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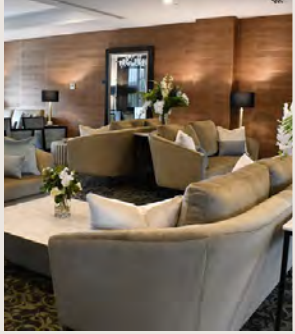
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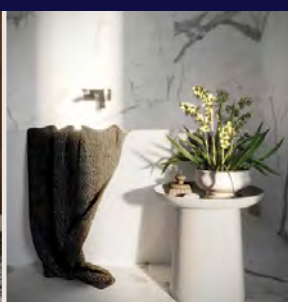
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Wimbledon Champion

Ash Barty fulfilled her childhood dream by winning the 2021 Ladies Singles Championship at Wimbledon. The world and Australia watched on in awe as Barty held her nerve in a tight three-set battle with Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova.

The raw emotion shown by Barty after she triumphed was something to behold for all Australians watching on, made extra special by the fifty-year anniversary of her long-time mentor and friend Evonne Goolagong Cawley's first Wimbledon title. Goolagong Cawley, a patron of the Kooyong Foundation, claimed Wimbledon titles in both 1971 and 1980.

Barty continues her reign as world number one, with the Wimbledon victory her fourth title for 2021 and second career grand slam title. Respected and beloved by fellow players and fans alike, Barty's on court successes are matched by the impressive way she carries herself off the court, and she is a wonderful role model for all tennis players and athletes.

Barty, has maintained a connection with the Club over many years and proudly represented Kooyong in past seasons of the Asia-Pacific Tennis League (ATL) and Premier League.

We are very pleased that Ash has agreed that a terrace in the new building will bear her name, joining other tennis greats Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Frank Sedgman and Neale Fraser.

The Club wishes to congratulate her on her fantastic achievements. ■

▲ Ash Barty with her KLTC teammates during the 2016 Premier League season.

UNIVERSAL TENNIS RATING

Kooyong Members now have the opportunity so sign up for a Universal Tennis Rating (UTR).

What is UTR?

Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) is a rating system that provides a single, unifying language and standard for tennis players across ages, geography, gender and economics.

UTR is an international tennis rating system that connects millions of tennis players around the world to help them find better matches locally. UTR reflects a player's current skill level based on head-to-head match scores and rates all players across age, gender and nationality on the same 16-point scale. Every player can have a UTR – from the pros to juniors to social tennis players. Players can have a UTR Rating for both singles and doubles.

How is the UTR Rating Calculated?

For each match, the algorithm calculates a match rating and a match weight for each player. A player's UTR Rating is the weighted average of up to 30 of their most recent match ratings. Only matches within the last 12 months count toward a player's UTR Rating.

Two factors are considered when calculating the match rating. The first factor is the UTR Rating difference between opponents. The second factor is the competitiveness of the match, as determined by the percent of total games won.

Given the UTR Rating difference, the algorithm expects a certain percentage of total games won. The player who performs better than the algorithm's expectation will see their match rating go up while the other player's match rating will go down. When one player's match rating increases, the other player's match rating decreases by the same amount.

How do I get a UTR Rating?

Head to universaltennis.com/players to Sign Up. Once you have created a profile, search for Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and Request to Join. All organised competitive matches that you play through the Club including Monday Night competition, Tuesday Night competition and Tennis Victoria Pennant will now contribute towards your rating provided that all players involved in the match have a profile.

Please contact the Tennis Department on 9822 3333 if you have any questions regarding UTR. ■



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Kooyong – Beyond 2020

Strengthening Kooyong's position as one of the great tennis clubs of the world



“...Kooyong – *Beyond 2020* has delivered a Club which is truly world class...”

Adam Cossar, President

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CEO'S REPORT

It is a special time for our Club as we have completed the building work that has occupied a large part of our property over the last year, and we begin to enjoy the additional facilities and services at the completion of the project.

COVID-19 has provided its challenges throughout the period of construction and yet our builder managed to progress despite restrictions and at times interruptions, and as we move in and occupy the new areas, Members are enjoying the wonderful opportunities that have been created.

We agreed with our builder to manage a progressive handover which saw us initially occupy the gymnasium and the first section of the new carpark while building work finished elsewhere around the site.

The new equipment in the gymnasium is a major feature providing a magnificent health club facility for all to enjoy, and the return of old roadways and opening of new ones provided an immediate improvement for traffic flow and parking.

The new event rooms, squash courts and change rooms followed, while the subsequent completion of the car park will see the difficulty of finding a spot a distant memory.

In addition, there are extra disabled spaces and many bike racks located around the property and several areas of undercover parking including increased bays below the gymnasium.

COVID-19 has interrupted some of our events, however the Club's COVID Safe policy is in place in all areas for the safety of Members and their guests, and staff and our hard-working Member groups are providing many opportunities to enjoy as we look ahead.

With all of this to look forward to and a calendar reflecting a full schedule of events for the rest of the year, we invite Members to look through Courtside and identify the special opportunities that Kooyong membership provides.



Chris Brown, CEO

feel privileged and honoured to present my first President's Report and since the last edition of Courtside in February much has taken place at Kooyong.

I wish to thank the Board for their guidance and support and in particular Peter Carew for his incredible six years as President. A lasting legacy of his leadership is "Kooyong - Beyond 2020", a master plan project delivered through times challenged by COVID-19. Peter's leadership and personal support has provided a platform on which to further strengthen Kooyong's position as a preeminent Club. As outlined in my recent message to Members, "Kooyong - Beyond 2020" has delivered a Club which is truly world class and one of the great clubs of the world.

Our new Stadium Room and Level One event spaces provide unparalleled views of Centre Court and west across our lawn courts - a great addition to our already popular areas. Additionally, two new world class squash courts including show court viewing and adjacent change rooms are proving very popular as is the vastly larger and significantly upgraded health facility featuring all new equipment across all areas of cardio, strength and conditioning. The facilities provide Members with premium and world class facilities.

Concerns over parking spaces have been resolved with the roads and car park development adding more than 130 bays including additional disabled spaces, while large numbers of bike racks are located throughout the new areas. Grounds' beautification has already commenced with gardens established and it will be a continued focus of our capital works program across the year to come.

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Our Club Championships held in February were a great success and a time to re-connect our community after the challenges of 2020. It was great to see more than 470 entries, and congratulations to both Andrew Wittington in securing his third straight Open tennis singles title and Zoe Llewellyn on winning her first singles title. Congratulations to Christine Nunn and Sam Ejtemai who continued their winning form in squash raising their respective trophies for the fourth and fifth time, respectively.

Our Kooyong Foundation continues to evolve and innovate with the inaugural Corporate Pro-am scheduled for December this year kicking off the Summer of Tennis. This will be a major fundraiser event to aid and support our up-and-coming Foundation scholarship players.

With the Championships at the All England Lawn Tennis Club - Wimbledon having recently completed we feel immensely proud as Australians and as Kooyong Members of Ash Barty's incredible win. Her inspired performance and personal characteristics and values provide a perfect message in action of what all current and future players should aim for. Additionally, our very own Marc Polmans achieved his first Wimbledon main draw entry and not only that, reached the second round losing to number 17 seed Christian Garin from Chile in a hard fought four set match - congratulations Marc from Team Kooyong.

Finally, thank you for your understanding and patience as we traverse the on-going challenges of COVID-19. The Club through the direction of our very capable Board, our CEO and the operational team has had to manage some difficult passages, however, I feel confident that we will come through this better and stronger as a result.

Keep safe, keep well and keep connected.



Adam Cossar, President



I'm privileged and honoured to be appointed the next President of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club



TENNIS VICTORIA PRESIDENT

Kooyong Member Jacqueline Pirone has been announced as Tennis Victoria President. Elected to the Presidency by the Tennis Victoria Board, Jacqui is an Ombudsman with significant corporate and government experience in private practice and as in-house counsel.

After 2 years as a member of Tennis Victoria's Audit and Risk Committee, Jacqui was appointed to the Tennis Victoria Board in December 2019. "I am thrilled and proud to be appointed to the role of Tennis Victoria President. I look forward to leading the Board, working together with Tennis Victoria's Chief Executive, affiliates and stakeholders, to create a bright future for our great game."

