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▲ Rae now holds the number one doubles ranking in the world for 70's men

◀ Club Head Coach, Glenn Busby, was honoured as the Most Outstanding 30+ Senior for the fourth time.

Busby Honoured By Tennis Victoria

Club Head Coach Glenn Busby was recently recognised at the Victorian Tennis Awards, honoured as the Most Outstanding 30+ Senior for 2021.

This was the fourth time Glenn has received the prestigious award.

Travel restrictions have unfortunately prevented Glenn from playing tournaments since March this year however he is still ranked #5 in the world for his age.

Glenn is looking forward to returning to the tour in the new year, and is aiming to build on his already impressive eight world titles.

Congratulations Glenn! ●

WORLD TITLE FOR RAE

Andrew Rae achieved some fantastic results during the Super Seniors World Championships that were held on the Spanish Island of Mallorca between 16th to 23rd October.

Andrew won the 70's Doubles World Championship title with Spanish partner Jairo Velasco 6-3 6-1 in the final defeating a Danish pair of Frans Norby and Kasper Rud.

Andrew now holds the number one doubles ranking in the world for 70's men, and is also ranked number 3 in the world for the 70's singles.

In the week leading up to the World Championships, Andrew and his American doubles partner Dan Grossman won the 65 doubles title in the ITF 1000 Capdepera Mallorca Seniors Open tournament.

Andrew also won the 70's singles title in the same tournament after defeating the world number 1 ranked player Jairo Velasco in the final.

Congratulations Andrew! ●



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CEO's Report

There is much to enjoy as we close out our year and activities across all areas have returned to normal.

Our grass courts have opened in great condition for the season and our clubhouse is thriving with our dining and event spaces filling. The gym, squash and pool are also the scenes of great activity, and that special Kooyong feeling is very evident everywhere we go.

It is always a great time when the grass returns and the view from the clubhouse with gardens in bloom is truly spectacular. The condition of our courts on opening was excellent and we are looking forward to seeing them host Club Championships again in February.

As we head into the back end of the year, we are once again enjoying Member activities with our social groups all planning events going into December.

In addition, our New Member Night, President's Day, Champions Dinner and Fifty-Year Lunch have hurriedly been reset into the calendar and are all planned before

end of year.

In December the Kooyong Foundation will host its first Corporate Pro Am and we thank Patterson Cheney for supporting the event as Presenting Partner along with the other corporate supporters.

The next year shapes up as being excellent for the Club and all Members. The Courtside calendar outlines a number of events that will take place early in the year and we very much look forward to a return to all those activities to enjoy again.

On behalf of the staff, I extend to all Members best wishes for a wonderful Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying great times at Kooyong again in the coming year.

Chris Brown,
CEO

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

Monday, 13th December	Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro Am
Friday, 17th December	50 Year Member Lunch
Friday, 17th December	Champions' Dinner
Saturday, 25th December	Christmas Day Lunch

2022

Sunday, 6th February	Social Committee Mixed Doubles Tennis & BBQ
Monday, 7th February	Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary AGM
11th, 12th, 13th February	Club Championships – Week 1
18th, 19th, 20th February	Club Championships – Week 2
25th, 26th, 27th February	Club Championships – Week 3
Sunday, 27th February	Social Committee Longest Lunch
Friday, 4th March	Social Committee Summer Cocktail Party
Thursday, 10th March	Social Committee Twilight Tennis Round Robin & Drinks
Sunday, 27th March	Social Committee Shelley Lipe Mixed Doubles & BBQ

President's Report

Our recent AGM as in 2020 was again conducted virtually with over 80 members logging into the live meeting. I'm pleased to report that the Board progresses into the 2021/22 year with no change in composition.

I was honoured to propose and, following a vote of Members, welcome Peter Carew our immediate past President as an Honorary Life Member of the Club in recognition of exceptional service on the Board as an Ordinary Member, Vice President and President.

Congratulations also to Darren O'Loughlin and James Macmillan for being elected as Ordinary Members of the Board for a 3-year term. I'm looking forward to working with the Board as we step forward post COVID-19 with the full re-introduction of our magnificent Club to Members and their guests.

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

Regrettably we have had to cancel the Kooyong Classic scheduled for January 2022.

We were disappointed to make this decision but with the great deal of uncertainty over recent months we made the choice based on financial, safety and event experience considerations.

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 offering players and spectators a significantly enhanced experience.

The inaugural Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro-Am will be held on December 13



providing a perfect launch pad for the Summer of Tennis. 14 teams of four players will be competing in a round-robin event and to improve their chances on the day, each team will be given two additional players – a current or former ATP or WTA professional and a Foundation Junior Scholarship Holder. The winning teams from the 2 divisions will play off on the historic Centre Court with a post event function in our new Stadium Room.

Our 51st Club Championships takes place from 11-27 February which will provide the opportunity for all Members across all member classes to participate in a highlight event of the Kooyong calendar. Additionally, our squash Club Championships will be held towards the end of February/early March with the squash group also hoping to run a men's and women's PSA pro event around the same time.

▲ Club Members are excited to return to our fabulous facilities.



“We are a community connecting members and their families in tennis, sport, lifestyle, and exceptional social club amenities ...”.

Recent Sporting Achievements

At the recent Tennis Victoria Awards Cooper White was awarded Junior Male Player of the Year for a third time and Roisin Gilheany was awarded Junior Female Player of the Year. A commendation to the on-going work of the Kooyong Foundation in supporting, nurturing and developing aspiring talent both on and off the court. Additionally, Glenn Busby was awarded the Most Outstanding 30+ Senior Player of the Year for the fourth time.

Andrew Rae recently won the world 70+ Doubles Title and continues his winning form in the ITF Seniors tour.

Congratulations to all our winners.

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Around the Club

Our grass courts are looking magnificent and at the time of writing this report we’re expecting these to open over the coming week.

It’s been wonderful seeing our Members back in and using our Club and facilities. Our gym, squash and tennis courts, Billiards and Snooker, Hopman Bistro, Racquet Club and Events & Conference spaces are being actively used from early morning till late into the evening by Members and guests.

Our various Kooyong Clubs have a number of end of year functions throughout December and into the New Year – a great way to bring our various groups, members and their guests back into the Club en masse.

We have made some enhancements to our Club Regulations including tennis dress code - you’ll see updates around the Club and I ask that you make yourself familiar with these and by viewing further details via our Club’s website.

