Like-wise if you are looking to get coaching for the first time or have an interest please contact Ben at the office on 98246860 as term one beginning February is always the fullest due to the excitement of the Australian Summer of tennis and what is happening around the club.

We have many players involved in tournaments over December /January from local tournaments to the Australian open and we wish all a great success and enjoyment.

Finally from all the staff at KITA, we would like to thank everyone who has participated and supported our programs over the year. Have a happy and safe holiday period and we look forward to seeing you all next year for further fun and improvement. ■



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AROUND THE CLUB

Crèche

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

A Fantastic Year

The Crèche has had another great year in 2017. Kinder age children and toddlers, along with plenty of beautiful new babies, have been keeping our wonderful staff busy. As the weather warms up heading into summer, the children are enjoying lots of play in the outside area.

We are seeking new Crèche Committee members for 2018. We must have a volunteer committee to run the Crèche so we would greatly appreciate your interest! Please talk to Steve Lucas (by seeing him or calling reception) or mention it to Marzia Hasan (our Crèche Manager) to find out what it entails.

Registrations for next year are now available at the Pro Shop and online for 2018. As we have had lots of new babies this year but only have limited baby places (according to our licence) it is definitely worth getting in early!

Once your paperwork and annual registration of \$75 has been paid, members are free to bring their little ones for the minimal attendance fee of \$12 per child, which covers the whole morning of 3 hours. You will find all booking protocol attached to your registration.

The Crèche will close for the holiday period on Friday the 15th of December 2017. We hope you have a wonderful break over Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the Crèche in the New Year! ■



▲ Miles and Amelia having fun and playing dress-ups with our wonderful Crèche manager Marzia.

Midweek Ladies

As of the end of October, midweek ladies competition has remained at 14 teams playing in three different associations across three days.

Firstly, to Tuesday and the winter 2017 season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) concluded in August. Unfortunately, Kris Tulloch's Section 1 side finished on the bottom of the ladder. Fortunately, they remained in Section 1 for the summer 2018 season. The team is rebounding strongly this season. They are in sixth place after eight rounds and are only outside the top four on percentage.

Leanne Scott's Section 1 team finished four points clear on top of the ladder for the winter 2017 season. They thumped Donvale in the Semi Final, 4-32 to 0-15. In the Grand Final, the team defeated Doncaster 4-40 to 1-26! Congratulations to the whole team: Leanne Scott, Natalie Harwood, Caroline Venn, Maya Ferguson and Julie Fidler. They made history, becoming the first Kooyong team to win the MEMRLTA Section 1 Grand Final. This season the team is on track to defend their title, sitting on top of the ladder.

Sandra Daly's Section 2 team remained in sixth position for the final few weeks of the winter 2017 season. They only missed out on the finals by two points. The team is also sixth on the ladder this season.

Sally Addison's Section 3 team kept their promise to make some gains in the winter 2017 season. They finished third to make the finals. Unfortunately, Croydon defeated them 4-40 to 2-26 in the Semi Final. Croydon went on to defeat City of Camberwell in the Grand Final. The team is giving itself a chance to improve this season and are in fourth place.

Priscilla Kiernan's Section 4 team hit form at the right time of the winter 2017 season. They were undefeated for the last three rounds, only qualifying for the finals on percentage. The team produced an inspired performance in the Semi Final to defeat the top team, St Andrew's Gardiner, 4-39 to 2-35! Unfortunately, Willison Park defeated them 4-40 to 2-29 in the Grand Final. They are currently sixth on the ladder, one win outside the top four.

Mary King's team made the finals of the winter 2017 season. Unfortunately, Doncaster defeated them 4-44 to 1-29 in the Semi Final. A Semi Final defeat was enough, however, to once again be promoted to Section 4 for this season. The team is stepping up in the higher section, sitting in fifth place.

Secondly to Wednesday and a reminder that unlike MEMRLTA, Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) and Waverley & District Tennis Association (WDTA) have February to June and July to December seasons. Gillian Ricketts' Section 1 team has enjoyed the switch from Thursday to Wednesday for the July to December 2017 season. They are currently second on the ladder after 13 rounds and only half a point off top spot.



▲ Leanne Scott's team of Maya Ferguson, Rosemary Everett, Natalie Harwood and Leanne Scott won a historic first Section 1 title for Kooyong in the MEMRLTA competition.