We congratulate Jacqui on her appointment and wish her well in the role. ■

Profile - Adam Cossar, President

Members are advised that following a resolution of the Board at the May meeting, Adam Cossar has been appointed President of our Club. Adam fills a casual vacancy for the role vacated by Peter Carew.

Adam has been a Kooyong Member for over 35 years and active on the Board since 2006 having more previously been appointed as Vice President of our Club. He has a strong family connection with the Club spanning three generations, with wife Natalie and daughters Isabella and Amina also members.

Adam is a keen tennis player having fond memories from early childhood, and often recalls lessons with Don Tregonning and early connection with the one and only Cedric Mason. Up close and personal encounters with players during the Australian Open at Kooyong from 1972 and his Grandmother Inez (a 50 Year member) providing early introductions to the Club and a love of the game, and he even has a tennis net set up in his home office.

With over 25 years of experience within the vocational and higher education sector, Adam brings to his role key strengths in change management and transformation. He is Chief Operating Officer of the Didasko Group, a wholly Australian owned digital education enterprise committed to better ways of learning which assists him with growth and development of new business strategies and future direction.

Adam has established long lasting relationships throughout his career and within our Club.

Peter Carew had served two terms as President and Adam shall fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting. Peter will remain on the Board in a nominated capacity for a short time to assist with the transition.

The current Board Members are Adam Cossar (President), Brian Capp (Vice President), Joe Dicks (Treasurer), Darren O'Loughlin, Rowena Cole, Ian Anderson, Sally Peers, James Macmillan and Peter Carew. ■

Kooyong – Beyond 2020

It is clear that completion of the “Kooyong – Beyond 2020” project has further strengthened Kooyong’s position as one of the great tennis clubs of the world.



A significant feature of the redevelopment was changes made to both the stadium and the clubhouse and for the first time the two structures join as one, while the terrace provides easy access to the stadium walkway. Travelling along the passage past the function rooms provides vision into the famous centre court, while the terraces wrap the extended building offering views into both the stadium and Kooyong’s celebrated grass courts.

The aptly named “Stadium Room” provides guests with a very special and unique Kooyong experience. In addition to the large feature windows offering centre court as well as grass court views, the room’s high ceilings feature large bespoke pendant lights. State of the art audio visual equipment is installed throughout while operable doors allow the room to extend into the adjoining President’s Room.

Sitting atop the new building is “Level One”, a fully serviced private hospitality and meeting space for groups to enjoy. The lounge offers guests special attention with its own bar and self-contained kitchen while the adjoining meeting room leads to a terrace offering a special elevated view down to the stadium.

The expansion has provided an opportunity for the Sir Norman Brookes Room to be set to offer a games room for small groups to enjoy each day, overcoming the previous issues of congestion in our lounge. In the lounge, Members will find they can enjoy more space and comfort with some additional furniture and a revised layout.

Squash has always been a popular part of our Club and two new glass courts will see Kooyong becoming one of the leading venues for the sport. The addition of court seating



will allow crowds to enjoy show court matches in the future and will prove to be extremely popular. Changerooms provided in the squash area will reduce congestion back in the existing changeroom but also provide a Member only access door from the swimming pool for those seeking the convenience of using the new rooms.

The gymnasium has undergone major change in both space and equipment. Floor space has doubled, and new state-of-the-art cardio, strength and conditioning equipment has been installed throughout. The extended area has an acoustic floor to overcome issues of vibration and noise from equipment and the Precor cardio units all feature large high-definition screens to enjoy and guide users during workouts. »





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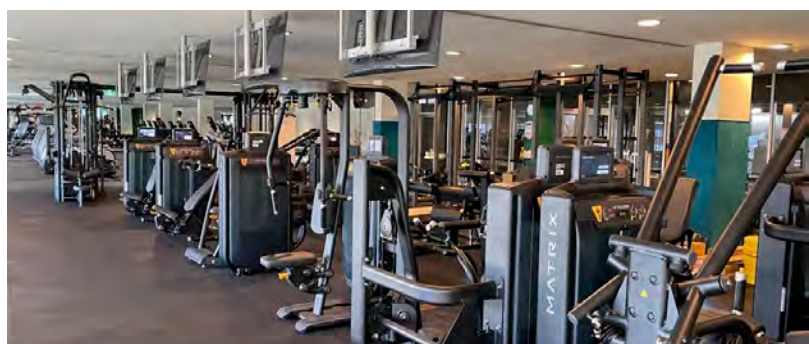
New racks, strength equipment and weights featuring Kooyong branding are available, while the Matrix range of pin equipment provides a special feature of screens that allow Members to log in, record programs and exercise under guided workouts.

A long-standing concern on busy days has been the issue of accommodating the demand for parking and the completion of the project has delivered almost 130 additional car spaces and improved traffic flow. The construction of the two-way road between the stadium and clubhouse provides a safety net for site access and egress if a concern ever was to arise in the future with our southern boundary. Consideration has been given for bike riders with several banks of racks installed in and around the clubhouse and car park areas while additional disabled car spots have been added also to meet the needs. Additional boom gates have been installed to secure Member areas and overcome the challenges experienced in the past of visitors blocking roadways and occupying Member car parks.

Throughout the design stage, the project considered environmental sustainability principles, and these are reflected across many areas. Solar panels have been installed on the roof and throughout the clubhouse energy efficient lighting is featured. The project replaced inefficient mechanical services with upgraded air conditioning to better manage the needs on extreme weather days. »



“Kooyong - Beyond 2020” has overcome some challenges but also provides significant benefits for Members to enjoy in the future.



Water capture from the roof feeds storage tanks that recycle back to the clubhouse toilets and our hot water ring main was upgraded throughout the building improving services to areas including change room showers. With work completed, our water capture and recycling from Gardiners Creek for use around the grounds will be re-established.

Planting of the new areas has commenced, and grounds staff are busy creating new feature gardens across the property as part of a ground beautification program. The car park concrete structures feature green walls and planting has commenced across the areas to produce screening and colour to soften the look. The redesign of our entry required

the garden bed in front of the clubhouse to be changed and the area has been replanted and the popular roses returned. The grass courts are being prepared for the next season with conditions going into the winter close giving promise of a great start for the summer to come.

“Kooyong - Beyond 2020” has overcome some challenges but also provides significant benefits for Members to enjoy in the future. The mission to provide Kooyong Members with relevant and exceptional tennis, sporting, lifestyle and social club amenities and services has been further met and the Club can rightly be considered one of the great clubs of the world for Members to enjoy. ■