Christmas and the New Year

Finally, and importantly, I would like to wish all our Kooyong family and wider community a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Keep safe, keep well and stay connected.

Adam Cossar,
President

▲ *The courts have been beautifully maintained over winter and are ready for summer competition.*



Kooyong Gardens

A quick overview with Head Gardener, Matthew Suttie.

Matt was employed just under 20 years ago as part of a vision of the Club to enhance and beautify the grounds. In that time there have been two major renovations and the team has been integral in the development of the subsequent landscape designs. Over the years the garden team has been comprised mainly of two people with help from the rest of the grounds department as required. Over the past 3-4 years, Stuart Dixon has joined the gardening department, proving to be a great support to the team. The gardens didn't stop growing during Covid-19, and with the completion of the new carpark, there has never been a more demanding time as we move forward.

Nursery

Tucked away in the eastern section of the Stadium, members may not be aware that Kooyong grows much of the required

plant stock, in house. With a background and training in nursery production Matt has integrated this skill for the benefit of the Club. Large batches of plants range from native crops for the embankments to beautiful seasonal potted colour used extensively on the clubhouse balcony and feature beds providing year-round variety and colour. In recent years the nursery has also provided all the green-life for the Kooyong Classic and special events which were previously out-sourced. Having stock on hand gives the gardeners multiple options to change displays at short notice and as circumstances dictate. The nursery is a hidden gem within the Club and is the heartbeat of the Kooyong gardens.

Native Embankments vs Formal Gardens

The Kooyong gardens comprise two distinct landscape styles. The extensive perimeter allows

for large areas of informal native plantings which provide a sweeping backdrop to the courts and blend into the neighbouring hillside. The rest of the gardens are quite formal with a traditional English/European style comprising manicured hedges, feature trees and seasonal colour. We have the best of both worlds at Kooyong with two very different styles of garden design coming together. The latest addition to the railway embankment has been a

▲ *The native embankment railway-side.*

▼ *Petunia 'Espresso Grande' in the Kooyong Nursery.*



border planting of pink & purple *Brachyscome multifida* (Cut-Leaf Daisy) and *Chrysocephalum apiculatum* (Yellow Buttons). Once again grown in house, these will provide close to year-round colour.

New Carpark Gardens

Following completion of the carpark there are a significant number of new garden beds that have been planted up. Some of the trees and shrubs to look out for include a fabulous Ginkgo tree, 'Piedmont Pillar', outside the new gym area. Strikingly bright, 'Oh So Orange' Geraniums and the purple foliage of the Chinese fringe Flower (*Loropetalum*) stand out. A favourite area is just outside the centre court player entrance where an understory of *Clivia* have been mass planted beneath three pleached Blueberry Ash Trees. The *Clivia* were relocated from another

► **Head Gardener Matthew Suttie with *Petunia* 'Daddy Blue'.**

▼ **Top** Early growth stage of *Petunia* 'Espresso Grande' in one of the production houses.

▼ **Bottom** New garden beds in the Northern carpark.



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part of the garden making for a luxurious display in a quite shady position. Almost all the plants in the top level of the new car park were propagated and/or grown on in the Kooyong Nursery. Plants to look out for here include specimen plantings of Water Gums (*Tristaniopsis laurina* 'Lucious'), False Acacia's (*Robinia Pseudo-Acacia* 'Frisia') and Magnolia 'Little Gem'. Under-plantings of New Zealand Rock Lilies, Lomandras, Liropes, Osteospermums, Heuchera's and Prostrate Rosemary complete the look.

Plantings have begun on the latest native embankment which runs within the new carpark.

Grafted Dwarf Flowering Gums (*Corymbia ficifolia*) in red, orange and melon colours will be spectacular small trees. Next stage is to plant out 400 red and yellow kangaroo paws that have been on hold for some time in the nursery awaiting their opportunity in this new area. A combination of other native shrubs, grasses and groundcovers will complete the picture in the coming weeks.

We are very happy with the new gardens so far, with only a couple of areas left to be planted up. There will also be some exciting colour additions that are currently in production. Some of the plants to look out for



here include Sunpatiens, Salvia 'Big blue' and a dwarf Orange Canna Lily. On a side note: we are bringing the tropical and highly showy Sunpatiens back to the Balcony border this summer as seen in 2012. Colours will be purple, deep rose and lilac. A crop of red chillies should make an appearance in late Summer into Autumn.

Green Wall

There is approximately 150 lineal metres of green wall designed to soften the newly appointed car parking area. This will greatly improve the appearance of the carpark especially when viewed from the grass courts and clubhouse. A fine stainless-steel wire has been attached in a sequenced diamond grid pattern and two varieties of plants have been carefully selected to creep and/or spill on the wire. Where the carpark is closest to the courts the green wall has been planted with Chinese Star Jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*). A second green wall situated on the south side of the multi-level section has been mass planted with large-leaf Ivy plants (*Hedera canariensis*) which will tend to grow as a spiller rather than a climber. Tacked onto the end of the green wall planter box is an often difficult to find prostrate version of the Wattle, *Acacia baileyana*, which will also spill over the wall. The entire green wall is estimated to be well established over the next 3-5 years, so some patience will be required, but the result we think will be impressive.

We would like to thank the many members who have complimented the team on the work we do to enhance the Club's appearance. Your comments are much appreciated and motivate us to continue striving for improvement. We are privileged at Kooyong to have such a beautiful facility and one that is



▲ Sunpatiens on the balcony from 2012.

◀ Advanced nursery stock available for special events.

▼ New plantings alongside court 19 with the new green wall in the background.

forever growing and changing. With thoughtful garden design, plant selection and a high level of maintenance, we hope to keep things interesting in the gardens for the members and visitors to enjoy and be inspired. The garden team along with the rest of the grounds staff, look forward to continuing the work in the gardens and to take them to the next level. ●

By Matt Suttie and team



Score A Point for Planet Earth

Did you know that an estimated 10 million tennis balls are purchased in Australia each year?

Unfortunately, at the end of their useful lives, all of them end up either in landfills or in our waterways, eventually working their way into the ocean.

To address this environmental concern, we have partnered with Wilson Tennis and Game On Recycling to collect and recycle tennis balls. From now on, you can dispose your unwanted tennis balls in the collection units outside the Pro Shop and at the Pavilion.