Cate Noonan's Section 2 team are fourth out of six teams. There is a clear divide on the ladder, with a whopping 35 points separating third from fourth.

The new team in Section 2 have started strongly. They are currently on top of the ladder. Jenny Osborne took over the captaincy from Jill Kaminsky during the season.

Thirdly to Thursday, where Kooyong's presence in BRTA's July to December 2017 competitions reduced to three teams with Gillian Ricketts' team switching to a Wednesday (see above). Anne Forbes' Section A/1 team will do well to make the finals after narrowly missing out last season. They are in sixth position, 12.5 points off fourth with just two rounds remaining.

Kooyong's other Section A/1 team, captained by Kris Tulloch, is on track for back to back premierships. They are currently on top of the ladder.

After narrowly missing out on the finals by one point last season, Danielle Suttor's Section 2 team are near certainties to qualify. They are in fourth place, 16 points and a hefty percentage ahead of fifth.

Finally, there are still two teams in WDTA's Thursday competitions. Alita Davis' A Reserve 1 team will be hoping to avoid relegation for next season. They are on the bottom of the ladder with three rounds remaining. The team, however, is only seven points off fourth.

Wendy Johnson's B Special 1 team have stepped up after being promoted last season. They are in fourth place, eight points ahead of fifth with two rounds remaining. Making the finals may go down to the wire as the team has a bye in the last two weeks. The section has been very even, with less than 20 points separating first from last.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, midweek ladies teams sometimes struggle for numbers. If you are free on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and are of a good enough standard, please contact Tim Baddock at the Club on 9822 3333 or via email: tbaddock@kooyong.com.au

We wish our midweek ladies teams all the best! ■



◀ Far left Christine Nunn (right) continues to work her way up the world rankings. Left Sarah Cardwell will be looking forward to the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018.

Out On The Road

Our Kooyong squash champion, Christine Nunn, recently returned home from a successful trip north to compete in the Q Squash Ltd Queensland Open, one of Australia’s largest tournaments for 2017.

Seeded 8th for the event, Christine cruised into the final beating fellow Aussie, tournament 2nd seed and former world no. 1, Rachael Grinham in the semis.

In what shaped as a challenging final, Chris came up against another seasoned pro with an impeccable pedigree. The top seed for the event was Jenny Duncalf, who has a highest world ranking of 2 and is currently ranked a healthy 28 in the world.

Well Chris took the challenge head on and, while losing in 4, the scoreline suggests a final of the highest calibre. Pro squash tournaments score with point a rally to 11 and to

win a game, players need a two point advantage if tied 10-all. It’s fair to say that a scoreline of 14-12, 6-11, 10-12, 10-12 is about as close as it gets.

Hard luck in not taking this one out Christine but with results like that you are certain to be pushing up the rankings in the months to come.

Sarah Cardwell has also been competing in America through September and October and has reached a career high ranking of 41.

She has been selected in the Australian Commonwealth Games team and heads off to the Hong Kong Open in November before going to North America for training and professional events over Australian summer.

We wish both players luck over the coming months.



SUMMER IS UPON US

With the Spring Pennant season behind us, players are now warming up for our in-house Summer Cup.

Temas have been selected and captains announced, the 40 players representing the teams are ready and raring to go. No team or captain has won the Summer Cup in successive years.

The Summer Cup is played in December and January with the finals to be played just before the 2018 Autumn Pennant season kicks off.

▼ A2 Club Circuit team wins the Autumn flag with (from left) Nick Gibbs, Peter Robertson, Malcolm McLarty, Tate Norris and Grant Booker.



KOORYONG COACH MALCOLM MCLARTY

TALKS ABOUT OUR JUNIORS

Kooyong's squash juniors are doing Kooyong proud. This past year Kooyong had several juniors representing Victoria in the individual and team events at the Australian Junior Championships. They were:

- ▶ Boys U13 Andre Lyn
- ▶ Girls U15 Eishaanii Sukunesan
- ▶ Boys U15 Dylan Molinaro
- ▶ Boys U19 Tate Norris

Tate Norris was also picked to captain the Victorian State team.

Congratulations to Tate Norris and Nicholas Gibbs who this year have managed to pass the 300 matrix ranking points playing pennant for Kooyong. This is a benchmark that not many squash players achieve in pennant.