Club Championship Winners List

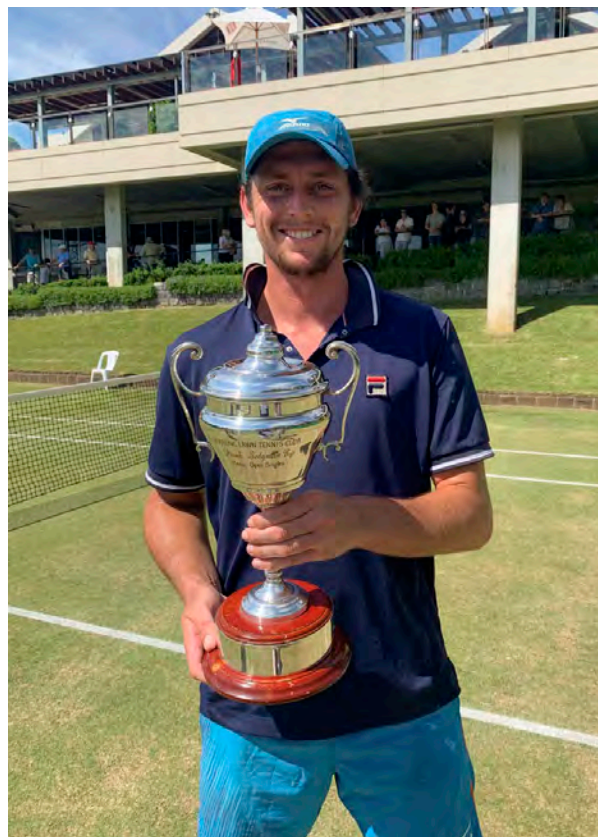
		Winner	Runner Up
Event 1	Men's Open Singles	Andrew Whittington 7/6 6/0	David Hough
Event 2	Men's Open Doubles	David Bidmeade/Greg Jones 6/3 6/4	David Qariaqus/Cooper White
Event 3	Ladies Open Singles	Zoe Llewellyn 7/6 6/1	Klaire Elkin
Event 4	Ladies Open Doubles	Jemma Carbis/Sofi Georgas 6/3 6/2	Sally Peers/Sophie Vickers
Event 5	Men's 50 & Over Singles	Andrew Rae 6/1 6/2	Martin Warwick
Event 6	Men's 50 & Over Doubles	Ken Cooper/Stephen Gay 6/4 6/4	Alex Krohn/Ross Pritchard
Event 7	Ladies 50 & Over Singles	Jill Meggs walkover	Leanne Scott
Event 8	Ladies 50 & Over Doubles	Rosemary Everett/Wanda Howes (round robin)	Sue Ferguson/ Barb Weston
Event 9	Men's 60 & Over Doubles	Dennis Mihelyi/Mark Swindon walkover	Glenn Busby/Darren O'Loughlin
Event 10	Men's 100 & Over Doubles	Joel Fredman/Stephen Sharp 6/0 6/2	Jeremy Brown-Greaves/Stephen Gay
Event 12	Men's 130 & Over Doubles	Daryl Henwood/Hayden Rees 7/5 6/4	Clive Fredman/Joel Fredman
Event 13	Men's A Grade Singles	Thomas Patton 6/0 1/6 6/3	Viktor Sirucek
Event 14	Men's A Grade Doubles	George Hurley/Conor O'Kane 3/6 7/6 6/1	Dennis Maddern/Robert Sebek
Event 16	Men's B Grade Singles	Sebastian Sarafian 6/4 6/4	Ryan Riedler
Event 17	Men's B Grade Doubles	Peter Gard/Martin Warwick 7/6 6/3	Alex Krohn/Marcus Thomas
Event 18	Ladies B Grade Singles	Hannah Williams 6/3 6/3	Kathy Kempson
Event 19	Ladies B Grade Doubles	Rosemary Everett/Wanda Howes 3/6 6/1 6/4	Natalie Rose-Harwood/Leanne Scott
Event 20	Men's C Grade Singles	Oliver Elmslie 6/3 6/4	Kamil Bober
Event 21	Men's C Grade Doubles	Jeremy Brown-Greaves/Matthew Brown-Greaves 6/2 6/2	Mark Devereux/Scott Langford
Event 22	Ladies C Grade Singles	Megan Batrouney 7/5 6/2	Belinda Henry
Event 23	Ladies C Grade Doubles	Maria Lara/Danielle Suttor 6/3 6/1	Megan Batrouney/Melanie Eades
Event 24	Men's D Grade Singles	Tom Handbury 4/6 6/3 6/3	Andrew Fortelny
Event 25	Men's D Grade Doubles	Sam Ejtemai/Darcy St John 3/6 6/2 6/3	Dylan Neilsen/Walter Scott
Event 26	Ladies D Grade Singles	Sandra Wolf 6/0 6/1	Fiona Lee
Event 27	Ladies D Grade Doubles	Jillina Kaminsky/Sandra Wolf 6/3 6/4	Mary King/Nalda Mannix
Event 28	Open Mixed Doubles	Mitch Burman/Sophie Vickers 7/5 7/6	David Bidmeade/Sally Peers
Event 29	100 & Over Mixed Doubles	Stephen Sharp/Anna Clarkson 6/3 6/0	Brian Watson/Jill Meggs
Event 30	B Grade Mixed Doubles	Ross Pritchard/Julie Murphy 6/3 6/2	Julian O'Donnell/Rebecca Xuereb
Event 31	C Grade Mixed Doubles	Jack Sanford/Lauren Sanford 7-5 1-2 retired	Trevor Dohnt/Linda Dohnt
Event 32	D Grade Mixed Doubles	Walter Scott/Eleanor Scott 6/0 6/1	Michael Gregory/Victoria Gregory
Event 33	Junior Boy's Singles U/21	David Qariaqus 6/0 3/6 6/3	John Amato
Event 34	Junior Girl's Singles U/21	Eliza Dunbar 6/4 7/6	Eloise Swarbrick
Event 35	U/12 Boy's Singles	Will Brooks-Gay (round robin)	Ashton Coster
Event 37	U/12 Girl's Singles	Harriet Venn (round robin)	Zara Stevens
Event 39	U/14 Boy's Singles	Nikolas Baker 6/4 6/7 6/3	Oliver Elmslie
Event 40	U/14 Boy's Doubles	George McKeon/Charlie Williams (round robin)	Will Brooks-Gay/Jack Jarman
Event 41	U/14 Girl's Singles	Charlotte Vanstone-McGrath 6/0 6/1	Sophia Brooks-Gay
Event 42	U/14 Girl's Doubles	Koharu Nishikawa/Charlotte Vanstone-McGrath (round robin)	Zara Stevens/Harriet Venn
Event 43	U/16 Boy's Singles	Nicolas Tremblay 6/2 6/4	Chris Alevizos
Event 44	U/16 Boy's Doubles	Chris Alevizos/Kosta Mandikos 6/2 6/0	Oliver Elmslie/Aedan Nelson
Event 45	U/16 Girl's Singles	Jessica Board walkover	Felicity Wei
Event 46	U/16 Girl's Doubles	Charlotte Vanstone-McGrath/Felicity Wei 6/4 6/4	Jessica Board/Sophia Brooks-Gay

2021 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



◀ Whittington claimed his third straight Club Championship title.

► Llewellyn won her maiden Club Championship title .
▼ 2021 Men's Club Champion, Andrew Whittington.



50th Annual Club Championships

Over 470 Members again took to the courts vying for their chance to become part of Club history in the 50th Annual Club Championships.

Despite delays due to lockdown and rain, the event was an enjoyable and successful event on our famous grass courts.

Andrew Whittington proved his dominance on the grass, securing his third straight Open Singles title while the Honour Board will have a new name on the Women's side, with Zoe Llewellyn claiming her maiden title.

Seeded five, Llewellyn took advantage of the draw opening up after top seed and two-time champion Belinda Woolcock withdrew from the event due to playing commitments at the Australian Open.

Llewellyn's run to the final wasn't all smooth sailing as she battled through a three-set match in the opening round against Grace Fountain. She won her second round match in straight sets before facing another battle in the semi-final against Eliza Dunbar. Down a break of serve in the third set, Llewellyn fought back to win the match 6/3 1/6 7/6 to secure a spot in the final for the first time.

In the other half of the draw, second seed Sally

Peers was knocked out in the quarterfinal by Ksenija Varesanovic. In her first year at the Club, Klaire Elkin made her way to the semi-final with two close three-set victories. She then defeated Varesanovic in straight sets to go through to the final.

With Llewellyn and Elkin both playing in their first Club Championship final, a new Champion was to be crowned.

The match went toe to toe in the first set until a tiebreaker was reached. Elkin jumped ahead in the breaker and held two set points, but Llewellyn managed to keep the pressure on and took the set 10/8.

Llewellyn kept the momentum rolling in the second set, claiming an early break and settling into the match. The left hander used her serve and angles to her advantage, running away with the title 7/6 6/1 and becoming the proud Champion for 2021.

It was a special win for the family, with Llewellyn's mother Gail having won the title in both 1989 and 1991.

The Men's Open Singles final saw Whittington take on



◀ Far left 2021 Junior Girl's Club Champion, Eliza Dunbar.
Left 2021 Junior Boy's Club Champion, David Qariaqus.

▲ 2021 Ladies Club Champion, Zoe Llewellyn.

first-time finalist and sixth seed David Hough.

Hough won through his first two rounds comfortably before taking on third seed Greg Polmans in the quarterfinal. Hough, who had plenty of grass court play under his belt following a string of tournaments, proved too strong for Polmans defeating him in straight sets. Hough continued his form into the semi-final, upsetting second seed and four-time champion David Bidmeade to book himself a spot in the final.

Top seed Whittington made it to the final with relative ease, dropping a total of just three games in his first two matches. He then took on an in-form David Qariaqus in the quarterfinal, winning 6/3 6/3. Whittington's experience again proved too much in the semi-final as he defeated Cooper White 6/1 6/2 for a chance to secure a threepeat.

The final was a great spectacle with many Members settling in to get a glimpse of the quality tennis. The match got off a tight start with both players serving well and holding their nerve. It was Hough who got the first break of serve and edged ahead 4/3. Whittington didn't go away however and managed to break back and force the first set into a tiebreaker, and ultimately claim the set 7/6.