All collected items will be sent to a processing facility in West Melbourne to be sorted into:

- Tennis balls that can be reused and put back into circulation, thereby extending the life of the product; or
- Tennis balls that have well and truly come to the end of their life and need to be recycled

Re-use items will be made available to various community clubs, groups, institutions and organisations, alleviating the costs of purchasing new equipment. Items destined for recycling will be granulated into 5mm pieces and used in a variety of manufacturing processes including the production of soft fall matting. All recycling and downstream processing will be undertaken in Australia. Game On Recycling will also be conducting research to explore new uses for these materials (like a rubberised sporting surface).

We hope you'll join us in our endeavours to reduce the amount of waste generated from old tennis balls, and help us evolve tennis into an ecologically and environmentally aware sport. ●



◀ Be an ace and recycle your tennis balls! Collection boxes located outside the Pro Shop...

▼ ...and at the Pavilion.

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“I’m getting to balls now I never used to. It’s a good feeling chasing them down and making my opponent play an extra shot.”

Cooper Ready to Roll

Cooper Errey has been a part of the Kooyong Foundation scholarship program for the past three years, but injuries have kept him from representing Kooyong in club competition each year. “I’ve had stress fractures in my back three times now and missed each pennant season but I can’t wait to get out there and experience playing an official match at Kooyong. My last match here was in the Wayne Arthurs Cup when I was 10.”

During his recovery in 2021, 16-year-old Errey started to build up his body and fitness and he

has seen the benefit particularly moving around the court. “I’m getting to balls now I never used to. It’s a good feeling chasing them down and making my opponent play an extra shot.”

Despite the injury setbacks in the past few years, Errey is amazingly still the number 3 ranked player in the country for 16/U reflecting his outstanding results when he has been able to compete in tournaments. “I’m not afraid of a challenge, I love competing in everything especially tennis.”

Short term, Errey, who hasn’t played a competitive match since

▲ Cooper Errey, fighting fit for the summer season.

April, wants to “play a heap of tournaments over summer” and target Junior ITF events to build up his junior world ranking. Post juniors, Errey will see how he is developing and either look to go to a US College on a tennis scholarship or target Pro Circuit events. Long term though he has his sights set on the big time, “I want to play in Grand Slams, win slams.. represent Australia in Davis Cup.. be world number one, ultimately get the best out of my ability.. you’ve got to aim high right?” Errey is certainly one to watch for the future! ●



► Foundation player, Koharu Nishikawa, ranked #1 in 2009.



AUSTRALIAN TOP 10 JUNIOR RANKED KOOYONG FOUNDATION PLAYERS

2003

Boys

Cooper White #3
Darcy Nicholls #9

Girls

Klaire Elkin #8

2004

Boys

Amor Jasika #7
Luka Vulgar #10

2005

Boys

Cooper Errey #3
Nicolas Tremblay #8
Charlie Pade #9

Girls

Roisin Gilheany #2
Eliza Dunbar #10

2007

Girls

Gabrielle Villegas #2
Charlotte Vanstone-McGrath #8

2008

Boys

Cruz Hewitt #2

2009

Boys

Nikolas Baker #3
Ymerali Ibraimi #7

Girls

Koharu Nishikawa #1

Gilheany and Larke Win Junior ITF Titles

Roisin Gilheany and Zara Larke (both 16 years of age) have continued their fine improvement, winning their first singles Junior ITF Titles. Gilheany, currently based in Spain, was triumphant in Preveza, Greece where she beat Greece's Dimitra Pavlou 7-5 6-1 in the final.

Larke on the other hand was successful in Dominican Republic, winning the title in Santo

Domingo defeating Barbados' Hannah Chambers 6-4 6-3.

Both girls have been competing on the ITF Junior Circuit the past six months and have seen their rankings steadily climb; Gilheany's to 330 in the world and Larke to 565. With the likely return of the Australian Open Junior Championships, the girls will be targeting their first junior Grand Slam this Summer. ●

◀ Zara Larke with her Junior ITF title trophy.



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◀ Kooyong
Foundation player,
Cooper White.

The awards are fantastic recognition for Cooper and Roisin for their hard work throughout 2021.



Star Studded Line Up For Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro Am

The inaugural Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro Am presented by Patterson Cheney will take place on December 13th to be played on Kooyong's famous grasscourts with the final on our historic stadium centre court.

Former and current professional players such as Sam Stosur, John Peers, Sam Groth, Jason Stoltenberg, Nicole Pratt, Nicole Bradtke, Jelena Dokic, Daria Gavrilova, Luke Saville, plus more will be taking part in this exciting event.

With a cocktail event to follow the tennis, this is set to be an enjoyable day for all involved.

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

▲ Kooyong
Foundation player,
Roisin Gilheany.

Tennis Victoria Honours White & Gilheany

Kooyong Foundation players Cooper White and Roisin Gilheany have been named the Tennis Victoria Junior Athletes of the Year for 2021. At the recent Victorian Tennis Awards, the pair took home the honour after some impressive results.

White, 18, the number three ranked 18/U junior player in Australia, won two AMT (Open Australian Money Tournaments) titles, represented the Club in grade one pennant and has recently commenced a tennis

scholarship at the top 20 ranked University of Central Florida.

Gilheany, 16, based at the SOTO Academy in Spain, is the number two ranked 16 year-old in Australia, competed across Europe on the ITF Junior circuit where she impressively won her first Junior ITF singles title plus three doubles titles throughout the year.

The awards are fantastic recognition for Cooper and Roisin for their hard work throughout 2021. ●



Peers Triumphs at Indian Wells

John Peers has continued his impressive season winning his fourth ATP 1000 Masters doubles title at Indian Wells. It was his first title with partner Filip Polasek whom he teamed up with earlier in 2021. Peers' ranking has soared back into the top 20, sitting at 14 after the triumph in "Tennis Paradise" at Indian Wells. Peers will also represent Australia in the upcoming Davis Cup finals in Madrid, Spain. ●

▲ John Peers at Indian Wells.

► The Alicia Molik Cup winners in 2020.



Alicia Molik Cup Returns

The Kooyong Foundation will welcome the return of the Alicia Molik Cup in December. Partnering with Tennis Victoria, the event is held for players 12/U with mixed teams from metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria played over two days. We look forward to supporting this fantastic representative competition once again. ●

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The Kooyong Foundation

For more than 20 years now, the Kooyong Foundation has been helping young Australian tennis players.

Its overarching goal is to give deserving young players the chance to develop their potential in a friendly and supportive environment at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. Most have improved dramatically at the sport they love, enriching their lives on and off the court. And some have become elite, competing at the highest levels.

