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President's Report

Our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) was conducted at the Club for the first time in 2-years in our magnificent Stadium Room overlooking Centre Court. I'm pleased to report that the Board progresses into the 2022/23 year with no change in composition.

Congratulations to Rowena Cole and Sally Peers for being elected as Ordinary Members of the Board for a 3-year term with Ian Anderson and Sarah Sheer being elected for a 1-year term. Additionally, we have Jeremy Brown-Greaves and Peter Tingate continuing in their Board appointed roles on the Board. I'm looking forward to working with the Board as we step forward with optimism and unrivalled activity at our Club.

Kooyong Classic, Kooyong Foundation Pro-Am and the Club Championships

The positioning of the Kooyong Classic for over 33 years has provided players with the ideal preparation for the Australian Open and we look forward in 2023 to showcasing the dramatic facelift of Kooyong "The Spiritual Home of Australian Tennis" with new facilities and activations offering players and spectators a significantly enhanced experience.

Recent new player announcements in Taylor Fritz (current world #8), Marin Cilic (current world #16), Yoshihito Nishioka (Japanese #1 and current world #38) and Jennifer Brady (former world #13/Australian Open finalist in 2021) complement existing players previously announced. The Classic is certainly set to sizzle this summer and we look forward to Members taking advantage of discounted ticketing and hospitality package experiences now available.

The Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro-Am will be held on

5 December after the successful inaugural running in 2021 providing a perfect launch pad for the Summer of Tennis with the Kooyong Classic to follow.

Our 52nd Club Championships takes place from 3-19 February and will provide the opportunity for Members across all Member classes to participate in a highlight event of the Kooyong calendar with entries closing on 23 January.

Recent Sporting Achievements/Activities

At the recent Tennis Victoria Awards, held at Kooyong in late October, Roisin Gilheany was awarded Junior Female Player of the Year for the second consecutive year whilst John Peers won the inaugural Victorian Player of the Year award for 2022.

John Peers won the US Open Mixed Doubles title with Storm Sanders, his second Grand Slam title, having won the 2017 Australian Open doubles title.

Steve Mifsud won a record seventh Australian Open Snooker Championship at the Bob Hawke AM Memorial Open Snooker Championship 2022 held at The Mounties Club in Sydney.

The inaugural Peter Quinn Cup was held in late August, aptly named after our former President/Chairman of the Kooyong Foundation who has been a tireless servant and leader of our magnificent Club.

What a wonderful Pennant season for the Club in winning three pennant flags in Men's Masters (35+) Grade 1, Men's Grade 1 and Women's Grade 2.

Gabrielle Villegas had the opportunity of spending a week training at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Mallorca, Spain following on from her winning the Rafa Nadal Tour Invitational Masters event in 2020. Additionally, Gabby with Zara Larke, Roisin Gilheany and Amelia Zylberman

have had recent success at ITF junior level events across the globe.

Thanks to the on-going work of the Kooyong Foundation in supporting and developing aspiring talent, with new Scholarship holders looking to be welcomed early in 2023 following recent trials.

Congratulations to all our winners and participants.

Around the Club

The new squash displays extending the living museum of tennis and squash at Kooyong are expected to be completed prior to the end of the year. Bert Armstrong has kindly donated a significant part of his personal collection which will be presented in the 15 permanent displays once complete. Thank you, Bert, for your generosity, love of the game and our Club.

We look forward to having our grass courts open, notwithstanding the unseasonably high rainfall has delayed their opening - stay tuned for updates from the team over the coming weeks.

Our Kooyong Clubs activity since our August edition has been incredible. End of year functions are planned and set in place through December and into the New Year - I encourage early booking to avoid disappointment.

Christmas and the New Year

Finally, and importantly, I would like to wish all our Kooyong family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year and I look forward to seeing you in and around enjoying our wonderful Club, 'One of the great clubs of the world'.



Adam Cossar, President

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**Kooyong
Foundation**

Omar Jasika in World's
Top 250, Gilheany & Peers
win Tennis Victoria awards,
plus more...

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Coaching team





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CEO's Report

With the reopening of grass courts, news of a great field for the upcoming Care A2+ Kooyong Classic and preparations for our Club Championships well underway, it is clear we are returning to summer at Kooyong.

Preparations for our grass court season were severely impacted by cold and wet conditions across spring and staff were challenged to find opportunities to prepare them as planned. But despite these difficulties, they are set for an excellent season to look forward to. Members are reminded to include the names of all players when booking the grass courts in line with the relevant categories of entitlements.

We are looking forward to the return of our annual Kooyong Classic and with the support of naming rights sponsor Care A2+, gold sponsor Go Markets and our other partners, preparations are shaping up very well for the event. With a stellar line up confirmed including World No.1 Carlos Alcaraz, Australian Alex de Minaur and top ranked US player Taylor Fritz, there are many reasons to login at kooyongclassic.com.au and obtain event information, hospitality options and ticketing details. Member packages are

available, and we look forward to seeing the return of this lead up event to the Australian Open.

Our Club groups are looking strong up to Christmas with each planning events, and these are detailed throughout this edition of Courtside. We appreciate the excellent work undertaken by the committees, who every year find a range of unique opportunities for our Members to enjoy.

Following the successful launch of the Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro Am last year, we are looking forward to its return early in December when our grass courts will be the scene for fundraising for the Foundation player development program. With a number of past and present pros confirming their attendance, we can look forward to another great day.

As we move to the end of the year, the energy is back at the Club and all areas are extremely busy. I thank the Board and staff for all their contributions and support and extend to Members my own wishes for a wonderful festive season and great times in 2023.