Credit must be given to the Kooyong, the Kooyong Foundation and the Kooyong Squash section who support these junior scholarship players in many ways. As coach this allows me to concentrate on developing these juniors in reaching their full potential.

We look forward to seeing the results and achievements from our juniors over the next year. ■

Bridge Club

by Susan Douglas

2017 is proving to be a year of unprecedented activity

for the Bridge Club, with duplicate sessions being held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and regular intermediate lessons being given by Bill Jacobs. The facility for members to make bookings for these events on our website has allowed increasing attendances to be efficiently managed.

Doug Bell joined the Committee in August following the resignation of Bruce Higgs. We are most grateful to Bruce for his 10 years of dedicated service as Treasurer.



◀ Doug Bell

The 2018 Beginner Bridge Program will be held from 9-11am on Monday mornings next year, beginning with six weeks of lessons from 9 April. These will be followed by supervised sessions for participants to further develop skills and gain practical experience with bidding and card play. These sessions are an excellent way to learn the wonderful game of bridge while meeting new friends. Anyone interested should contact Moira Righetti mrighetti@optusnet.com.au. ■



◀ Evidence that men are enjoying the game!

Billiards & Snooker

by Alistair Macindoe

Kooyong Wins Two More Premierships – Golden Era Starts

After July's thrilling win for Kooyong in the Church Billiards snooker competition, Kooyong teams kept the momentum going by winning firstly the A Grade billiards premiership, and then the City Clubs Circuit billiards and snooker premiership.

David Cosgriff and Don Richter both played at a consistently high level to set up the win in the first round. In the second round David Pitt was defeated by the very talented Robbie Chilcott, but in the number one match, Steve Mifsud administered the coup de grâce, defeating 19 times Victorian champion David Collins in a magnificent display. David started well with a fine 58 break to shoot to a 80 to nil lead. However, Steve's first scoring contribution was an even 100 break. When Steve was on 97 he played a sublime slow, deep screw in-off the red to reach the century. Regrettably the balls ran safe and he was unable to continue his break. A little later in the match Steve made a magnificent break of 208 to snuff out all Geelong hope. This break featured extended periods at the top of the table, delighting everyone except his opponent. The break ended when Steve miscalculated slightly at the top of the table: he covered himself, and his attempt at a cushion-first pot red missed only by a fraction.

VBSAA State Billiards is the top grade of pennant billiards in Victoria and the strongest grade in Australia. This was Kooyong's first premiership at this level since the club's first year of competition in 1989.

Thanks also to Ian Dale, Alistair Macindoe, Neil Maclachlan and Simon Fortune for their contributions during the season.

In the City Clubs competition Kooyong had a narrow 5-3 win against the Australian Club.

This is a handicapped competition where two players play billiards and two play snooker. In the billiards back-marker Don Richter did well to win one of his games, making excellent breaks of 41 and 60 in the process. Captain Simon Fortune played very well to win both of his billiards matches. In the snooker Greg Baker was unable to get over the line; however Greg has had an excellent season, and his play is improving all the time. Lastly the team's best and most successful snooker player Ian Dale triumphed with two good wins.

Thanks also to Ian Koochew, Alistair Macindoe, Neil Maclachlan and Steve Murphy for their contributions during the season. ■



◀ Kooyong's new A Grade Premiers board.
▼ The A Grade Premiership team, the club's first premiership in this grade since 1989.



MATCH REPORTS

On the last day of July Kooyong scored another billiards premiership with a definitive 3-1 victory against Geelong in the VBSA A State Billiards grand final.

SCORES

1. Steve Mifsud 465 (100, 208) d. David Collins 256 (58)
2. David Cosgriff 308 d. Steve Bagshaw 175
3. David Pitt 158 l. Robbie Chilcott 251
4. Don Richter 276 (43) d. Peter Politis 167

“With a Casino Royale theme, members and guests were dressed impeccably and played casino themed games while enjoying drinks and canapés.”



A great time was had by all RSY and KLTC members at the YarraYong Ball in August.

Young Members

by Lucy James

As the highlight of the Young Members calendar, the 2017 Yarrayong Ball hosted by Kooyong was another successful evening for young members and their guests from both Kooyong and Royal South Yarra.