The Foundation was created by a group of visionary and generous members of Kooyong in 2000 who wanted to put something back into the game they loved by helping to support junior tennis.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KOORYONG FOUNDATION INCLUDE:

- Three of the four players contesting the 2017 Australian Open men's doubles semi-final were Kooyong Foundation players (**John Peers**, **Marc Polmans** and **Andrew Whittington**)
- Three Foundation players — **Omar Jasika**, **Sally Peers** and **Marc Polmans** — have won junior grand slam titles
- Several players have represented Australia in Junior Davis & Fed Cup, including: **Cooper White**, **Sally Peers**, **Jason Kubler**, **Marc Polmans**, **Belinda Woolcock**, **Destanee Aiava**, **Stefan Storch**, **Molly Polak**
- **John Peers** has represented Australia in Davis Cup and won the 2017 Australian Open doubles title
- Fed Cup representatives in **Sally Peers** and **Destanee Aiava**
- More than 1000 children have received support from the Foundation
- More than 50 young players are currently receiving coaching or financial assistance
- Currently have 17 junior players ranked in the top 10 in Australia in their respective birth years
- Currently have 14 players on US College tennis scholarships, with many more in years gone by including a NCAA Champion in **Belinda Woolcock**
- Partner with the **Evonne Goolagong Cawley Foundation** to support young indigenous players
- Partner with **Tennis Victoria** to support regional and metropolitan teams events such as the **Alicia Molik Cup** and **Wayne Arthurs Cup**

The Kooyong Foundation is funded by donations from Club members and friends, along with bequests from people who make provision in their will and has now raised close to \$3 million and helped a generation of kids. ●

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Club Championships

Always a highlight on the calendar, the Club Championships are a great opportunity for Members to enjoy competitive play on the famous grass courts, while being able to meet other Members and socialise around the Club.

Friday twilight play will again be a feature, and Members will be able to catch all the action from the balcony while enjoying Happy Hour. We look forward to crowning the inaugural Champions of two new events in 2022: the Ladies 100+ Doubles and the Ladies 130+ Doubles.

In the Men's Open Singles event, Andrew Whittington will be on the hunt for title number four and will again face tough competition from Greg Jones, David Bidmeade and 2021 finalist David Hough.

Jacob Grills could make his Club Championships debut and will prove tough to beat while David Qariaqus will be looking to trouble the more experienced players after claiming the Junior title this year. Cooper Errey is a youngster who has taken his game to a new level over the past twelve months and is another one to watch.

Zoe Llewellyn will be looking to defend her singles title in the women's event after claiming her maiden title in 2021. Gabriella Da Silva-Fick and two-time Club Champion Belinda Woolcock will challenge for the title if Pro Tour commitments allow them to compete.

Roisin Gilheany has had impressive results in Europe over the past year, and with a big serve will be dangerous on the grass. Klaire Elkin will be looking to go one better after falling in the final this year while Eliza Dunbar and Gabrielle Villegas will also be strong contenders for the title.

The Club Championships cater for all ages and standards, and Members are encouraged to take part in this special event! ●



◀ Zoe Llewellyn will be looking to defend her singles title in the women's event.



▲ 2021 Junior Club Champion David Qariaqus will be looking to challenge in the Open event in 2022.



▼ Andrew Whittington will be on the hunt for title number four.

If you have any questions about the Club Championships, please contact Sophie Vickers on 9822 3333 or via email: svickers@kooyong.com.au



50th ANNUAL MEMBERS' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

20th Combined Senior & Junior Event

Friday 11th (twilight), Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th February
Friday 18th (twilight), Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th February
Friday 25th (twilight), Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th February (if required)

Entries close: 31st January 2022 at 5.00pm
ONLINE ENTRIES: tournaments.tennis.com.au

Premier League: Women

Introducing our Women's Premier League squad...



SALLY PEERS

Peers, a two-time Club Champion and Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, will again lead the team as captain.

"It's always an honour to represent Kooyong. We have a wonderful group of players and it is a unique opportunity for us all to play as a team. I really look forward to the season and have a lot of fun playing."



GABBY DA SILVA-FICK

Having recorded her first WTA Top 100 win earlier in the year and with a career high world ranking of 460, Da Silva-Fick will be a key player for the team this season.

"The opportunity to represent Kooyong with its proud and supportive community is a privilege to me. I take inspiration from Kooyong's rich tennis history and aspire to make the Club proud."



ZOE LLEWELLYN

Current Club Champion Llewellyn continues to improve and will join the team for her third season.

"It is such a great opportunity to play for Kooyong and is an awesome atmosphere to be a part of. Being surrounded by amazingly talented tennis players helps me learn from the best and makes the experience super exciting."

OTHER WOMEN'S SQUAD MEMBERS

Belinda Woolcock

Woolcock, a two-time Club Champion, has achieved a career high world ranking of 290 and will provide strength at the top of the line-up.

Sophie Vickers

A former Club Champion, Vickers brings experience to the team having represented the Club for several seasons. ●

Premier League: Men

...And our Men's Premier League squad.



DAVID BIDMEADE

Four-time Club Champion Bidmeade has been representing the Club in State Grade/Premier League since 2002, and will again lead from the front as captain.

"Representing Kooyong for so many years at the top level has always been special for me. The culture created within the team and the Club is second to none. It's been a nice journey from being a young player and learning from the older experienced players and being able to pass on the spirit and culture to the next generation."



GREG JONES

Former world #179 and Club Champion, Jones has been an integral part of the team for many years.

"I always look forward to the season, this time of the year and getting the team together. We have a great culture at the Club and I've been lucky to have been part of the team for so long. It's just enjoyable, it's fun!"



JACOB GRILLS

Grills, who has achieved a career high world ranking of #381, is a fierce competitor who thrives in the team environment.

"I really enjoy the team atmosphere and competing alongside the Classics."

OTHER MEN'S SQUAD MEMBERS

Omar Jasika

Jasika, a junior grand slam champion and Australian Open competitor, will play in the top singles position and prove tough to beat.

Andrew Whittington

Three-time Club Champion and former world #160 Whittington will dominate the doubles court with his strong serve and prowess at the net.

Daniel Byrnes

Two-time Club Champion Byrnes first represented the Club in State Grade/Premier League in 2002 and will show off his top-level experience.

David Qariaqus

Making his Premier League debut this season, Junior Club Champion Qariaqus will thrive at this level of competition with his aggressive baseline play.