Chris Brown, CEO

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd December 2022	Wine & Food Society End of Year Dinner
5th December 2022	Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro Am
10th December 2022	Social Committee Christmas Ball
25th December 2022	Christmas Day Buffet Lunch
10th - 12th January 2023	Care A2+ Kooyong Classic
3rd - 5th February 2023	Club Championships
10th February 2023	Social Committee Twilight Tennis
10th - 12th February 2023	Club Championships
17th - 19th February 2023	Club Championships (if required)
26th February 2023	Social Committee Longest Lunch
6th March 2023	RCH Auxiliary Ladies Doubles Tournament
26th March 2023	Shelley Lipe Mixed Doubles event



The Classic set to sizzle this summer

KOoyong Lawn Tennis Club
10-12 January 2023

THE PLAYERS



Carlos Alcaraz
Spain

World #1, US Open Champion,
6 ATP singles titles
Age: 19 years



Taylor Fritz
USA

USA #1, World #8,
4 ATP singles titles
Age: 25 years



Alex de Minaur
Australia

Australian #2 & #1 player in Australia's
Davis Cup team
Age: 23 years



Marin Cilic
Croatia

Former US Open Champion
& World #16
Age: 34 years



Yoshihito Nishioka
Japan

Japanese #1, World #38 & recent
winner of Korea Open ATP Event
Age: 27 years



Jennifer Brady
USA

Former World #13 & Australian Open
finalist in 2021.
Age: 27 years

...and more to come!



After two years on the sidelines, the Kooyong Classic returns from 10-12 January 2023. The event is presented by new title sponsor Care A2+, who have made a five-year commitment, as well as a host of support sponsors led by Go Markets at gold level and supported by Mitchelton, The Como, Schweppes, Versa, Dunlop, Black Leopard, ScoreBuzzer and Patterson Cheney.

Gates will open from 9am each day with free to air coverage on SBS from 11am-5pm. The event will also be broadcast in over 20 countries by Media Pro Asia.

The upgrade of the venue is complete with enhanced new corporate hospitality areas within the Clubhouse and on the Kooyong Common.

Kids can enjoy activations conducted by Tennis Victoria and there will also be the opportunity to see and try the game of Pickleball.

The event will also feature courtside commentary and in-game interviews with players.

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Gilheany & Peers Win Tennis Victoria Awards

Roisin Gilheany was named the Tennis Victoria Junior Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive year. The honour capped off a fantastic year for the 17-year-old where she competed in the Australian Open Juniors, won 3 doubles titles on the ITF Junior circuit, was semi-finalist at the Grade 2 event in Chuncheon, Korea plus

made seven quarter finals across ITF Junior events reaching a career high junior world ranking of 187.

John Peers won the inaugural Victorian Player of the Year award for 2022. It was another highly successful year on tour for Peers where he won an ATP doubles title in Sydney and highlighted by winning the US Open mixed doubles with fellow Australian Storm Sanders.

Congratulations Roisin and John! ●

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Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro Am presented by Care A2+

Following the successful inaugural event, the Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro Am will take place again on Monday 5th December 2022 on the grass courts.

Corporates and scholarship holders will have the opportunity to play alongside former and current professional players such as Sam Stosur, Paul McNamee, Sam Groth, Richard Fromberg and many other greats.

The Pro Am will act as a major fundraiser for the Foundation to help support up and coming players. ●

Gabby won the Rafa Nadal Tour Australian Masters Invitational in 2020... awarded an all-expenses paid trip to train at the Rafa Nadal Academy

▼ Amelia Zylberman delighted with her first ITF Juniors doubles title.



▲ Gabby Villegas pictured with all time great Rafa Nadal at his academy in Manacor.

Gabrielle Villegas at Rafa Nadal Academy

Gabrielle Villegas recently got to spend a week training at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Majorca, Spain. Gabby won the Rafa Nadal Tour Australian Masters Invitational in 2020, with the winning players from each age group (12/U & 14/U) awarded an all-expenses paid trip to train at the Rafa Nadal Academy. Until now the trip has been unable to happen.

Staying in accommodation at the academy, training up to 6 hours a day on court and off, the week was capped off when Gabby got to meet the man himself Rafa Nadal and get some expert advice from the 22-time grand slam champion. ●

ITF Juniors Success

Gabrielle Villegas, Zara Larke, Roisin Gilheany and Amelia Zylberman have all tasted recent success at the ITF Junior level across the globe.

Gabrielle Villegas had an outstanding week in Adelaide, winning her first ITF singles and doubles titles at the Grade 5 event. The wins sees the 15 year old's junior ranking zoom to #646 in the world.

Pairing up in Sarawak, Malaysia Zara Larke and Roisin Gilheany won the Grade 1 doubles title. It was their first ITF Junior doubles title together, the third overall for Larke and seventh for Gilheany. Larke and Gilheany are currently ranked #125 and #257 on the ITF Junior world rankings.

Playing in New Zealand, Amelia Zylberman won her first ITF doubles title at the Grade 5 event in Auckland. Zylberman's ranking is now at a career high of #841 in the world.

Well done to all! ●



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◀ **Winners Ymerali Ibraimi & Olivia Quigley with Peter Quinn.**

Peter Quinn Cup

The inaugural Peter Quinn Cup recently took place on the en-tout-cas courts at Kooyong. Named after one of the Kooyong Foundation's original founders and chairman of 15+ years, Peter's efforts were recognised in 2020 when he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal.

The Peter Quinn Cup lined up some of the Kooyong Foundation's best players, pairing a younger and older player to have some nicely balanced teams. The event was played in a round robin format with the top two teams of each group through to the semi-finals.

With the BBQ going and watched on by donors,

Foundation board members and of course Peter and Lizzie Quinn, the final was played between Amor Jasika / Philippa Bush and Olivia Quigley / Ymerali Ibraimi. In an exciting finish to the first event, it was the combination of Quigley/Ibraimi who held their nerve to win the first Peter Quinn Cup! ●

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Ava Beck National Hardcourt Finalist

Ava Beck has had a fantastic 14/U Hardcourt Nationals, making the final of both singles and doubles. Coming into the singles event seeded #11, Beck didn't drop a set on her way to making the final before going down to NSW player Renee Alame.

Pairing up with fellow Kooyong Foundation player Koharu Nishikawa in the doubles event, the 3rd seeds went down fighting in the final 6-4 6-3 to Sarah Mildren and Kalina Stefanov.

The results show the continued improvement from the gutsy Beck as she continues to develop her game. Look out for more to come! ●





Omar Jasika in World's Top 250

Omar Jasika has continued to jump up the world rankings after a highly successful year touring. Jasika had three years off tour, having to rebuild his ranking from scratch. So far in 2022 his results have included 4 ITF titles, 2 finals and 3 semi-finals plus a final and two semi-finals of ATP Challenger events culminating in a win/loss record of 62-22 to get his ranking sitting at 250 in the world.