Whittington took his game to another level in the second set, winning the set 6/0 to be crowned Club Champion for the third straight year.

In the Men's Open Doubles, Bidmeade and Greg Jones

made it three in a row, defeating White and Qariaqus in straight sets.

Jemma Carbis and Sofi Georgas won their first Open titles at the Club, defeating Sally Peers and Sophie Vickers in the final of the Women's Open Doubles.

In the Open Mixed Doubles, Mitch Burman and Vickers defeated Bidmeade and Peers to claim their fifth title together.

David Qariaqus won the Junior Boy's Singles defeating John Amato in a high quality three-set match.

Eliza Dunbar had a great tournament, making the semi-final of the Open Singles and winning the Junior Girl's Singles; very impressive achievements for a sixteen-year-old. Dunbar upset top seed Eloise Swarbrick in the final, 6/4 7/6.

Other notable results included an impressive feat by Charlotte Vanstone-McGrath who won all three of her events; the Under 14 Girl's Singles, Under 14 Girl's Doubles and the Under 16 Girl's Doubles.

Nikolas Baker also impressed with the 11-year-old defeating Oliver Elmslie in a high-quality final of the Under 14 Boy's Singles final. Elmslie then went on to claim a title of his own, winning the Men's C Grade Singles.

Congratulations and thank you to all competitors on a fantastic event!

We look forward to celebrating all the wonderful achievements at the Champions' Dinner on September 9th. ■

Koharu Nishikawa - A Rising Star

Koharu Nishikawa continues to shine with some fantastic recent results. Currently the number 1 ranked player in her birth year in Australia, "Koko" as she is affectionately known, recently made the final of the 12/U Clay Court Nationals and went one better in doubles, winning the title.

A talented all-rounder who also excels at swimming, athletics and playing the piano, tennis is her number one passion. "I love that it's about what I decide to do on the court and the creativity I get to express". Koko was selected to represent Victoria in the 13/U state team to compete in the upcoming Junior National Team Championships event held on the Gold Coast. "I look forward to representing Victoria at Nationals and hopefully I can have some good wins there".



"I love how Kooyong provides such rich culture about tennis and its history. It's the ultimate way to connect the past and present."

Short term Koko is aiming to win one of the remaining national singles events this year, on the grass in Perth in September or the hardcourt nationals at Melbourne Park in December.

"I'd love to go and travel overseas and see what tennis is like in other countries, especially across Europe". With a drive to succeed, long term Koko aspires to be "one of the greatest tennis players and hopefully inspire not only athletes but people around the world".

Koko is currently enjoying playing Grade 2 Pennant for the Club, with the significance of Kooyong not lost on the youngster. "I love how Kooyong provides such rich culture about tennis and its history. It's the ultimate way to connect the past and present. I hope to represent Kooyong for many years to come!" ■





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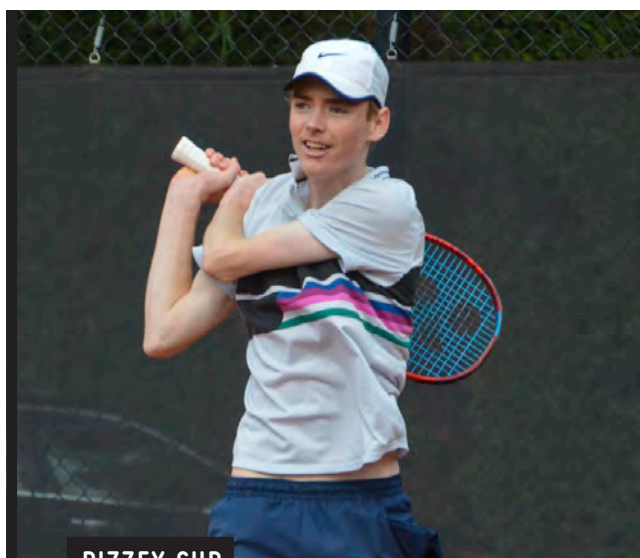
CORPORATE PRO AM

The inaugural Kooyong Foundation Corporate Pro Am will take place on December 13th to be played on Kooyong's famous grasscourts with the final on our historic stadium centre court. Featuring a host of former and current professional players followed by a cocktail event, 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. ■

Gabriella Da Silva-Fick Records Top 100 win

Gabby Da Silva-Fick recorded her first top 100 victory and first at WTA level defeating Aliaksandra Sasnovich in February at the Phillip Island Trophy WTA event. The win took her ranking to a career high of 460 in the world. Gabby has continued her good form in recent months, competing in UTR Pro Series events across Australia including winning an event in Canberra in May. She now plans on competing in more UTR Pro Series events across Australia. ■

◀ Gabriella Da Silva-Fick.



PIZZEZY CUP

Congratulations to Thomas Patton, Dylan Vaughan, Ethan Gottschalk, and Grace Fountain who have been selected to represent Victoria in the 18/U School Sport National Championships. This is the fourth time Thomas Patton has been selected in the team- a fantastic achievement! Good luck to all players! ■

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Olympic Bronze Medal for Peers

John Peers was selected to represent Australia at the Tokyo Olympics after being chosen in the tennis team for the second time in his career- a fantastic honour for the doubles specialist. Peers teamed up with Max Purcell in the men's doubles, unfortunately falling to the US pair of Tennys Sandgren and Austin Krajicek in the opening round. Peers then paired up with Ash Barty in the mixed doubles, with the pair winning a bronze medal. John and Ash fought their way through the preliminary rounds claiming significant wins on the way to the semi-final where they played out an exciting three set match, going down in a very tight tiebreak to the eventual winners. The bronze medal is a wonderful achievement, and we extend our congratulations to both on their magnificent result! ■



VICTORIAN STATE TEAM SELECTION

Some of our best young players were selected to represent Victoria at the Australian National Teams event played in Queensland in June. Nikolas Baker (11/u), Ymerali Ibraimi (13/u), Koharu Nishikawa (13/u), Charlotte Vanstone-Mcgrath (13/u), and Gabrielle Villegas (15/u) were all chosen to represent Victoria in their respective age groups. Unfortunately the event had to be cancelled due to Covid at the semi-final stage with all Victorian teams still remaining. Well done to all players involved! ■

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FOR POLMANS

Marc Polmans made the dream Wimbledon singles debut. After winning three matches in the qualifying rounds, Polmans faced off against veteran Yen-hsun Lu in the first round of main draw. Polmans prevailed in a tough 4-set encounter 6-2, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1. The win will go down as one of his best in his career so far and will see his ranking jump back on the edge of the world's top 100 players. In his second round match up versus 17th seed Cristian Garin, Polmans put in a gallant effort losing a 4-set battle 7-6, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6. The successful week on the grass at Wimbledon will fill Polmans with confidence for the remainder of the season. Congratulations Marc! ■



Foundation Players Sign with US Colleges

Cooper White and Eloise Swarbrick will continue their tennis journeys in the USA after securing tennis scholarships to division one colleges. Cooper has signed with the University of Central Florida who are currently ranked #11 in the country, and Eloise has signed with Middle Tennessee State University. Kooyong now have 13 players currently playing US College tennis on scholarships. Congratulations Cooper and Eloise! ■

▲ Eloise Swarbrick.
◀ Cooper White.

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 or refusal of service in the clubhouse.

Tennis Court Dress Code



TENNIS COURTS

- ▶ All members and their guests should wear predominantly white, approved tennis attire, socks and shoes when playing on the Club courts, although some coloured approved tennis attire, socks and shoes are permitted.
- ▶ 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.

Clubhouse Dress Code



DINING AND HOSPITALITY AREAS

The Racquet Club, Function Rooms and Members' Lounge

- ▶ Smart Casual clothing shall be worn.
- ▶ Male members and guest 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.
- ▶ No sporting or gymnasium attire is permitted.

The Hopman Bistro, BBQ Terrace and Members' Bar

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

Champion on and off the court

That's an entirely appropriate description of Wayne Reid given his massive contribution to Australian tennis as a player and administrator.

By Bruce Matthews

Wayne led a dedicated team that resurrected and then rebuilt the Australian Open in the early 70s in his role as a young, innovative president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, now Tennis Australia.