Greg Polmans

With his all-court game, Polmans is a welcome return to the team following a stint in the US playing college tennis.

Thomas Pavlekovich-Smith

With a big game debutant Pavlekovich-Smith will prove very dangerous on both the singles and doubles court. ●



The Pro Shop

Summer is coming up and we want to make sure you look and feel the part.

A white outfit is the answer...a Wimbledon inspired look which is perfect to keep you extra cool on the court. We are also excited to announce new brands coming in which will ensure you are the most stylish on the court: Castore, Greyson, J Lindeberg, Draddy, IBKUL and Rohnisch. Lockdown has given us the perfect opportunity to revamp our shop, now it is time for you to check it out.

SALE SALE SALE

With tennis finally back after months away, we're glad to announce that the Pro Shop will be running a SALE from now until Christmas to celebrate being out of lockdown. Up to 40% off selected footwear, clothing and rackets which are ready for you... with brands including 38 South, Asics, Wilson, Lacoste and K-Swiss. Along with the current Pro Shop welcome back sales, we will also be offering 10% off our brand new summer range of the current Kooyong Collection. Fresh tennis outfits need fresh strings...we offer a 24-hour turnaround and advice on what strings/tension you should be using for your style of play. Stop by the Pro Shop and see in person exactly what we have to offer. ●



SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

We are excited to get the kids back on court and what better way to celebrate than at our Summer Holiday Clinics. Check out our website for more details regarding prices and dates. We look forward to seeing you on court!

Dates

13 – 17 December 2021

20 – 22 December 2021

10 – 14 January 2022

17 – 21 January 2022

24 – 28 January 2022 (excludes 26 January)

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KITA

What's your gameplan or strategy for tennis? Do you have one?

With Club Championships coming up early next year and everyone starting to get back on the courts, I thought it is important to reflect on game strategies/routines and how to get the most out of playing your tennis.

So often I start coaching a player and my first question will be: "What is it that you are wanting to achieve with your coaching?", "What are your goals?" and finally, "What is your game plan that makes you the most effective on the court?"

Invariably, almost all have an answer for the first 2 questions: "I want to improve my serve, forehand or volley" but rarely is there an answer for the third. This is critical, that is, do you have a gameplan? Responses are mainly of a general nature, like being more aggressive than my opponent or trying to make my opponent run or getting more balls back in the court or not sure, or usually don't have one.

Understanding what your strengths are, how you can get your opponent to hit to them and finding your opponent's weaknesses quickly in a match, is paramount to being successful. We have all heard the saying you can have an expensive boat, (groundstrokes/serve/return) but unless it has a radar and a direction (strategy) it just keeps going around in circles and keeps doing the same thing, never getting anywhere (losing matches). This applies to all parts of our life whether it be sport, business, or relationships.

So where do we start? Having a routine that you consistently apply to every point is essential, whether winning or losing.... it's the same. Here's a simple 5 step

plan to give yourself the best chance of winning the point and therefore the match. Remember you have 20 seconds in between points, don't rush, use the time wisely.

1. You finish the point and win or lose you **take a breath** and walk over to get the ball, **focus**.
2. During this time, you need to answer **who did what to whom? How did I win the point, why did I lose the point? How was the point constructed? Was I able to apply my strengths to my opponent's weakness?** This part of the routine is so important you really need to know and analyse what just happened so you can apply it again or change it.
3. **What is the score?** If you are 40-0 up or 30-40 down, you may construct the point differently.
4. **How am I going to try and play out the next point, what's my strategy?**
5. Whether you are returning serve or serving, **execute the plan**.



backup. This is where you either change your opponent's game or your game. An example, if your opponent is a counter puncher and just running everything down and beating you, you could bring them into the net with drop shots or short balls, game plan B, or game plan C, change the way you are hitting the ball hitting down the middle of the court. Either way you are taking your opponent's strength away of hitting on the run and changing the way they are hurting you. Whether you change to game plan B or C first is not important, what is important is that you recognise what is happening and come up with a plan to change a game plan that you are losing.

If you are down, playing poorly, being dominated by your opponent and.... you can find a way to win, then you are

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You need to know why you are winning just as much as why you are losing. Being 6-1 and 4-1 up and then all of a sudden, being 4-5 down, means you don't know what is happening in the match and haven't adjusted quick enough.

Importantly, if your game plan A is not working you need to have a game plan B and C as a

becoming a good player. It's easy to win when you are playing well, most top 10 players in the world say they play their best tennis for 10% or less for the year. The rest of the time they are analysing continually "who is doing what to whom" and how can I find a way to win.

...What's your game plan? ●

By Glenn Busby



APPROVED

Tennis Court Dress Code

Members and guests are required to meet the Club's dress code requirements at all times. Failure to comply may result in a request to leave the courts.

GRASS COURTS

All white clothing is preferred but a minimum of either a top or bottom that is white, plus white socks, is required when playing on the Club's grass courts.

HARD COURTS (EN-TOUT-CAS AND STADIUM)

White clothing is preferred but coloured clothing is permitted.

IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED ON ALL COURTS

- ⦿ All Members and Guests shall wear approved tennis attire.
- ⦿ Male Members and Guests shall wear a shirt with a collar and sleeves.
- ⦿ Leggings and compression clothing may only be worn under approved tennis attire.
- ⦿ Tennis shoes shall be those designed for tennis. Any shoe that is likely to cause damage to the surface of a tennis court shall not be worn. In particular, no shoe with a ripple or studded sole or with a raised heel shall be worn.
- ⦿ Tracksuits, jumpers and vests made for tennis are permitted.
- ⦿ No member or guest shall play tennis whilst wearing football, running, cycling, board, cargo, golf or walk shorts, leotards or other non-tennis clothes.
- ⦿ No advertising or lettering is to be visible on clothing excepting for the official KLTC logo or a manufacturer's logo. ●



NOT PERMITTED

Clubhouse Dress Code

Members and guests are required to meet the Club's dress code requirements at all times. Failure to comply may result in refusal of access to or service in the clubhouse.

ALL AREAS

- Male members and guests shall wear a shirt with a collar.
- No caps or men's hats, men's open toed shoes or garments with advertising motifs (except as approved for tennis or squash clothing) are permitted anywhere in the Clubhouse.
- Torn or ripped clothes, even designer tears, are not acceptable clothing in the Clubhouse. ●

THE RACQUET CLUB AND MEMBERS' LOUNGE

- Smart casual clothing shall be worn.