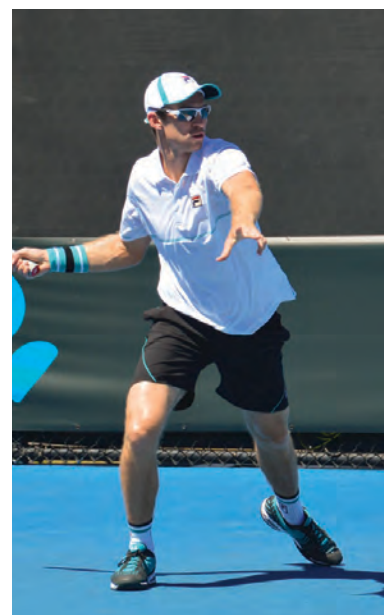
"I told myself a goal at the start of the year to be inside 200 starting from 0 and I thought I'd challenge myself to reach that goal. Just one small positive

thought in the morning can change your whole day. I've come to the realisation of being consistent in this world with whatever you do can go a long way! I'm proud of myself with how far I've come a long way and I'm not stopping yet! Ready for 2023!"

All the best for the summer ahead, Omar! ●

"I'm proud of myself with how far I've come a long way and I'm not stopping yet!"

▲ Omar Jasika lasers another backhand on his way to world's top 250.



Peers Wins US Open Mixed Doubles title

John Peers has won his second career Grand Slam title in the mixed doubles of the US Open. Adding to his 2017 Australian Open doubles title, Peers teamed up with fellow Aussie Storm Sanders to win the title. In a titanic battle the pair defeated Kirsten Flipkens and Edouard Roger-Vasselin 4-6 6-4 10-7 in the final. ●

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Pennant

Kooyong claimed three premiership flags this Tennis Victoria Pennant season in what was a great result for the Club.

Thomas Patton's Grade 1 team had a fantastic season, losing only one match to finish in top position ahead of finals. The team took on North Ringwood in the grand final and started strongly by winning both doubles matches. Codey Gunn continued his winning ways and won a close three set battle to record an undefeated singles season. With Patton and David Bidmeade then falling in tight matches, it all came down to Greg Jones to clinch the victory. Despite losing the first set, Jones fought until the end and came out on top, winning 10-3 in the third set to secure the flag for the team!

Stephen Gay's Masters Grade 1 team claimed yet another flag, after defeating Geelong Lawn 3-0. The team finished on top of the ladder meaning they progressed straight to the grand final. Wes Horskins and Chris Costas got the team off to a great start winning



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▲ **Grade 1 Premiers:** Greg Jones, James O'Sullivan, Thomas Patton, David Bidmeade & Codey Gunn.

◀ **Grade 2 Premiers:** Leanne Scott, Kate Walker, Anna Clarkson, Natalie Baic & Isabelle Gemmel.

in straight sets, while Gay and Martin Warwick won a close three set match. Costas and Warwick then teamed up for a convincing straight sets win to clinch the premiership win for the team!

Natalie Baic's Grade 2 team faced off against Oakleigh. The day got off to a slow start following rain overnight before a decision was made to commence play with singles rather than doubles. Kate Walker got things rolling with a straight sets win at the #4 position and Anna Clarkson followed with a gritty win at #2. Another straight sets win by Isabelle Gemmel followed while captain Baic took the first set meaning no more was needed and the premiership flag was won!

▼ Pennant October 1991 Grade 6 Section 4: Rowena Cole, Diana Gillespie, Joanna Murray, Alison Owen, Dorothy Kelleher.



In the men's competition, **Liam Louzado's Grade 2 team** also made finals and fell in the grade semi-finals while **Oliver Elmslie's Grade 3 team** were without key players and unfortunately went down in the sectional semi-finals.

Baxter Errey's Grade 5 team finished in second position but lost to a strong Bulleen outfit in the sectional semi-finals.

In Grade 6, the Club's two teams finished in second and third positions and faced off in the sectional semi-finals. **Peter May's team** proved too strong for **Salvatore Soepardi's young team** and went on to reach the grade preliminary final.

The Club's **Grade 11 team captained by Ash Conway** went undefeated all season up until the final round. They found their form again in finals and progressed all the way to the grand final where they went down to HE Parker Reserve in a close battle to finish the season as runners-up.

▼ **Masters Grade 1 Premiers:** Ken Cooper, Chris Costas, Stephen Gay, Wes Horskins & Martin Warwick.

► **Bottom Pennant October 1991 Grade 9 Section 3:** Gerry Ginnivan, Mark Cahill, Ian Baker, Mark Gerstel.

In the women's competition, **Zoe Llewellyn's Grade 1 team** performed well to reach the grade semi-finals. Unfortunately, they went down to eventual winners Royal South Yarra in a very tight finish.

Isabella Lucas' Grade 5 team ended the home and away season undefeated and on top of the ladder. The team's season came to an end after they lost a close preliminary final to HE Parker Reserve.

Also in Grade 5, **Angela Woodruff's team** finished in third place before falling to Tennis World in the sectional semi-finals.

Well done to all those who represented the Club in Pennant this season! ●

PENNANT PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the following players who were named Tennis Victoria Pennant Players of the Year for their respective grades!

Cameron Judd Masters Grade 1
William Noall Men's Grade 6
Holly Feldman Women's Grade 5

Then and Now!

Many members wouldn't be aware, but Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club only started playing serious competition tennis, as in Tennis Victoria Teams Tennis, otherwise known as Pennant, until 1991, even though the Club was established in 1892.

In those formative years the Club was known as the LTAV (Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria) where all affiliated clubs would meet monthly at the Club to discuss and decide on how best to run the affairs of tennis in the state of Victoria.

The Club has made great progress since and moved on from those early years to establish its own identity to become known as Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, with its own membership and management.

Keen to get involved in competitive tennis in 1991 the Club entered 6 teams – made up of 4 men's in one Grade 9, two in Grade 11, one in Grade 12 and 2 ladies' teams in Grades 6 and 7. These pioneers gave the Club the drive and the enthusiasm to pursue competition tennis more aggressively within the Club resulting in the Club now fielding 26 teams made up of nine women's teams, 17 men's teams and three masters teams in the Pennant Competition giving around 200 Members the opportunity to represent the Club competitively, and culminating in the Club winning 3 premiership flags – Men's Grade 1, Ladies Grade 2 and Men's 35+ Grade 1. Congratulations to everyone involved. A special mention to captains who had to persevere with many emergency issues.