What's not so well-known is that Reid, who died on June 30 aged 83, was a talented right-hander who could hold his own in competition at international tournaments, such as Wimbledon, during the amateur days shortly before the Open era in the late 60s. Legendary Davis Cup coach Harry Hopman once even summoned Reid into the Australian squad before a Challenge Round (Final) at Kooyong to utilise his booming serve to help combat a looming American danger.

A young Reid played as an amateur when overseas travel was generally by ship and he reached Wimbledon's second round in 1958. His local opponent advanced to the quarter-finals where he pushed eventual singles champion Ashley Cooper to five sets.

His on-court highlights include a victory over Rod Laver at the 1960 South Australian Open. He reached the last 16 in singles at the 1961 Australian championships and was a semi-finalist in doubles.

To the undying gratitude of Australian tennis, Reid retired as a player at just 22 to focus on his business interests and he became Tennis Australia president aged 31 in 1969 when he set about steering the sport, in particular the Australian championships, through the early days of Open tennis.

During a successful eight-year tenure, he mended the bridges between the players and an out-of-date administration and also established the Australian Davis Cup Tennis Foundation and the Asian Tennis Circuit.

Reid realised the need for a permanent home for the Australian Open, in line with the other three Grand Slam events, and he helped set up a company, in which his brother Jim was CEO, to professionally run the championships at Kooyong in the early 70s.

Kooyong manager - tennis and sport - Cedric Mason, a teammate of Reid in Royal South Yarra's victorious 1960 A-grade pennant team, described his colleague as a tall, powerful player and later a visionary administrator.

"He took us out of the amateur days into the modern days. And I suggest he probably paid his own way in lots of ways in doing what he thought he had to do to get it going and into the position it is today. He didn't want us to be

left behind with other countries developing their tennis, he wanted us to remain at the forefront of it," Mason said.

"He was a player himself, a good player at that, so he understood both sides of the game, from a player's point of view and also as an administrator."

Mason recalled how Hopman called up Reid to serve countless times to singles representatives Mal Anderson and Cooper in the lead-up to the 1957 Davis Cup final at Kooyong to duplicate American Barry MacKay's service weapon. It proved to be a prophetic masterstroke as Anderson beat MacKay in five sets in the opening rubber of the 3-2 victory against the traditional rivals.

"Harry always had the Davis Cup team training at the venue a couple of weeks before the tie and the Americans were strong and he was concerned about the power of MacKay's serve. So Harry invited Wayne to practice with the team and get them ready for that big serve," Mason said.

Tour players of the 70s and 80s, in particular, are thankful of Reid's rebuild of the game in Australia. Kooyong Classic tournament director Peter Johnston, who played on the men's tour and also runs tournaments in China and Russia, has a unique understanding of the past president's business acumen.

"Aussie tennis is indebted to Wayne Reid. He had a massive influence with his brother Jim on saving the Australian Open and creating the platform for it to build into what it has now become. It had become almost an after-thought and was losing ground to the rest of the world," Johnston said.

"Wayne used his business nous to take a professional approach, doing deals such as for TV coverage and sponsorship. To commercialise the event would have come at considerable personal risk, I would imagine."

Paul McNamee echoed the gratitude of his era when he said: "A guy with an engaging personality, full of ideas and undoubtedly man of the world who spent considerable time in Europe. Wayne was an integral part of the Reid family who did so much for Australian tennis."

Reid, who was honoured with an OBE, also held other high-profile roles. He was President of Melbourne Football Club, the Asian Tennis Circuit, the Confederation of Australian Sport, the International Assembly of National Confederations of Sports and a founding director of the Australian Institute of Sport.

He was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1989 and was a life member of Tennis Australia ... one who will never be forgotten. ■

Member Events



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AN EVENT TO REMEMBER

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- Complimentary table centerpieces
- A complimentary drink on arrival
- Choice of three (3) Kooyong Bistro Main Course dishes on the day
- Choice of two (2) Kooyong Bistro Dessert dishes on the day
- Tea, coffee and chocolates to conclude the meal



Pennant Men Find Their Form

The Tennis Victoria Pennant season is wrapping up as players looking to find their best form ahead of finals.

In Grade 1, Thomas Pavlekovich-Smith's team are in third position and a big chance for the flag should they have a full squad available. David Qariaqus is undefeated in singles play while Thomas Patton has impressed in his first season in the top grade. The team have embraced the new format, and are enjoying the opportunity to have up to six players take to the court each week.

Also in **Grade 1, David Hough's team** are in sixth place and will need a strong finish to the season to have a shot at finals.

In **Grade 2, Shyan Sivaratnam's team** are in second place and have the potential to beat any team. Viktor Sirucek is having a fantastic season and will be a key for the team as they head into finals.

Jack Bruce-Smith's Grade 2 team are in fifth place, but shouldn't be ruled out of finals contention. Luka Vuglar has returned from injury in red hot form and will be crucial to the team in the remaining rounds.

Ethan Gottschalk's Grade 3 team are in fifth place, and will need some big wins in the last few rounds to sneak into finals.

In **Grade 4, Ram Mude's team** is in fifth position. A couple of strong wins in the remaining rounds could see them jump into the top four and should they manage to secure a finals spot, they could be a real premiership threat.

The Club's two **Grade 5 teams** are both looking forward to finals action. **Bryce Mitchelson's team** are in fourth position and should hold on to their spot in the final few rounds. James Fallon has been a strength at the top of the lineup, going undefeated in singles play.

Also in **Grade 5, Matthew Ry'dell's team** are at the top of the ladder in their section. The young team has recorded only one loss with all players impressing in their first season of Pennant for the Club.

In **Grade 7, Peter May's team** are in third position and are capable of beating any team, having already beaten second placed Grace Park Hawthorn.

Tyson Kersley's Grade 8 team are in second position and will be looking to continue their good form into finals.

Ross Lucas' Grade 9 team are in sixth position and will need some big wins in the final rounds to see finals action. The team has however upset both the second and third placed teams throughout the season.

In **Grade 10, Jack Saville's young team** are enjoying their first season of Pennant having made the jump up from juniors. The team are in third position and look set for a strong finals campaign.

In the **Masters 35+ competition**, Kooyong teams are sitting in the top spots of the **Grade 1** ladder, with **Stephen Gay's** side in first position and **Dennis Mihelyi's** in second. Both teams have only recorded one loss for the season, with Bruce Park getting the better of them. The teams will be looking to hold onto top positions for an all-Kooyong showdown come finals.

Kevin Green's Grade 2 Masters team are in fifth position but wins in the final few rounds could see them sneak into finals.

All the best to our teams for the last few rounds and finals! ■



▲ Nikolas Baker is performing well in his first season of Grade 5 Pennant for the Club.



PENNANT : WOMEN

◀ Grade 1 player Rhian Llewellyn and her team are set for a strong finals campaign.

▼ Jasmin Starr has been a welcome return from college in the USA for her Grade 1 team.



Flags In Sight

Tennis Victoria's Pennant competition looks a little different this year with singles and doubles now played on the same day. A round consists of two doubles matches followed by four singles matches, giving teams the flexibility to have up to six players take part on the day.

Kooyong's women's teams have embraced the new format and as finals approach a number of teams are well positioned to bring home flags for the Club.

In the **top grade, Zoe Llewellyn's team** are having a great season and sit in second place on the ladder, only half a point behind top-placed Royal South Yarra. Club Champion Llewellyn has been in top form, while Amy Stevens has also recorded some quality wins at the top of the lineup. The team will be hoping to keep the form rolling into finals although will miss Stevens and Eloise Swarbrick as they head off to begin college in the USA.

Also in **Grade 1, Ksenija Varesanovic's team** are sitting in ninth position and will unfortunately miss out on finals. Jasmin Starr's return from USA has benefited the team in the second half of the season, and the team has enjoyed a win over a top four team.

The Club's two **Grade 2 teams** are both set for finals action. **Amelia Zylberman's young team** are on top of the ladder, an impressive feat given the injuries they have been dealt during the season. The team remains undefeated and will be tough to beat come finals.

Natalie Baic's team are second in their section, and also remain undefeated. Isabelle Gemmel has been dominant at the top of the lineup while Baic is also yet to lose a match. The team are experienced when it comes to finals campaigns and will be strong contenders for the flag.