THE HOPMAN BISTRO, BBQ TERRACE AND MEMBERS' BAR

- Neat casual clothing or correct tennis attire shall be worn.



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Squash Scholarship squad excited for 2022

One of the hardest hit groups during our extended absence from indoor sport was the Squash Scholarship Squad. With a number of our juniors just starting to find real form, their progress was cruelly blocked and we quickly developed some creative solutions to keep skills and fitness honed.

Helped by a national “outdoor squash” movement that rose up through the squash community, many sought out local walls in parks and carparks and did their best to fashion training that could keep their development on the rise.

Whenever the restrictions allowed, we ran regular training sessions in local parks that were very high intensity. We hoped these could keep muscles toned and able to meet the demands of the explosive on court movements that define squash, always hopeful that the efforts

would pay off when finally able to get back to the courts we love.

Three in our group are now full-time professionals and each found a way to maintain fitness and form. While a pro’ exemption (for some periods) to get on court locally under strict conditions was sufficient for Tate Norris, Sarah Cardwell went one better. Sarah is firmly in the mix for upcoming World Doubles and Commonwealth Games Teams and made the tough decision to relocate to Gold Coast early in the year, at least until things settled down here. It was always going to be a gamble, given there was no certainty they’d not lockdown too. It paid off brilliantly with Sarah able to enjoy many months training along with the National Training Squad rather than having to work through the many issues down here. She had good Kooyong company too, since Dylan Molinaro was also able to sneak up there early in the year

and join her. While unable to hide a little jealousy, none of us would begrudge the two of them the opportunity they managed to grab.

So, as we venture back on court, thanks to some creativity and a great deal of application, the scholarship squad will hit 2022, as prepared as they can be and with great enthusiasm. A number will “graduate” from our program and move on to memberships at the club, having started their “real jobs”. It is a little sad their final years were curtailed, but we’re excited that all will stay on and remain positive contributors to our club teams and social fabric for years to come.

For those who remain, and hopefully for our next batch of young hopefuls, we are focused on ensuring that the Scholarship Squad reforms and quickly re-establishes itself as a safe and tightly connected group who



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develop together, both on the court and off and who contribute back to the Kooyong club. Several of the now more senior players will be given leadership roles and we will look to them to develop and lead a program that shapes the skills and resilience of our younger pups. We have fantastic leaders who'll happily teach them the Kooyong way of respectful competitiveness and pride in the fantastic club we are all lucky to be a part of. To augment our

numbers, we are in the early stages of planning try-outs where youngsters who have a passion for the game could be offered the chance to submit for a limited number of vacancies. Details of this are still being developed and we will share them as soon as formalised. Who knows, we might even be able to finally convince one of the young tennis tyros to make the switch to the darker side. Once summer ends of course. ●

OTHER BITS OF NEWS

Our Summer Comp, run in December and January has been a feature for the last 6 years. It's hugely popular for the way it brings all standards together on court and has been a fantastic way to socialise over the summer break between seasons. Sadly this year, it just can't work so we'll simply have to adapt. We will be running a Box League where groups of five individuals must play each other, by the end of January. There are boxes of five ranging from our current men's club champion right down to a couple of players in their first competition.

As we all work furiously to get our form and fitness back, it will seem that the 2022 Club Squash Championships will be on us a lot faster next year than ever before. We plan to run our events across a single weekend again, towards the end of February or early March.

Close on the heel, and maybe even in sync with the Squash Club Championships, we also hope to run a men's and women's PSA pro event as part of the Victorian Satellite Series we pioneered in 2021. ●



Interclub Billiards

Because of COVID-19, the interclub competitions from the first half of the year are yet to be finished. Results will be reported here next time. It is likely that Club Championships in both games (handicap and off the stick) will be played soon. Anyone who is at all interested should make contact and get on our email list or onto our WhatsApp group. Please drop me a line at whammyjuice@gmail.com

Billiards and Snooker

Kooyong recently acquired two antique billiard scoreboards, made by Alcock & Co at their Russell St Melbourne manufactory in the late 19th century.

The scoreboards feature vivid fiddleback Tasmanian Blackwood with brass fittings, and are a perfect complement to Kooyong's antique Alcock & Co full-size billiard tables, which also feature vivid Tasmanian Blackwood show timbers.

Kooyong's billiard tables came to the Club in 1990 as a result of a merger with the South Yarra Club, which stood at 226 Toorak Road South Yarra from 1892, the year of Kooyong's founding. Then Kooyong President Joe Devereux and his Vice-President Terry Fraser were keen to incorporate a billiard room into the Club's renovations of that period and enthusiastically engineered the merger with the South Yarra Club and the restoration and installation of that Club's billiard tables into the previous Koots restaurant, now the site of the kitchen. In 2000 the billiard room moved to the basement under the Racquet Club, previously the site of the squash courts.

The billiard table to the north (in the left of the photo) is an Alcock & Co Duke of Edinburgh model, No 1947, manufactured in the 1880s. The

Duke of Edinburgh model was originally commissioned by the Victorian Government in 1867 for presentation to Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, the second son of Queen Victoria, on his 1867-68 visit to Australia, the first Australian tour by a member of the British Royal family. The Duke of Edinburgh table is a distinctive and elegant design, featuring eight heavy canted legs in solid Tasmanian Blackwood. The show timbers, also in Tasmanian Blackwood, feature scalloped fascias on the framework complemented by matching knee panels and cushion panels, and carved leg brackets.

The centre table is an Alcock & Co Hopetoun model, No 5512, manufactured in the early 1900s and named after Victoria's Governor and Australia's first Governor-General the Earl of Hopetoun, also the 1st Marquess of Linlithgow. Of similar construction to the Duke of Edinburgh model, the Hopetoun model features chamfered legs and cricket bat mouldings on the framework, knee panels, and cushion panels, and carved leg brackets.



▲ Above Two antique billiards scoreboards made by Alcock & Co. have been recently acquired by Kooyong.

Top Kooyong's billiard tables came to the Club in 1990 as a result of a merger with the South Yarra Club.

The table to the east is another Alcock & Co Duke of Edinburgh model, No 2162, manufactured in the 1880s. A brass plaque on the table records that it was presented to the Melbourne Green Room Club in 1956 by the Howard family in memory of Robert McLeish. The Green Room Club, which was in Queens Road Melbourne, merged with the South Yarra Club in the 1980s, so Kooyong is the table's fourth home at least.