With a Casino Royale theme, members and guests were dressed impeccably and played casino themed games while enjoying drinks and canapés.

Our annual “Day on the Clay” will be taking place on December 17, featuring a round robin doubles competition followed by drinks and canapés on the terrace.

We’re looking forward to seeing as many of you there to wind down the year and get into the Christmas spirit. Look out for posters around the clubhouse with more information.

2018 will be kicking off with a Young Members Long Lunch on the 24th of February. More information to come.

Keep up to date with us on Facebook and Instagram to make sure you don’t miss out on future events. ■



Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

by Marie Devereux, President Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

This year, 2017, has been a good fundraising year for our Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary here at Kooyong.

This was achieved, in my absence, by my very efficient Committee who conducted five very successful functions including:

- The Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament - \$16,539 profit
- Two Card Days in the Kooyong Room - \$5,572 profit
- Christmas in July Luncheon - \$5,669 profit
- Trivia Night - \$2,564 profit
- Entertainment Book Sales - \$780 profit

This made our profit grand total for the year \$31,124 which is an outstanding amount.

All the achievements above were due to the hard work carried out by my wonderful Committee, Lisa Carew, our Patron, Jean Burgess, my Vice President, Treasurers Denise Cosgriff and Carmel Quinn, Secretaries Deb Elrington and Caroline Hill, Committee Members Jenny Booth, Genevieve Barnett, Joan Layet, Denise Bartlett, and Lyn Wheat, who conducts our Grass Tournament.

I do sincerely thank them all for their great work throughout the year.

In addition, I must make special mention of the wonderful amount raised by our very good friend, Phyllis George, over recent years.

Phyllis attends our Card and Tennis Days setting up a well stocked stall of produce and hand made articles which has realised an amazing total of \$19,000 ably assisted by another Kooyong member, Freda.

Congratulations Phyllis and Freda, we thank you both for your great support for the Hospital!

None of the above would be possible without the great cooperation from our great Kooyong club.

President, Peter Carew, together with Lisa, his wife and our Patron, attend all our functions and give our Committee their full support. My thanks to you both.

In addition, my thanks must go to Chris Brown, our CEO at Kooyong, Cedric Mason, Manager Tennis & Sport, Chris Goulding, our great chef, and his great kitchen staff who supply the great food for our events and who together with all the Kooyong staff ensure the smooth running of all of our functions. Thank you all.

Finally, I wish to thank all our Kooyong Members and their friends for their great support for the Hospital.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to another successful year in 2018. ■



▲ The trivia night was a huge success and featured some great costumes by some of the teams.
◀ Caroline Hill was thanked for her many years of service to the RCH Auxiliary.

▼ The RCH Card Days are always a popular fundraising day for the Auxiliary.



Wine & Food Society

by Ken Wheat, President Wine & Food Society

The Wine and Food Society's July Dinner in the Kooyong Room was initially conceived based on Chris Goulding's travels in France last year. After collaborating with the Kooyong team, we were inspired by the idea of the dinner featuring a fusion of French food concepts incorporating our local, fresh produce to achieve a number of superb courses which were matched by an outstanding line up of Australian and French wines.

We began with canapés accompanied by a *Crémant* from the Loire Valley. Chris Goulding's entrée of crab and avocado *tian* was complemented by an Alsace and a Howard Park Riesling, contrasting styles but equal enhancements.

“The Ballantine of game and the Morgon Gamay sat perfectly in the middle of the evening's enjoyments.”

The Rhone Valley was featured prominently with a *blanquette de veau* paired with two GSMs, Teusner's 'Joshua' and Ravoir 'Plan de Dieu'. A classic *Baba a rhum* in tandem with a Spring Vale (Tasmania) 'Louisa' Sticky Gewurztraminer completed the 'design'.

In October, 40 Wine and Food Society members and guests had the great pleasure of dining at L'Hotel Gitan, Jacque Reymond's family gastro-pub. The classic French dinner began with *gougère avec Gruyère* and Brown Brothers' Patricia Pinot Noir Chardonnay Brut. Next there was a superlative pescatarian terrine served with an aged Upton Run Riesling and Domaine Besson Chablis, an excellent contrast, yet both wines were ideally suited to the dish. The '*salmis*' of duck breast was matched with Home Hill Estate Pinot Noir and the award winning Buckshot Heathcote Shiraz.