In **Grade 3, Ella Lavender's team** are also enjoying a very successful season, sitting undefeated at the top of the ladder. Sienna Opray, Madeleine Wilson and Jessica Board are all having stellar seasons and are yet to lose a singles match.

Isabella Lucas' team recorded a thrilling one game victory over Melbourne University early in the season but will unfortunately miss out on finals this season as they sit in eighth position.

Angela Woodruff's Grade 5 team have enjoyed the return to the court after a season off and are sitting on top of the ladder. The team have only suffered one loss for the season and are looking forward to a strong finals series.

Good luck to our teams for the remainder of the season! ■

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

Summer Competition

Kooyong's representation over the summer (November 2020 to March 2021) period was comprised of two teams participating in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's (BRTA) competition and two teams in the Waverley District Tennis Association's (WDTA) competition.

In Section 3 of the Men's Singles/Doubles BRTA format, Bryce Mitchelson's team concluded the summer 2021 season fifth on the ladder.

Jenny Osborne's BRTA Section 3 Ladies Singles/Doubles team dominated all season, finishing 26 points and more than 50% clear on top of the ladder. In a small section of five teams, they qualified automatically for the grand final, which was pushed back a week following the snap lockdown announced by the Victorian Government in February. The team defeated Beaumaris in the grand final, 4-5-43 to 2-3-37! Congratulations to the whole team: Gen Daly, Sheryl Kerwick, Lauren Sanford, Larnie Morrison, Carol Thompson, Jenny Osborne, Angela Woodruff and special thanks to all those who filled in during the season.

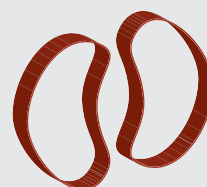


In Section A 1 of the Open Singles/Doubles WDTA format, Charlie Tulloch's team ended the summer 2021 season on top of the ladder. Unfortunately, they lost a close semi-final to Mayfield Park, 0-2-32 to 2-4-37. Both singles rubbers went to three sets.

Peter May's WDTA A Reserve 2 Open Singles/Doubles team finished in third place. They defeated Berwick in a tight semi-final, 2-4-29 to 1-3-29, to qualify for the grand final! Unfortunately, Scoresby, who were the top team, proved too strong on the day, prevailing 3-6-39 to 0-1-21 in the decider.

Congratulations to all teams who played in summer competitions. ■

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Midweek Ladies

Midweek ladies' competition largely returned in a "COVID Safe" way during the first half of 2021 but was interrupted by February's snap lockdown and the circuit breaker lockdown announced by the Victorian Government in late May. Kooyong was represented by 12 teams, playing across two days and three associations.

Firstly, to Tuesday and the summer 2021 season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) concluded in March 2021. **Leanne Scott's Section 1 team** finished the home and away season in second position. In the Grand Final, Kooyong Blue defeated Donvale Blue 3-36 to 1-26! Congratulations to the whole team: Leanne Scott, Jill Meggs, Natalie Harwood, Rosemary Everett, Caroline Venn, Julie Fidler and special thanks to all those who filled in during the season. The winter 2021 season commenced in April and reverted to a 10-team draw. The team decided against playing this season.

Kris Tulloch's Section 1 Gold team unfortunately finished on the bottom of the ladder for the summer 2021 season. With the addition of two extra teams (eight to ten), they remained in Section 1 for the winter 2021 season. The team has bounced back and are in second position after six rounds.

Lois Plowman submitted a new team for the winter 2021 season, consisting of herself, Liz Peers, Barbara Weston, Annette Sheppard, Gail Llewellyn, Wendy Harrison, Mandy Morgan and Anna Clarkson. The team has made a solid start for MEMRLTA and are currently mid-table in Section 1.

Lauren Sanford's Section 2 team finished the summer 2021 season in third place, narrowly missing out on a spot in the Grand Final by one point and percentage. They were, however, promoted to Section 1 for the winter 2021 season due to the 10-team draw. While they are on the bottom of the ladder, the team unfortunately had to forfeit to a bottom four team and lost one match by two games.

Sally Addison's Section 3 team concluded the summer 2021 season fourth on the ladder. They were promoted to Section 2 for the winter 2021 season and are in eighth place. The team, however, has a better games percentage than the two teams above them on the ladder.

Angela Godwin and Jill Kaminsky submitted a new team for the winter 2021 season, consisting of Angela, Sally McIlraith, Amanda Gosper, Jill, Kimberley Mustow, Hiromi Bum and Sandra Wolf. They are on the bottom of the ladder in Section 2 but have improved over the six rounds.

Jo Rush's Section 4 team concluded the summer 2021 season in sixth place. Unfortunately, they were unable to submit a team for the winter 2021 season as three team members withdrew, leaving only four players.

A reminder that unlike MEMRLTA, Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) and Waverley & District Tennis Association (WDTA) have February to June and July to



December seasons. On Thursday, BRTA returned to a more formal competition in February 2021 after playing five rounds, commencing in November 2020, with no finals or pennants.

Rosemary Everett's Section A/1 team finished on top of the ladder, qualifying for the Grand Final! Unfortunately the team lost to Glen Waverley.

Jill Meggs' Section A/1 team finished the February to June 2021 season in fourth place. There were only six teams in the section, with the top two automatically qualifying for the Grand Final.

Kris Tulloch's Section A/1 team concluded the season fifth on the ladder. They will be looking to push into finals contention when the next season commences in July.

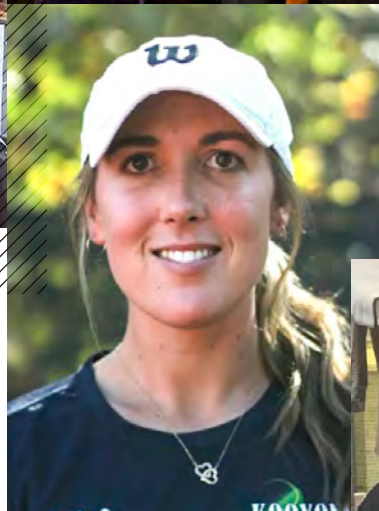
In Section 2, Jenny Osborne and Christine Shearer reverted to having a team each. **Jenny Osborne's team** finished in third place. Section 2 also only comprised of six teams, with the top two automatically qualifying for the Grand Final.

Christine Shearer's Section 2 team concluded the season one spot below Jenny Osborne's team in fourth position.

Heather Anderson's team were promoted to Section 2 after finishing last season on top of the ladder in Section 3. Unfortunately, they finished this season on the bottom of the ladder and have applied for a return to Section 3 next season.

Finally, to WDTA's Thursday competition, which resumed in February 2021 after they were unable to run any competition following the outbreak of COVID-19. **Maree Duncan** took over the captaincy from Jacqui Morris. The team were promoted to Section 2 after sitting on top of the ladder in Section 3 back in March 2020. They concluded the season in sixth position. The team have switched to BRTA for the July to December 2021 season.

Our midweek ladies' teams are enjoying being back on court and are hoping for less interruptions for the remainder of the year. ■



The Pro Shop

A look back on 2020-2021

What a crazy year it has been for the Kooyong Pro Shop and for everyone, for that matter! We would like to thank all our valuable customers who have continued to support us through this very tough time...we really appreciate you all! Moving forward, we have big things coming for the Pro Shop with new brands, new staff and ultimately, more opportunities. This year we welcomed a new clothing brand called Rohnisch which has been very popular with you all and are very excited to introduce even more popular brands to the Pro Shop in the upcoming months. We have loved all the feedback we have received so far and encourage you to continue with this as it is helping us to continue to improve our services every day.

Our Staff

This year we said goodbye to one of our long time staff members Ben... we thank him for all that he brought to the Pro Shop over the last 5 years and will miss him dearly. With that being said, we now welcome a new member to the Shop, Beth Coton. You may recognise her as she has been coaching here at Kooyong for the last couple of years and is excited to now work both on and off the court. She's British, friendly and loves a natter so stop by the Pro Shop and say hello. Stephen continues to work in the shop with his welcoming and calm demeanour and extreme knowledge regarding restrings, racquets and coaching. Hannah also remains in the Shop and is very excited to introduce the new apparel to you all. The Pro Shop team are more than

▲ Beth Coton.
◀ The Pro Shop Team.

▲ Stephen Butera.
▼ Hannah Williams.

willing to help you and are excited to see you soon! Please keep a look out for our EDM in the upcoming weeks for more detailed information regarding our Pro Shop staff, our new range and everything else we have to offer.