Many of those Members who started out with us in 1991 are still playing an active part in the Club today, enjoying the many experiences of what the Club has to offer – but not Pennant! ●



If you are interested in playing Tennis Victoria Pennant, please contact Sophie Vickers on **9822 3333** or via email at svickers@kooyong.com.au



52nd ANNUAL MEMBERS' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

21st Combined Senior & Junior Event

Friday 3rd (twilight), Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th February
Friday 10th (twilight), Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February
Friday 17th (twilight), Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th February (if required)

Entries close: Monday 23rd January 2023
ONLINE ENTRIES: tournaments.tennis.com.au

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WOMEN



Belinda Woolcock



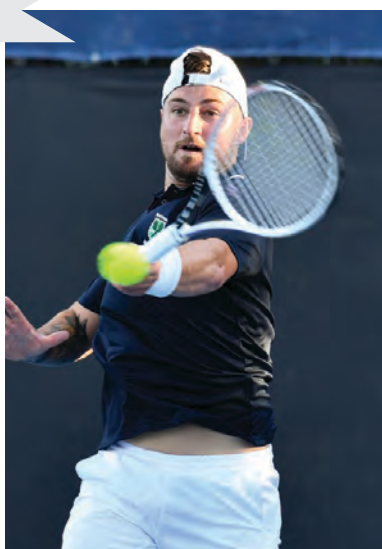
Eliza Dunbar



Gabrielle Villegas

AND... Gabriella Da Silva-Fick, Zali Morris, Zoe Llewellyn and Klaira Elkin.

MEN



Omar Jasika



Jacob Grills



Jeremy Taylor

AND... Marc Polmans, Andrew Whittington, David Bidmeade, David Hough and Amor Jasika



Junior Competition

The Club's juniors have again represented Kooyong with pride and enjoyed competing in the Bayside Regional Tennis Associations Junior competition in the latter half of the year.

On Saturdays, the Club is represented by one team in **Section 2. Captained by Ed Pollard**, the team will miss out on finals this season despite having beaten the top two teams.

Kooyong has four teams in the Sunday competition, led by **Lysander Mitchell's team in Section 1**. Most of the players in this side made the jump up from Section 6 after claiming the premiership last season, and although not holding a winning record they have taken on the challenge of competing against stronger players and have improved their games.

James Porter's Section 4 team and **Zara Stevens' Section 10**

team have also found the going tough against quality opponents but have given it all their all and are learning from the experience.

In **Section 21, Harper Barons' young team** sit in third position and are ready for a strong finals campaign. The team has defeated second placed Grace Park Hawthorn Club and will be

▲ Juniors from Kooyong and Royal South Yarra enjoyed taking part in the Cedric Mason Cup.

looking to play their best tennis as the season comes to a close. We wish the team all the best for finals!

Well done to all Kooyong players, and we look forward to seeing you back on court next year! ●

The team has defeated second placed Grace Park Hawthorn Club and will be looking to play their best tennis as the season comes to a close.



◀ Congratulations to the Club's Section 6 team who won the premiership in the February-June season earlier this year.

Cedric Mason Cup

The Cedric Mason Cup is a teenage challenge between Kooyong and Royal South Yarra.

The event was held at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club in October after not being held since 2019.

Royal South Yarra proved too strong this year and were presented the cup by Cedric. Both teams enjoyed listening to Cedric's stories, and it was great to see everyone enjoying a fantastic afternoon of tennis and socialising.

The event will be hosted by Kooyong next year and we hope to bring home the cup to Kooyong!

Thank you to all those who took part in the day! ●

Any juniors interested in playing competition tennis, please contact Sophie Vickers at svickers@kooyong.com.au or by calling the Club on **9822 3333**.

Midweek Ladies

Kooyong will be represented by 11 midweek ladies' competition teams in October, playing across two days and associations.

Firstly, to Tuesday and the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) winter 2022 season concluded in August. **Lois Plowman's Section 1 Blue team** remained on top of the ladder to conclude the winter 2022 season, finishing two games clear on top. They defeated Glen Waverley 4-43 to 2-40 in a hard-fought Semi Final to qualify for the Grand Final. Unfortunately, Donvale Blue prevailed in the decider, 4-40 to 1-20. The team are on track to go one better for the summer 2023 season, which commenced immediately following the previous season in September, sitting in first position after six rounds.

Kris Tulloch's Section 1 Gold team remained in sixth position to conclude the winter 2022 season. This season, they are fifth on the ladder and will be hoping to make the top four and qualify for the Semi Finals.

Lauren Sanford submitted a team for the summer 2023 season. They applied for **Section 2** after previously playing Section 1 and were graded there accordingly. The team is currently eighth on the ladder.

Sally Addison's Section 2 team dropped to eighth position to finish the winter 2022 season. They applied for Section 3 due to some personnel changes for this season and were graded there accordingly. The team is currently in eighth position.

Angela Godwin and Jill Kaminsky's Section 3 team dominated the winter 2022 season, finishing four wins clear on top

of the ladder. They comfortably accounted for East Malvern Gold in the Semi Final, prevailing 5-45 to 1-21 to qualify for the Grand Final. The Grand Final, however, was a different story, with Kooyong winning a thriller, 4-41 to 2-40 versus Camberwell United! Congratulations to the whole team: Angela Godwin, Jill Kaminsky, Deanne Ritchie, Sally McIlwraith, Belinda Henry, Amanda Gosper, Hiromi Bum, Sandra Wolf, Kimberley Mustow and special thanks to all those who filled in during the season. The team were promoted to Section 2 for this season. They are on the bottom of the ladder and will be hoping to avoid relegation again.

Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) has February to June and July to December seasons. **Rachael Dickinson's Section A1 team**, taking over the captaincy from Jill Meggs, has improved on last season's seventh-place finish. They are third on the ladder after 13 rounds with just one round remaining. It will be a tight finish to ensure a Semi Finals berth, with the team two points ahead of Basterfield Park in fourth and a further two points ahead of Eaglemont in fifth.

Kris Tulloch's Section A1 team has improved on the previous season's last-placed finish, sitting in sixth position. They will, however, miss out on making the top four and qualifying for the Semi Finals with just one round remaining.