Kooyong's beautiful set of billiard tables, in a quiet and atmospheric setting, is as fine a group as any Club in Australia. ●
By Alistair Macindoe,
Billiards & Snooker President

Young Members

2021 has had its ups and downs for obvious reasons. With in-person and physical events mostly impossible, the bulk of the Young Members connection has been through digital means.

Our main focus has been on the development and growth of our social media presence via Instagram and Facebook.

The Instagram page, @KOOYONG_YM, has worked its way up to over 250 followers and we are looking to expand further in 2021.

We are in the throws of coordinating our summer events and look forward to seeing you all around the club and out on the court.

Shortly we will be hosting the Annual General Meeting (date to be confirmed) and will look to further develop our group with the current members of the committee being:



President: Tom Ryan
Vice President: Chris McMullin
Treasurer: Harry Stobie
Secretary/Editor: Jayme O'Donoghue
Social Media Manager: Cate Vesely
General Committee: Elliot Loney, Harry Stobie, Morgan Lobe, Peta Stern, Sarah Boundy, Steph Willox and Tom Cameron

2022 is set to be an exciting year for the KLTC Young Members with multiple functions held throughout the year leading up to the penultimate event being the Yarrayong Ball.

Throughout the year the Young Members host several events, providing the perfect platform for our club's younger members to network and let their hair down in a more social setting.

As mentioned, the highlight of the year is our Yarrayong Ball, which is the annual function held in conjunction with the Royal South Yarra Young Members. Some 200+ guests in attendance to be held as Royal South Yarra this year. With drinks flowing and guest DJ's on the night, everyone certainly enjoys themselves.

The Young Members have earmarked several events for the coming year to really shake off the lockdown bug. These include our annual Day on the Clay tournament, Golf Day at Riversdale Golf Club and much more!

This year keep an eye out for various events, with dates soon to be finalised.

These include:

- ☉ The Yarrayong Ball
- ☉ Golf Day
- ☉ Day on the Clay
- ☉ Billiards Night
- ☉ Australian Open viewing event
- ☉ Sailing Day
- ☉ Table Tennis Competition
- ☉ Happy Hour events on the balcony
- ☉ Yoga and Pilates on the grass
- ☉ Bootcamps
- ...and hopefully more!

We are always open to new ideas, so feel free to connect with us and let us know what you would like to see at our next event. ●

By Tom Ryan,
President Young Members

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! Contact President Tom Ryan on 0450 298 920 or by emailing t.m.ryan@outlook.com

Health Club

Strength and conditioning for tennis.

As a Health Club Manager and personal trainer, I am constantly watching people exercise. This has caused me to have a deep fascination with the range of people's motivations. One thing that I have noticed is that every individual in the Health Club has a different goal; that requires a diverse range of motivational approaches. Goals of weight loss, strength training, aerobic conditioning, mental wellbeing and sports performance are just a few main ones. Speaking of sports performance, I would like to give you an insight into Jack Bruce-Smith, one of Australia's up and coming tennis players. Jack came to me a few years ago wanting to improve his strength and fitness for tennis. Here is Jack's story...

When did you first start playing tennis, and what was your goal then and what are your goals now?

"I first started playing tennis when I was four years old since my mum is a coach. Back when I first started I didn't really have any goals but now the main goal for me is to eventually get to the top 100 in the world."

What was your reason for coming to the gym, and getting professional guidance, what did you weigh then and what did you weigh now for your height?

"I started the gym to help improve my fitness and strength for tennis and also to help prevent injuries. When I first started in the gym I weighed 70 kg and now I am 83 kg at 6'5."

How have weights helped you in your tennis, can you give me an example whilst on the court?

"I think it has helped with my balance on the court and it has also improved my endurance, especially in the legs. I also think it has helped put a touch more power in my serve."

What is the top speed you have served at?

"I've never had it tested before but I think I could serve 220 km/h"

Tell me a little bit about the current nutrition plan and daily water intake.

"I try to have five meals a day which consists of complex carbohydrates, protein and fibre. I would usually drink 2-3 litres a day but sometimes more if it's a hot day and I've been sweating a lot."

There's a big trend to low carbohydrate eating plans, you have a high level of complex carbohydrates in your plan. Do you think it helps you keep lean at the same time?

"I have a high energy expenditure so I can have a lot of carbohydrates while also staying lean. I think it's good to have carbohydrates because it gives me the most energy throughout the day which I need for training."

What's your view on skipping/boxing to compliment in terms of agility and speed?

"I think skipping is very good to help improve your footwork on the tennis court."

Who is your favourite tennis player and why?

"My favourite tennis player at the moment would have to be Matteo Berrettini because I think I have a similar game to him. I like to serve big and hit my forehand big which he does very well and we are also both 6'5."



▲ One of Australia's up and coming tennis players, Jack Bruce-Smith, training with Michael Kull.

Since you have started training in the gym, are you getting as many injuries as previously?

"Before I started training in the gym I would frequently get minor injuries that would put me out for a week or two. Now that I'm training in the gym I've only had one injury and I only spent 2 weeks off the court so I believe that it has helped prevent injuries."

What would be your advice for tennis players that were considering strength and fitness training to help improve their game?

"I would say that it is probably better for most tennis players to do light weights with high reps rather than heavyweights."

What do you like to do to wind down and what's your favourite cheat meal?

"I like to watch Netflix and play a bit of PlayStation. My favourite cheat meal would have to be pizza." ●

**By Michael Kull,
Kooyong Health Club Manager**

If you have any questions regarding sports performance or any other direction such as weight loss or general fitness please feel free to contact Michael on 0419 003 762.

Bridge Club

Kooyong Bridge Club members are delighted to be returning to face-to-face bridge after another extended period of lockdown.

Prior to the recent lockdown Kooyong managed to defeat the South Yarra Tennis Club Bridge Club in their annual game contested by 20 players from each club.

Club members Diana Saul and Doug Harrah represented Kooyong in the Australian Bridge Federation Champion of Champions competition finishing a creditable 6th against the best players from other clubs.

Upcoming events for Kooyong Bridge club include the Kooyong Congress to be held in late November, the Club Christmas Dinner celebration in December and the Australian Bridge Federation Nationwide open and restricted pairs competition in late January.



▲ Club members Diana Saul and Doug Harrah represented Kooyong in the Australian Bridge Federation Champion of Champions.