We had a break from the cuisine to conduct an oenological 'options' game, all attendees standing to participate in a series of knock out questions which eventually revealed the mystery wine as a 2015 Wynns Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon. The winner, Trish O'Brien, won a magnum of

2005 Buskshot Shiraz donated by Rob Peebles, the maker, a WFS member. Dessert was a delicate *crêpe Suzette* married with the Château Roumieu Sauternes.

Our next dinner is the formal End of Year function Saturday 9 December in the Kooyong Room. We will feature the 'young gun' winemaker, Mac Forbes, who grows and makes a variety of excellent wines in the Yarra Valley.

At the beginning of 2018 our activities will begin with the AGM and wine tasting Monday 5 February at the Club. A dinner is being planned for Friday 16 March spotlighting the Tastes of the Mornington Peninsula. We welcome new members to join us on our future epicurean adventures. ■



◀ Trish O'Brien and Ken Wheat.
▼ The bottles were lined up after a great night.

▼ Left Geoff Pullen, Jean Burgess and Richard Hatherley.
Right Jan Carden, Bob Burgess and Julie McCall.



Health Club

by Michael Kull, Health Club Manager

The Christmas season is here! It is exciting to see the members getting fit for summer and enjoying a healthy lifestyle. Recently, many members participated in the “Kooyong TRI” which challenges their cardio fitness and assists in setting new fitness goals.

“Kooyong TRI” is a combination of 3 different cardio disciplines, exercise bike, rower, and cross-trainer. Let’s hear about it from the members whom participated in this challenge and achieved great results.



▲ Geoff Brooke (left) and Steven Murphy in action for the Kooyong Tri with their trainer Jeremy Musso.

TOP 10 KOOYONG TRI MEMBERS

Names	Bike (Level 8 - 2km)	Rower (Level 5 - 500m)	X - Trainer (Level 8 - 500m)	Total	Trainer
Geoff Brooke	2.47 minutes	1.40 minutes	1.26 minutes	5.53	Jeremy
Jack Jenkins	2.44 minutes	1.39 minutes	1.35 minutes	5.58	Jeremy
Steven Murphy	2.44 minutes	1.45 minutes	1.58 minutes	6.27	Jeremy
Paul Fildes	3.12 minutes	1.50 minutes	1.27 minutes	6.29	Tali
Paul Newton	3.01 minutes	1.48 minutes	1.56 minutes	6.45	Jeremy
Cameron Dorse	3.50 minutes	1.58 minutes	1.30 minutes	7.18	Sonja
Lauren Sanford	3.22 minutes	2.24 minutes	1.33 minutes	7.19	David
Warren Sperl	3.26 minutes	2.03 minutes	2.30 minutes	7.59	Clive
Natasha Norton	3.51 minutes	2.09 minutes	2.07 minutes	8.07	Sonja
Antony De Jong	3.54 minutes	2.07 minutes	2.19 minutes	8.20	Clive

Geoff Brooke: “Despite playing a number of sports competitively, especially long ago in my high school and university days, no sport I played had an associated gym program. So, I never have been to a gym consistently. And to be honest, my feeble attempts in starting a program in recent years were too pathetic and boring,” said Geoff.

“However, 2 years ago I sold out of my business and had time to sign up with a personal trainer at the Kooyong Health Club. I was assigned to Jeremy Musso, who has basically changed my life. I am with him twice a week and go it alone twice a week. He is demanding, whilst at the same time makes it all fun. Plus, I feel much better in myself. So much so that when I’m now asked how am I, instead of replying with the standard “Not bad”, I say “I’m great, Thanks!” So, my experience with the Kooyong gym and Jeremy has been terrific,” he said.

Steven Murphy: “Over the past 2 years my trainer Jeremy has kept me very motivated, whilst devising a program which has made me fitter and stronger as well as at the same time keeping me injury free! I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience with Jeremy and the Kooyong gym,” said Steven.

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. ■

Social Committee News

by Cindi Damian, Social Committee President



'Night Fever, Night Fever, We know how to do it...'

The lyrics to the Bee Gees hit certainly rang true at our Black Tie Dinner on 26 August as Members and Guests relived the disco days of the 70's at our Saturday Night Fever Dinner Dance.