Gill Hunt's Section 2 team are fourth on the ladder after 13 rounds. They unfortunately won't be able to improve on last season's Semi Final berth. As



▲ Congratulations to the Section 3 MEMRLTA Premiers!

Section 2 is a six-team section, there are no Semi Finals, with the top two teams automatically qualifying for the Grand Final. The team has too much ground to make up on the top two with two rounds remaining.

Heather Anderson's Section 2 team are on the bottom of the ladder after being promoted from Section 3 following last season's Grand Final triumph. They would reap the benefits of this season's higher standard of tennis should they avoid being relegated back to Section 3 by BRTA for the February to June 2023 season.

Trish Gorman's Section 3 team unfortunately won't be able to replicate their Grand Final appearance from last season. They are fourth on the ladder after 13 rounds, but like Section 2, Section 3 is also a six-team section with no Semi Finals. The team has too much ground to make up on the top two with two rounds remaining.

Finally, **Skye Berman's new Section 3 team** has enjoyed a successful season. They are in third position. The team is a mathematical chance of making the Grand Final, sitting 11.5 points behind second.

We wish our midweek ladies' teams all the best for the remainder of the year! ●

If you are interested in playing midweek ladies competition, please contact Tim Baddock on 9822 3333 or via email at tbaddock@kooyong.com.au

KITA

Meet our star KITA Coaching team.



▲ **Brayden Daly** has been working at KITA for the past 4 years. He is completing his TA club Pro course next year and has worked at all levels. During this time he has also travelled Nationally and Internationally on the Challenger and futures circuit and currently working predominantly with our high performance/scholarship program and adults.

Laura Peart

Laura Peart is currently completing her JD course with Tennis Australia and works predominantly with our younger players who are entering the tennis world. She's very passionate about tennis and helping inspire young individuals, especially young girls to achieve their goals.



▲ **Patrick Lake** was a former top Australian junior, who has now been a part of the coaching team at Kita for 10 years. He has a level 2 coaching accreditation with a Bachelor of exercise sport science degree. Patrick works with all ages and experience levels.



▲ **Michael Mullen**, (newly appointed Head of Coaching), coached College tennis at the University of Florida while obtaining his level 3 Masters qualification. He was Head Coach of the Australian Special Olympic team at the World Games in Shanghai and is a coaching lecturer and examiner. He also had his own coaching business for over 20 years. Passionate about technique and developing life skills with his players.

"Tennis is a great sport to enjoy for life".

Bruce Ferguson

Bruce Ferguson has had his own coaching facility in Shepparton and been a Club Pro qualified coach for 29 years. As a player he has represented Australia in many world teams competitions, has won Australia and state titles and is currently ranked #2 in Australia in his age group. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience to pass on.

▼ **Beth Coton** is KITA's new Operations Manager. She is originally from Manchester, U.K. where she was a top 10 national junior tennis player. She gained a Division 1 tennis scholarship at the University of Northern Colorado and received a top 40 ITA doubles ranking whilst captain at her senior year. She is currently completing her Club Pro qualification with TA and is a tennis coach for both kids and adults alike. If you have any questions regarding the Pro Shop/ Coaching...Beth is your person!



◀ **Zoe Llewellyn** is the 2021 Kooyong Women's Open singles winner. She has completed her Tennis Graduate Pro qualification and represented Kooyong in the Victorian Premier League. Using her tennis experience, she strives to ensure her students improvement and enjoyment in a very positive and enthusiastic atmosphere.



► **Doug Hill** is a Level 3 TPAA / ACC and High Performance USPTA coach, heading up KITA's High Performance and Elite Programs. Having been a former player, coach to many professional and junior international players, Davis and Fed Cup teams (both senior and junior) over four decades, Doug is well credentialed to prepare and educate our players in readiness for National, ITF, College and Pro Tour events.



▲ **Rhian Llewellyn** has been coaching at KITA for 4 years and completed her Graduate Pro Coaching level. She has a very experienced playing background and still competes at Tennis Victoria Grade 1 pennant. With her patient and positive approach, she loves the challenge of working with a wide variety of players to help improve their tennis improvement.



▲ **Glenn Busby**, Director and owner of KITA Coaching, is a TA Elite qualified coach, has an App Sci Degree in PE specializing in Biomechanics and Exercise Physiology, a Sport Psychology diploma, has coached and travelled on ATP/WTA tour with top 10 men and women for 2 years while based in Florida, was himself ranked 305 ATP and has won 18 world singles, doubles and team senior titles. He has had 16 of his players that he has worked with for over 5 years achieve full US scholarships and produced players from a young age to ATP ranked 150. Tennis is his passion and life.

▼ **Jing Jing Bo** as a junior player won the Shanghai junior singles and doubles u14, u16 and u18 age groups. He travelled on the ITF tour and became a scholarship player at Kooyong. Pre-Covid he had been regularly invited back to compete at the highest level in China and now works at all levels with a passion of improving players at all levels and ages. "JJ" has had his Graduate Pro coaching certificate for 4 years.



Ollie Casey

Ollie Casey received a full-time tennis scholarship to North Carolina University, achieving a BA in Mathematics. During these 4 years he was named MVP tennis player of the team twice. As a player he competed in tournaments in Europe, Middle East, Asia and achieved an Australian ranking of 59. Ollie has completed his Pro Graduate coaching qualification and has been with KITA for over 4 years and good to have him back after a break.



◀ **Stephen Butera** is the Pro Shop/Coaching Co-ordinator. He had an extensive junior playing career where he played Grade 1 at a young age. He unfortunately was struck down by a debilitating shoulder injury which ended his journey. He then decided to get into the more development side of sport and fitness, gaining his Cert 3 in Training, ASCA Level 1 in Strength and Conditioning and a AATC Level 1 in Tennis Coaching. Going into 2023 he will be studying a Diploma of Sports Exercise Science at Victoria University and progressing into working with players at Kooyong. ●

*If you have been wanting to take a lesson or two to just brush up on your skills or get involved in any of our extensive programs, please give us a call in the **Pro Shop on 9038 7141**. We are here to assist you with any of your tennis needs.*



PRO SHOP

Summer is only just around the corner and the Pro Shop is ready!

Summer edition // 2022-23



Who is ready for the grass court season?!