Despite lockdowns many Kooyong members have continued to play online bridge through Kooyong and Northern Bridge Club

Despite lockdowns many Kooyong members have continued to play online bridge through Kooyong and Northern Bridge Club (run by our Thursday director Bill Jacobs). Our thanks to our online director Terry Crawford who has tirelessly run 3 sessions per week for Kooyong members. Prominent successful performers have included Deb Fogarty, Sue Douglas, Pip Liebelt, Jane Griffiths and Tek Chan. ●

By James Tulloch





▲ Senior Winemaker Tim Lovett from Leeuwin Estate joined our Zoom tasting.
 ▲ Paringa Estate tastings.

Wine & Food Society

The 2021 Wine and Food Society activities were not quite what we had planned...

However, we did start the second half of the year as planned with a structured wine tasting featuring both French and Australian wines. We were pleased to be able to hold the function in the new dining room at Kooyong. Thank you to Josh Elias (Kooyong member) who educated, entertained and challenged us over the evening. We look forward to the structured wine tastings being an annual event.

With another lockdown, Zoom wine tastings were once again welcomed into our homes. These tastings featured iconic Australian wineries and we were fortunate to have the winemakers share their stories and passion for their craft and produce. Patrice Renaudin (Kooyong Food and Beverages Manager) worked with Greg Baker (Kooyong WFS Wine Master) and Mathew Macartney (Kooyong Executive Chef) to provide participants with samples of the wines, tasting notes and a variety of tapas to compliment the wines. Greg guided us through the tastings

while engaging the winemakers and Patrice provided special comments. It was a wonderful bonus to have Mathew provide commentary on the produce used for his culinary creations.

The wineries featured in the Zoom tastings included: Paringa Estate with owner and Winemaker Lindsay McCall, and Leeuwin Estate with Senior Winemaker Tim Lovett and Winemaker Phil Hutchison zooming in from WA.

We welcome summer and have planned our end of year dinner in the Kooyong Room. Please swap your active wear for cocktail and be ready for a fun night.

While we had to cancel more events in 2021 than we were able to attend, I am looking forward to a happy and festive 2022. Our plans for 2022 so far include:

- celebration of 50 years as a society in March;
- a dinner featuring special guest, Pat Carmody. Pat is the owner and winemaker of the sensational Craiglee wines; and
- a weekend trip to Victorian wine region.



▲ Josh Elias and Greg Baker.

I thank everyone for all their help and assistance during the year, especially the Kooyong Wine and Food Society Committee, Patrice Renaudin and Mathew Macartney. ●

By Leanne Parer, President Wine and Food Society





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◀ Join us for the Twilight Tennis Round Robin & Drinks evening on the 10th March.

▼ "Gin It Up" Gin Tasting Happy Hour event is new to Kooyong this year.



Social Committee

A new line up of events!

After another challenging year with limited events the Social Committee is planning a full calendar of activities in 2022. Highlighting the year will be a series of new events including a family tennis day, Summer and Winter cocktail parties, a gala Melbourne Cup race day luncheon with 'Fashions on the Field', a Trivia Night, a Gin Tasting Happy-Hour and our marquee event the Kooyong Christmas Ball. This year's Xmas Ball featuring the Baker Boys Band has been the hottest ticket in town! All of this mixed in with our regular tennis round-robins and barbecues on the terrace.

On behalf of the committee – Peter Tingate (President), Chris Barnett (Vice President), Andrew Munday (Treasurer), Jane Ormiston (Secretary), Larissa Langley, Liz Jones and our two newest members, Janine McDonald and Amanda Thomas – we look forward to seeing you at our next function. ●

By **Peter Tingate**,
Social Committee President



▲ Our annual Trivia Night has proved popular in past years.

SAVE THE DATE – 2022 EVENTS

Sunday, 6 February	Mixed Doubles Tennis & BBQ
Sunday, 27 February	Longest Lunch
Friday, 4 March	Summer Cocktail Party*
Thursday, 10 March	Twilight Tennis Round Robin & Drinks
Sunday, 27 March	Shelley Lipe Mixed Doubles & BBQ
Sunday, 1 May	KLTC versus RSY Challenge Cup
Friday, 17 June	"Gin it Up!" Gin Tasting Happy Hour
Saturday, 23 July	Winter Cocktail Party*
Saturday, 20 August	Trivia Night
Sunday, 11 September	JJ Jeffries Mixed Doubles Round Robin
Tuesday, 1 November	Melbourne Cup Day Event*
Sunday, 4 December	Christmas Family Tennis Day
Saturday, 10 December	Kooyong Christmas Ball*

* Special Events



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Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

Once again our auxiliary's fundraising efforts have been challenged this year due to the consequences and limitations of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In August's Courtside we expected that our final two events, Christmas in July and The Trivia Night would go ahead. However, this was not to be the case.

I am delighted to report that with accrued funds we were able to pledge \$68,234 to the Music Therapy Program for the Neurosciences and Rehabilitation Department for the 2021 / 2022 financial year. The RCH was the first paediatric hospital to have its own music therapy program, and while other children's hospitals have followed suit the RCH is still the only one to have a specialised music therapist for neurosciences and rehabilitation patients. We are very pleased that through the generosity of our supporters over the years we have been able to contribute to this very worthwhile cause where the power of music is being harnessed to optimise patient care and recovery, assisting the rehabilitation of children and adolescents with brain injuries.

This year we have managed to raise \$4,289.68 through the online auction of prizes generously donated by Mecca Cosmetics, The Commonwealth Golf Club and the Anglesea Golf Club, Readings Hawthorn, donations from our supporters and bank interest. Considering the context of this year this is a great and unexpected result. Thank you to all those concerned.

In December we will be farewelling retiring committee member Genevieve Barnett. Genevieve has been the Convenor of our twice yearly card days held at Kooyong and a wonderful contributor in so many ways to our auxiliary. A deeply committed supporter of the RCH, we wish Genevieve all the very best and look forward to catching up whenever possible during the year. Thank you Genevieve.

SAVE THE DATE

In the spirit of positivity and looking forward we have set our 2022 calendar as follows:

Monday, 7 February	Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 27 April	Card Day 1
Sunday, 24 July	Christmas in July Lunch
Wednesday, 14 September	Card Day 2
Friday, 21 October	Trivia Night

The prospect of a being able to hold these events again is an enticing one for our committee. We have been overwhelmed at the generosity of our supporters at Kooyong, not only financially but also the generosity of spirit that has been with us through these past two years. Thank you to the Kooyong administration and community; we look forward to engaging with you all once more in 2022. ●

By Jenny Booth,
President KLTC RCH Auxiliary

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