Our Services

We continue to pride ourselves on the services the Pro Shop has to offer. Our restringing service provides a quick 24-hour turnaround and offers a large range of stringing choices. Furthermore, our shoe range and clothing range will be increasing, and our Kooyong collection has many exciting new things coming. With the increased size of the gym, we are now offering gym wear from 2XU and Running Bare to help you feel the part while attending the gym.

Thank you

Thank you all again for supporting the Pro Shop and we look forward to continuing to provide you with all your needs when attending the Club. ■

Thank you

To our valued members and friends who support the Coaching and Pro Shop, we sincerely thank you.

The past 18 months have been challenging for us all in a multitude of ways and many of us have found ourselves with no tennis, no travel, no social connection, and with many challenges. Having good people around and being prepared to support others and have a conversation has been extremely important. We can keep our mindset focused on negativity, or we can choose to believe in ourselves, and trust that our hard work, our strategy and positive mindset will bring success.

We can blame whoever/whatever we want for the circumstances, as we can often do in our tennis. We can likewise keep our mindset focused on negativity, or we can choose to believe in ourselves, and trust that our hard work, our strategy and positive mindset will bring success. To this end Novak Djokovic, provided us with a great example of this, at this year's French Open. Twice he found himself two sets to love down in both the fourth round and the final. He looked

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At KITA we not only pride ourselves in providing an extensive junior player programs, but we feel there is nothing that we cannot offer our adult Members and friends.

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down and out and yet because of his mental strength, amazing work ethic and absolute belief in himself he fought through these hard times and came out a winner.

There have been some positives to come out of Covid. I have had many members come and talk to me about how they have reassessed their lives and their priorities. Working long hours, travelling for many years and not involved as much as they would have liked with their families, they now find they have more flexibility working from home and have taken back more control of their lives. As a result, our coaching program is finding that we are working with more adults than ever before who love their tennis and have never had time to really develop and commit to improving their tennis. So many have decided to invest in themselves and their enjoyment of life; it has been really invigorating to see and very satisfying working with players who really want to achieve. ■

Come in to the Pro Shop or call on 9038 7141 for any of your tennis needs. We have some great new staff and management and they look forward to helping you with any of your tennis needs.



▲ Come and join our Bootcamp class early Tuesday morning and bring a friend.



Wine & Food Society

By Leanne Parer, President Wine & Food Society

In 1971 a group of Kooyong members enjoyed an evening of good food, wine and company. This was the genesis for the Kooyong Wine and Food Society. 50 years on and we continue the celebration and joy of fine dining, exploring and tasting different wines and sharing stories of our gastronomic journeys with our friends.

With our first dinner for the year in March, we commenced our 50th anniversary year appropriately with a dinner celebrating the history of Victorian Wines. Guest speaker, David Dunstan, engaged us with stories of the Victorian wineries being the pioneers of viticulture in Australia. David amused us with his own family stories, weaving his experiences into the presentation. We were able to relive some of the history, enjoying wines from some of the oldest wineries and areas in Victoria – wines from Tahbilk, Oakridge, Yarra Valley and Bellarine Peninsula all paired well with the dinner created by our new Executive Chef Mathew Macartney. Mathew also introduced us to some interesting herbs and garnishes that we understand he sourced from the beach!!

The Athenaeum Club Dinner held in May was a classic night in a grand club. The gong called us to the dining room where we enjoyed the signature meal surrounded by an art collection that was the talk of the evening. It was lovely to have Patrice Renaudin and Mathew Macartney join us, and then a delightful surprise, when old friend Chris Goulding came out from the kitchen to chat with us.

We have a full calendar in the latter half of the year and, fingers crossed, we will be able to enjoy all the functions we have organised. ■



UPCOMING EVENTS

August	Winemakers Dinner: Craiglee Wines. Guest Speaker: Pat Carmody
September	Restaurant Dinner: TBC
October	Yarra Valley Weekend
October	Meet the Winemaker Lunch at Kooyong: Paringa Estate
December	Gala Dinner at Kooyong. Celebrating 50 years

Guest speaker, David Dunstan, engaged us with stories of the Victorian wineries being the pioneers of viticulture in Australia...





Health Club

By Michael Kull, Health Club Manager

Take yourself back to 1987, the first Kooyong Health Club was located in the male change rooms and thus exclusively men's only. It consisted of a York bench press and a sit-up board. Fast forward to 1991 the Club decided to further the Health Club's facilities. The Health Club consisted of multi-station cables, pull-down machines, dumbbells, tricep pushdowns, a plunge pull machine and two pieces of cardio machines. Transitioning into the year 2000, the Club decided to do a major renovation resulting in the rapid growth of the Health Club. The Health Club was relocated into the now Studio room, and group exercise classes were introduced on the squash courts, offering classes such as yoga, aerobics, pilates, aqua aerobics and power bar.

It wasn't long before the Members' needs outgrew the space. In 2010 the Health Club moved into the new area. Members were delighted with the positioning of the gym as it gave them an extraordinary experience to perform their exercises with the best view of the Club; allowing Members the view the courts was truly a unique experience.

The Beyond 2020 vision included the upgrade of the Health Club once again, making Kooyong's Health Club a world-class facility not only for the general population but it is equipped for professional athletes, sports performance, injury rehabilitation and strength and conditioning-unrivalled by any club in Australia.

All of the Health Club's equipment was upgraded with additional pieces. Spin bikes were added to the cardio arsenal along with Olympic platforms, barbells, and plates. Barbell work has been proven to be the most effective method of strength training for athletes while being the most important aspect of training for goals in longevity for wellbeing. Meeting the needs of all Kooyong members.

As a Health Club Manager and trainer, it is a delight to see how the Health Club has evolved into the world-class facility it is today. I am looking forward to ways in which the Members utilise the facility for their personal health and fitness goals. ■



Alongside a world-class facility, you also need top quality, specialised and talented trainers. Please make welcome our new trainers.

► Nathan Goss

My strength & conditioning journey began over 10 years ago at Melbourne Grammar School. After swimming and basketball, I would train in the school gym during my lunchtime and spare periods. Eventually, I took up strength and conditioning full-time as my sport of choice and became quickly passionate about it. That led to a current professional career in Natural Bodybuilding, winning Mr Australia and Mr Natural Olympia in the USA. My goal is to educate and promote correct training methods through a natural and healthy lifestyle to help others achieve their long-term fitness goals.

► Ciara Towell

Since childhood, I have loved both competing and training in various sports which initiated my passion for overall health and wellness. Early on in my life, it became clear that the health industry was the career path I wanted to pursue and have done so without regret. I am currently studying at Deakin University completing a Bachelors in Exercise and Sports Science. I am majoring in strength and conditioning intending to work with elite tennis athletes in the future. I love helping Members reach their full potential and complete any goals they may have, no matter how big or small!

Any members interested in strength and conditioning, injury rehabilitation, sports performance, personal training, weight loss or general wellbeing may contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull directly on 0419 003 726.

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

By Jenny Booth, President Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

The year commenced officially for our Auxiliary with its Annual General Meeting held at Kooyong on February 8th 2021, followed by our first committee meeting for the year. It was a memorable day, wonderful to once again meet together 'face to face' after a prolonged period of Zoom meetings. At the AGM, the following Auxiliary Committee positions for 2021 were confirmed:

President: Jenny Booth

Vice President: Jean Burgess

Secretary: Patty Wallace-Smith

Treasurer: Lyn Wheat

Function Convenors: Lyn Wheat (Tennis Day); Denise Cosgriff (Christmas in July, Trivia Night); Genevieve Barnett (Card Days)

General Committee: Marie Devereux, Denise Bartlett, Lisa Carew, Sally Barton.

Our Patron, Lisa Carew agreed to remain in the position until the KLTC Presidency handover in June, when Natalie Cossar will take up this role.

At the AGM we farewelled two much-loved committee members, Caroline Hill (25 years of service) and Deb Elrington (5 years of service). We thanked Caroline and Deb for their outstanding commitment to the Royal Children's Hospital over many years. They assured us that they would keep in touch and had every intention of attending our fundraising events when possible.