As Melbourne's weather is starting to get warmer the Pro Shop is well equipped to accommodate for your summer and grass court clothing needs. As white clothing is an integral part of the grass court season the Pro Shop has got you covered, so pop in to get your whites. We stock legendary brands such as J. Lindeberg, Lacoste, Asics, Rohnisch, Castore, B Draddy, and many more! The Pro Shop wants to help you be the best dressed grass court player at Kooyong!

All new clothing collections and styles will be coming to the Pro Shop and ready to go for December! Including new Kooyong style clothing. If you are looking for Christmas shopping ideas, come into the Pro Shop. These new clothing options will help provide you with the perfect Christmas gifts!



NEW KOORYONG COLLECTIONS


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We have had such a fantastic 2022 and look forward to finishing the year on a high. We greatly appreciate all our loyal Members and customers' support.

Australian Open Opportunity

We are excited to announce we will be taking a LIMITED number of Performance Players (10 yrs and above) to the AO at Melbourne Park. We will be training in the morning here at Kooyong then taking the players to Melbourne Park via train.

Dates: January 18th & 25th 2023



HOLIDAY CLINICS

Summer holiday clinics:

12th-16th, 19th-22nd December
9th-13th, 16th-20th, 23rd-27th January

Performance holiday clinics:

13th-15th, 19th-21st December
10th-12th, 17th-19th, 23rd-25th January



Squash Museum

The Club's historic displays have been further enhanced through the Kooyong Foundation funding display cases in the squash gallery to house the magnificent collection generously donated by Member Bert Armstrong.

Bert Armstrong has been acquiring this collection of racket sport memorabilia since 1985 and believes Kooyong is the finest place on this planet to be its home.

The largest cabinet houses about 100 rackets from the late 1800s to present day, with pictures and text explaining the evolution of the racket.

▲ Bert Armstrong has donated a significant part of his personal collection to our Squash Museum display.

In the other cabinets separate displays are part finished. These include Mint Rackets 1970s -90s, Australian made, Khan family endorsed, and History of Grays.

Thankfully our fabulous perpetual trophies can now be displayed together in one place, with individual tags explaining their history and the donors place in KLTC. A unique item is the JV Fairbairn Cup, the Australian Professional Championship, lost since 1951 but found 20 years ago and now restored with all winners added up to 1979 when the event was replaced by the Australian Open.

It is anticipated the display should be complete about mid-December... but who knows what may be hidden in someone's attic! ●

◀ A selection of rackets on display, with some that date from the late 1800s.



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Kooyong A grade Women's Team 3

Our A Grade 3 squash team is a demonstration of the enduring bonds formed through sport that have lasted 3 decades and of the important benefits of women's sport. Not one of the members of our team would have predicted that the squash team would endure through professional careers, babies, illnesses, a pandemic and so very many competing commitments.

The four current members of the team have been playing together for over 30 years. The team was formed at Monash University Squash Club back in the 1980s when Jennie Easson, the current captain of the side and Fran Guyett forged a bond playing together at Monash University. The passionate duo were joined by Sarah Porritt in the late 1980s and then later by the Zuccala sisters, Fiona and Adriana (Fiona dragging Sarah back from "retirement" in the early 1990s). While Fran now plays squash for Kooyong's alternative team in A-Grade team, her connection to the team is still strong and she's always on hand to fill in when the team needs it.

After more than a decade at Monash, the entire team moved to Alma. This was not an easy decision as Fran and Jennie had been Presidents of the Monash University Squash Club. The precise reason for the move is hard to pin down but coalesced around the emerging realisation that we were not University students any more; none of us lived remotely close to Clayton; and the very real attraction of the welcoming and encouraging players at Alma who were immensely supportive of women's squash. We are delighted that many of them have been members of our team and

regularly fill including Carole, Monica, Liz, Daphne and Heather.

Over the years the team has won many pennants, lost a few grand finals, won the wooden spoon, produced 9 children and had many car journeys to various locations together. In our early days we used to practise with various children playing with toys and eating snacks on the court balcony above the court. Now we no longer practise - but just enjoy playing together and chatting over supper.

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◀ From left Daphne Lyle, Carole Davis, Liz Richards, Adriana Zuccala, Sarah Porritt and Fiona Zuccala.



▶ From left Adriana Zuccala, Jennie Easson, Sarah Porritt and Fiona Zuccala.

The key things that have kept the team together have been a deep understanding that each member is busy and that great communication is the key to fielding a team every week. This coupled with Jennie's magnificent

captaincy and the willingness of others to step into the breach has been critical. Central always has been a strong and shared understanding that it is the sport and the people that keep us coming back and not the points scored on any given night. Our love of the sport and commitment to the team has kept our desire to play strong and fuelled many a return after babies, illnesses, broken limbs, injuries and global and local disasters. We have played squash on nights when the Twin Towers burned and the Queen was commemorated and so many other moments have occurred around us.

The team is also a touchstone for discussion with others about the importance of sport and particularly women's sport not just at school but over a lifetime. Nothing demonstrates to our children and friends what matters more than saying we are still playing competitive sport with the team created in our late teens. We are immensely grateful to Kooyong and Alma and Monash before it for fostering the team, as well as the many other members we have had over the years. Thank you to the current Kooyong committee for their support and encouragement, especially Jo and Mike. We love the facilities at Kooyong and enjoy being part of the Club, and look forward to many more years, pennants and matches before our knees give way and we apply to join the Bridge group at Kooyong. ●



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Billiards and Snooker

Steve Mifsud wins a record seventh Australian Open Snooker Championship.

Kooyong's Steve Mifsud, the 2002 World Amateur Snooker Champion, has won a record seventh Australian Open Snooker Championship by winning the Bob Hawke AM Memorial Australian Open Snooker Championship 2022 at the Mounties Club in Sydney.

Steve won the championship with a gritty performance in the final, coming from 4-1 down against NSW's Roger Farebrother before winning 5 of the last 6 frames to prevail 6-5. Steve previously won the title in 1997, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2010, and 2013. The championship was Steve's 22nd Australian championship title, behind only Matthew Bolton (WA, 25) and equal with Bob Marshall (WA). Steve's tally comprises nine Australian National Snooker Championships, seven Australian Open Snooker Championships, three Australian National Billiards Championships, and three Australian Open Billiards Championships.