Kat's Disco Belles hit the dance floor to 'You Should Be Dancing', and our fabulous band for the evening, 'The Smits' made sure that's just what we did all night.

Special thanks to the Kooyong Function Staff, The Smits, & Kat's Disco Belles for ensuring we all had a fabulous evening. Thanks also to our photographer for the event, Chelsea McRea for capturing the spirit of the night.

Christmas Function

The Social Committee looks forward to wrapping up a successful calendar of events and functions for 2017 with 'Joyeux Noel' *une soirée sur la terrasse* on Sunday 3 December 5pm - 8pm in the Kooyong Room.

Please join us for a French inspired Christmas celebration with live music from Mikes On. Chill out or kick your heels up to some groovy holiday beats by the rockin' Mike Daghish while enjoying a tantalising menu of canapés, appetisers and drinks. KLTC Members are welcome to invite guests. To book please go to TryBookings link: www.trybooking.com/SJBC

SOCIAL COMMITTEE 2018

I have greatly enjoyed my 2 terms as President of the Social Committee but have decided it is time to resign. I wish to thank Club President, Peter Carew and the Board, Chris Brown and his staff, particularly Rachael Whitelaw, Cedric Mason, Tim Baddock, Daniel O'Neill, receptionists Genevieve, Nicole and Julia for the support given me and the Social Committee.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation also to my fellow committee members (Rowan Harris, Jenny Silvers, Kat Benyon, Tanya Fryc, Frankie Katz and Peter Tingate) for their friendship and support over this time. We have enjoyed many happy times together, organizing some terrific functions and events for our KLTC Members. Their enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring our Members and guests enjoy fun times 'on and off' the court is truly appreciated.

A 'spill of positions' of office bearers of the Social Committee (Secretary, President, Vice President) is also on the agenda for our November meeting. Nominations for these positions will be accepted and the positions will be ratified at the AGM to be held in December. I would encourage anyone who would like to join the Social Committee to please do so. The 'more the merrier', I can guarantee that you will have a lot of fun!

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season.

Cindi Damian



Happy Hour

Mike Daghish of ‘Mikes On’ has been a fantastic drawcard at our Happy Hour events throughout the year. We are enormously grateful to him for making this a fun time where Members and guests can kick back for a few hours on a Friday evening; enjoy his music, drinks at Happy Hour prices, complimentary nibbles in the surrounds of the company of friends – even enjoying a dance or two when the music inspired them, which was often!



JJ MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN

by **Jenny Silvers**

The annual JJ tennis event which is held in honour of the late John Jeffries, who was a great enthusiast of social tennis, was held on Sunday October 1st 2017. A good number of Members and their guests turned out and enjoyed an afternoon of highly competitive social tennis followed by drinks and canapés. Once again Functions provided an outstanding spread for hungry tennis players. The overall winners of the event were Fiona Addison and Paul O'Brien who were the strongest pair on the day and well deserved winners. ■

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

December 2017

3rd	Junior Competition Round Robin & Presentation Night
3rd	Social Committee Joyeux Noel
4th	New Member Night
19th	Bridge Club End of Year Dinner & Presentations
25th	Christmas Day Buffet Lunch – Sold Out

January 2018

9th - 12th	Priceline Pharmacy Classic
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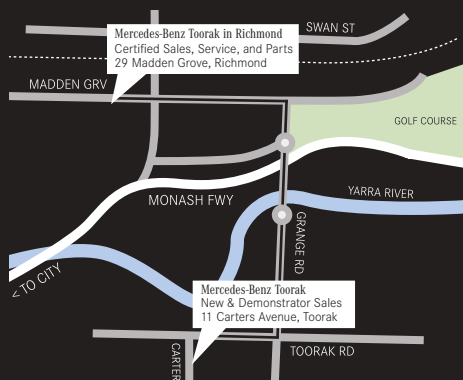
5th	Wine & Food Society AGM & Tasting
9th	Social Committee Friday Evening Tennis & BBQ
12th	RCH Auxiliary AGM
17, 18, 24, 25th	KLTC Club Championships
23rd	Social Committee Happy Hour

March 2018

3rd & 4th	KLTC Club Championships (if required)
5th	RCH Ladies Doubles Tennis Day



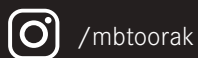
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