This year Steve has won three of Australia's four National Championships in billiards and snooker: the Australian National Billiards Championship, the Australian National Snooker Championship, and the Australian Open Snooker Championship, missing out only on the Australian Open Billiards Championship. Having recently turned 50, Steve is enjoying his best year ever and still has plenty left in the tank.

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Steve continues to represent Kooyong in the VBSA A Grade pennant competition, and may be seen in action at Kooyong home matches on Wednesday nights. ●

By Alistair Macindoe

Health Club

This month we chat to four Kooyong members who have been reaping rewards in our Health Club.



How long have you been training at Kooyong?

- **Dr. MacDougall** 4 years
- **Paul** 7 years
- **Tom** Just over 1 year.
- **Maya** 4 months.

What is your favourite part of training at Kooyong?

- **Dr. MacDougall** The fabulous view, it's one of the best in Melbourne. I am also enjoying the new gym upgrades as well as the convenient location next to the pool and close to the bistro.
- **Paul** The variety. The balance between aerobic exercise and the weight training. I also like the expansion of the gym and the modern equipment.
- **Tom** My favourite part of training is the fact that I'm getting better every day. Seeing the results of my hard work is also great, however I just love the feeling of working hard during training and knowing that I am improving myself with every exercise.
- **Maya** I find the gym an enjoyable place to be. Michael and all the personal trainers are friendly and welcoming. My



favourite part is working with Manav and seeing improvement in strength and conditioning from week to week. Manav is extremely knowledgeable and has helped enormously in my rehab for a wrist injury.

Which is your favourite exercise?

- **Dr. MacDougall** Core exercises to work on my strength and posture.
- **Paul** Lat pulldowns and cable rotations.
- **Tom** My favourite exercise



MEET OUR MEMBERS

Dr. John MacDougall
Mr. Paul Fildes
Mr. Tom Patton
Maya Ferguson

▲ **Dr. John MacDougall**

◀ **Top** Paul Fildes.
Left Maya Ferguson.

is the Bench press, as it's a very tough exercise that uses a lot of different muscles.

- **Maya** Leg press and arm press.

Which improvements have you seen since beginning training?

- **Dr. MacDougall** Core strength as well as being able to stand up straighter and improved balance.
- **Paul** Improved strength.
- **Tom** I started working with a great personal trainer, Stephen Butera, who is a really great guy and a fount of knowledge in the gym. Stephen helps me to focus on my goals and provides the assistance I need to achieve those goals in an efficient manner. Having him working alongside me in the gym makes it more enjoyable which allows me to stay motivated as I really enjoy my training.
- **Maya** Overall body strength and fitness. ●

By Michael Kull,
Kooyong Health Club Manager

Any Members interested in a strength and conditioning program, general fitness, injury rehabilitation, personal training, or weight loss can contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull directly on 0419 003 762 or contact the Health Club office via email at gymnasium@kooyong.com.au



◀ Marcella Hayes and Greg Baker.

Bridge Club

Following completion of the beginner lessons course many of the participants have moved on to regular supervised bridge sessions under the direction of Bridge Club secretary Doug Harrah, with assistance from other Bridge Club members.

It is hoped that many will move on to become full Bridge Club members and continue to participate in ongoing supervised or duplicate sessions next year.

In early September the Club competed against MCC Bridge Club winning handsomely with the star performers being the all-male team of David Happell, Doug Bell, Peter Hodsman and Peter Hannemann. A great result indicating the strength of the Club being one of the largest in Victoria.

The Club also participated in the Australian Bridge Association Open Pairs event in late August. Local winners were Susan Douglas, Deb Fogarty, Marg Anderson and Karen Hill. Pairs ranked in the top 100 in Australia in the event were Susie Stock with Jane McKenzie and Diana Wilson with Robyn Sutton.

The Club also participated in the Australia Wide Restricted Pairs Competition with Greg Baker and Marcella Hayes being placed 2nd in Australia in their under 100 points section. A brilliant result!

The Club has now purchased a dealing machine and with cards with the Kooyong logo is able to prepare our own boards for duplicate play.

The Kooyong Congress in November is being well supported by Kooyong Bridge Club Members and gives players an opportunity to compete against some of the best bridge players from around the state. ●

By James Tulloch



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Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

The last months of 2022 have been very busy for the Kooyong RCH Auxiliary.

On Sunday 7 August, we transformed and reimagined our Christmas in July event into a Christmas Wonderland luncheon. Traditionally, Christmas in July has been held annually; however, circumstances dictated that we had not been able to convene this very successful fundraising event for the past two years. Thus, we were absolutely delighted to go ahead this year. It really was a spectacular day held in the new Kooyong Stadium Room.

Associate Professor Rachel Conyers, a paediatric oncologist at The Royal Children's Hospital and a clinical scientist at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, commenced the day's proceedings with an introduction outlining her crucial and imperative work at the RCH.

We were then treated to a very entertaining and interesting presentation from former Australian tennis players Sam Groth and Nicole Bradtke. Sam and Nicole have represented Australia both individually and as members of the Australian Davis Cup and Federation Cup Teams respectively.

Whilst enjoying a beautiful three course lunch, our guests enthusiastically embraced the raffle and silent auction held on the day, and I am thrilled to say that we raised a total of \$9,207.29 for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Our second Card Day for the year was held on Wednesday 14 September. In what proved to be a very successful and enjoyable day, enthusiastically supported by the Kooyong Bridge Club and the Kooyong card-playing community, a marvellous profit of \$3,050 was achieved.

Our final function for the year was our Trivia Night, held in the Kooyong Room on Friday 21 October. Our last Trivia Night



was held in 2019, so we were absolutely delighted with our attendance of 140 people. A terrific evening was had by all, full of fun facts, frivolity and generous fundraising. A big thank you to our excellent Quiz Master, Phil Jelliff, for hosting a great evening where we raised \$4,101.

The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation held a Centenary High Tea at the Sofitel Hotel on Friday 21 October to celebrate 100 years of the RCH Auxiliaries. It was a delightful and very special afternoon, where we farewelled outgoing RCH Auxiliaries' Patron Louise Gourlay AM, and outgoing RCH Auxiliaries' President Dr Miriam Weisz OAM. We then welcomed incoming Patron, Penny Fowler and incoming President, Tiffany Lucas. A truly beautiful centenary quilt representing all auxiliaries was presented to the Foundation by Marie Lee and the Very Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary. Many anecdotes and stories

were told, along with sincere and heartfelt thanks given to all auxiliaries and their members for their dedication, hard work and joyous approach to all that they do and have achieved for the Royal Children's Hospital over the past 100 years. It was a privilege to represent the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club at such a wonderful and auspicious occasion.

Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge Chris Brown and his extraordinary team at Kooyong without whom we could never achieve all that we do each year. To our wonderful Kooyong Community, a very sincere THANK YOU. We greatly appreciate your generous and ongoing support. ●

By Jenny Booth,
President KLTC RCH Auxiliary

◀ Jenny Booth, Lyn Wheat and Jean Burgess attended the One Hundred Years of Auxiliaries Centenary Celebration.

▲ **Top** Nicole Bradtke and Sam Groth guest speakers at the Christmas Wonderland Lunch.
Bottom Winners are grinners! Our Trivia Night's winning team.



Wine & Food Society

The past two months saw Wine and Food Society members enjoy events that may prove to be the culinary highlights of the year.

Winemaker's Luncheon

On Wednesday 28th September, Kooyong Wine and Food Society members enjoyed a Winemaker's Luncheon at Kooyong.

Members enjoyed an outstanding meal showcasing a range of wines from the acclaimed **Best's Winery**.

The wines were presented by Hamish Thomson from Best's, and they were the perfect accompaniment to the food which was described by a number of members as "the best they had ever had at Kooyong."

Kooyong's Executive Chef, Mat Macartney, designed a five-course meal to complement the wines from Best's.

Highlights of the meal included:

- A scallop and kingfish ceviche with crystallised wakame and umi budo that matched perfectly with a pair of Rieslings including the outstanding 2008 vintage wine.
- Shio koji marinated Wagyu fillet with burnt shallots, chestnut mushroom and ponzo matched with a pair of Best's Shiraz from their two premium vineyards.

Best's Winery and the vineyards in Great Western date back to 1866. Hamish Thomson

led us through the wines and the important contribution that his family has made to wine in Victoria.

Our thanks go to Mat, Patrice Renaudin and Rachael Whitelaw for organizing and presenting this outstanding luncheon.

Yarra Valley Weekend

Early in October, some 50 members of the WFS enjoyed a weekend of fine food and wine in the Yarra Valley.

On a dark and stormy Friday night, the weekend started with members enjoying a fine meal and wines at **Jayden Ong's Winery** in Healesville. Jayden's winery was a great place to enjoy a special spit roast pork as a main course. His passion for both food and wine came through in everything that was presented during the evening.

On Saturday, the weather cleared up and members enjoyed wine tastings at **Warramunda Estate Winery** and **Medhurst Winery**. The **RACV Club** in Healesville was the setting for another excellent meal accompanied by a range of wines from **Soumah Estate Wines**. Bela Rice, from Soumah Wines was a most entertaining and interesting speaker and helped



ensured that the evening was a spectacular success.

We thank Leanne Parer and Carolyn Varney for all the work that they did to make this a most enjoyable and worthwhile weekend. Both of them put in many hours of hard work and this was reflected in the impeccable organization of the weekend.

I am sure that all those who participated in the weekend will remember the event as one of the highlights of the culinary year. ●

By Greg Baker,
President Wine and Food Society



Young Members

2022 has been both a challenging and rewarding year for many Kooyong committees and the Young Members are no different.

Some of the major highlights of the year include our Day on the Clay as well as the monthly Pot and Parma evening, with casual tennis beforehand. These events have been fantastic opportunities for young members and their guests to come along and enjoy the wonderful facilities on offer, as well as mingle with fellow like minded individuals. While the Day on the Clay is a well known annual event, the monthly Pot and Parma night gave young members an informal avenue to come and connect with other members, without the need to book or commit in advance. It was particularly pleasing to see a number of long-time members and new members alike engage with this event and the club itself.

The committee is now looking forward to an exciting 2023 and is busy preparing its calendar of events. Stay tuned! ●

By Chris McMullin,
President Young Members



It was particularly pleasing to see a number of long-time members and new members alike engage with this event and the club itself.



▲ Young Members enjoyed the annual Day on the Clay earlier in the year.
◀ The Young Members' Pot and Parma Night is held on the first Thursday of the month.

For further information on all things Young Members, join the Facebook Group by searching "KLTC Young Members" and follow us on Instagram by searching @KOOYONG_YM – we look forward to seeing you at our next event!



Social Committee

"Busy schedule within Kooyong"

Wow! The Social Committee has introduced many new initiatives in the last few months and judging by the support from members, each event has been a winner. Our inaugural Ladies Luncheon with Brigitte McGuire, President of the Women's Tennis Foundation as our guest speaker was a huge success in October with over 100 ladies in attendance.

This was closely followed by a Melbourne Cup afternoon in the Stadium Room which was so much fun – Fashions on the Field was closely monitored by everyone and congratulations to the winners. It was wonderful to see so many new members attend the afternoon, and we look forward to other members joining in for our future events.

The Committee also hosted a Trivia Night in August which was again well attended, and our trivia master certainly had the crowd in the palm of his hand with his varied questions and good humour. Well done to the winning table on the night.

On the tennis front, we have enjoyed two events, the annual JJ Jeffries Tennis Day and most recently a new top up event against South Yarra at South Yarra where despite the result, tennis was the winner, and we always enjoy their wonderful hospitality. We also celebrated the end of the grass court season with a tennis/BBQ Day where luckily the sun shone through.

Our last event for the year, is our Annual Christmas Ball on Saturday 10th December where we hope to see over 200 members in attendance and enjoy new band "Down for the Count" have everyone dancing at this fabulous time of the year.



▲ **Top** Guests at the Ladies Luncheon pictured with speaker Brigitte McGuire.

Above Members enjoyed dressing up for Fashions on the Field.

On behalf of the busy Social Committee, we would like to thank Rachael, Renee and the wonderful staff at Kooyong for their continual support and look forward to seeing you at our events next year. ●

By Chris Barnett
President Social Committee

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING FUNCTIONS

FEB	Longest Lunch	Sunday, 26th February 2023
	Twilight Tennis	Thursday, 10th March 2023
MAR	Shelley Lipe Mixed Doubles	Sunday, 26th March 2023

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