At our first committee meeting we were able to hand out the **RCH Service Medals awarded in 2020:**

Marie Devereux: 35 years

Carmel Quinn: 35 years

Caroline Hill: 25 years

Genevieve Barnett: 6 years

Denise Bartlett: 5 years

The **2021 RCH Service Medals** were also awarded to:

Lyn Wheat: 10 years

Jenny Booth: 5 years

Lisa Carew: 5 years

Deb Elrington: 5 years

Our Vice President, Jean Burgess, and Past President, Marie Devereux, organised to visit long serving and much-loved committee member Carmel Quinn to present her with her 35 Years of Service badge.

In 2020, Jean Burgess was recognised as a Royal Children's



▲ Top Lisa Carew and Lyn Wheat receiving Royal Children's Hospital Service Medals from President Jenny Booth
Above Retiring committee members Caroline Hill and Deb Elrington
◀ 2020 recipient of the Royal Children's Living Treasure award Jean Burgess

Hospital Living Treasure. Selected by the Auxiliaries Executive Committee, the Living Treasure Service Award was established to recognise Auxiliary members who have dedicated themselves to the Royal Children's Hospital and made a significant contribution to their Auxiliary. We were thrilled that Jean's 'above and beyond' contribution to the KLTC Auxiliary over the past nine years was acknowledged in this way.

Sadly, COVID-safe restrictions meant that our annual Ladies' Grass Court Tennis Tournament was cancelled in March this year, as was our April Card Day.

We were looking forward to our 'Christmas in July' Lunch to be held at Kooyong on Sunday 25 July however it unfortunately had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We were delighted that Sam Groth, former professional tennis, Davis Cup player and KLTC member had agreed to be our guest speaker, and would like to thank Kevin Bartlett for again offering his time as master of ceremonies. ■



◀ Members enjoyed drinks on the balcony following the Shelley Lipe Mixed Doubles round-robin.

▼ Amanda Thomas, Chris Barnett, Sandra Wolf, and Bryan Wood.

Social Committee

By Peter Tingate, Social Committee President

Shelley Lipe Mixed Doubles Tennis and BBQ

On Sunday 28th March there was a strong turnout of 70 enthusiastic members for the inaugural Shelley Lipe mixed doubles round-robin event on the grass. This was a colourful afternoon with participants wearing their brightest tennis attire in loving memory of Shelley who we sadly lost recently due to illness. Tennis was followed by a BBQ and drinks on the terrace. The sun was shining, and an enjoyable day was had by all. Once again, this event was a sell-out!

Challenge Trophy - KLTC versus RSY

Kooyong retains the Challenge Trophy! The annual tennis challenge between Kooyong and Royal South Yarra was held on Sunday 2nd May. This year's event was hosted at RSY with both clubs fielding 24 players. The grass was in great condition with the fast pace of the courts seeming to suit the visitors with Kooyong prevailing comfortably at the end of a great day. Many thanks to RSY for hosting a wonderful event including the post tennis hospitality. We look forward to holding the 2022 event at Kooyong next year to defend the title! ■



SAVE THE DATE

- ▶ **Friday 27th August 2021** – Trivia Night
- ▶ **Sunday 12th September 2021** – JJ Jeffries Mixed Doubles tennis event
- ▶ **Tuesday 2nd November 2021** – Melbourne Cup Day function and fashion parade
- ▶ **Sunday 5th December 2021** – Family doubles tennis event (parent & child or grandparent & child)



Congratulations to Gina Copeland and Carolyn Clark who were placed 21st out of more than 1000 pairs and 10th of those with under 50 points.

◀ Gina Copeland and Carolyn Clark.

▼ Barb Carter and Faye Norton-Old.

Bridge Club

By James Tulloch

With easing of Covid restrictions the Bridge Club returned to face-to-face bridge in late February. Members were delighted to be able to meet and socialise again albeit with masks and hand sanitisers in use.

After not being held last year due to Covid restrictions, the Jim Borin Trophy event was contested by 34 pairs in early May. Overall winners were Penny Blankfield and Sue Read, ahead of Pauline Bloom and Pauline Wrobel who were the highest placed competitors with under 100 points combined.

Some members attended the Hobart Congress held in April. A great time was had by all with Barb Carter and Faye Norton-Old being placed first in Novice Matchpointed Pairs at Tasmanian Gold Swiss Pairs on day 1 of the congress.

Sandbelt competitions between Kooyong and various golf clubs have also resumed with the first session held in May at Kooyong. Interclub competitions against Royal South Yarra, MCC and RACV will be resuming soon (Covid permitting).

18 Kooyong pairs participated in the Australian Nationwide Novice Pairs (online due to reintroduction of Covid restrictions). Congratulations to Gina Copeland and Carolyn Clark who were placed 21st out of more than 1000 pairs and 10th of those with under 50 points. Honourable mentions to Alison Wright and Peter Hannemann and also Doug Bell and John Finkelstein who were within the top 100 pairs Australia Wide. ■



► Sue Read and Penny Blankfield.

▼ Simon Fortune, Alistair Macindoe, Ian Dale and Neil Maclachlan.



Billiards & Snooker

By Alistair Macindoe

Interclub Billiards

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a very bad effect on competitive billiards and snooker both last year and this, as it has in many other activities in society. People have simply stopped attending things. However, the Kooyong players have been undaunted and remain keen. In the first half of the year we have had teams in A and B grade billiards, and the Church Billiards competition. All of the teams have been successful, being on top of the ladder or near it. Unfortunately the seasons have been put on hold again by the fourth Melbourne lockdown. There have been some big breaks: at the top of the pile is Steve Mifsud's magnificent run of 151. He has made three other centuries as well, while Don Richter and Dave Cosgriff have made substantial breaks of 89 and 87 respectively. In B grade Simon Fortune is the best with a run of 47. Members of the B grade team are photographed: from left to right we have Simon Fortune, Alistair Macindoe, Ian Dale and Neil Maclachlan. ■

▲ Don Richter in action at the top of the table, watched over by Australia's greatest sportsman Walter Lindrum.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS COMING UP SOON

It is hoped that the Club Billiards and Snooker Championships will be held starting in August or September. In both games there will be an open competition, as well as a handicap competition. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard in the Billiard Room, as well as on your Inbox. New players are always very welcome; David Pitt is the person to contact at david.pitt@bigpond.com.



The Hayes boys making their mark at Kooyong

Over the years the squash section has been very lucky to have a number of talented youngsters come through our scholarship program. Our newest duo, just happen to be brothers and after arriving at our club, a little over a year ago, each is making a mark in their own unique way.

Connor and Darcy Hayes are “court rats” in the best sense of the phrase and literally have to be dragged off court most days. Surprisingly, given their already bulging trophy cabinets, the lads are relatively new to squash and their fast track to elite junior levels is in large part due to great genes and very supportive parents.

Mum, Belinda, grew up in Darwin competing in state swimming as a youngster while dad, David, grew up in Adelaide playing squash and soccer. For both, sport was a constant. Belinda is well accustomed to the commitment needed to succeed, herself travelling regularly with her swim squad for competitions, billeting while on the road with other families. Not only have the boys’ parents given them a solid genetic start, but they are also the model sport parents, striking the perfect balance between being there to support while leaving Connor and Darcy enough space to develop their own identities while working with their teammates and improving under the direction of one of Victoria’ great junior coaches, Cassie Thomas.

The boys fell in love with the game almost immediately when David resumed playing squash again, in mid-2017, after a long break. David would hit on the court with them and they would inevitably refuse to come off, wanting to keep hitting until they were literally forced to leave. Not much has changed.

Both Connor and Darcy had one driving ambition in their

early days. Beating dad! No small task since he is a solid player in his own right. But, they were gunning for the day they could beat David and, to give him his dues, he fought them off valiantly. Sadly, in April 2021 though, David had to concede his house champion status, having long been overtaken by Connor and with Darcy finally beating him in a Club Circuit match, while representing Kooyong no less. David is at pains to point out that Darcy only just won, 15-13 in the fifth.

It’s worth noting that despite a love of squash and impeccable manners being shared values, the boys could not be more different in personality. Both are very social but Connor is thoughtful and conservative while Darcy is certainly more flamboyant, traits that show in their adopted playing styles too.

Connor is currently studying in year 11 and is keen to progress and study at university in the field of physiotherapy. His other interests are 1st Squash, 2nd Fitness and 3rd Squash. If he has a 4th interest it’s probably squash too. He is hoping (Covid permitting) to apply for a college squash scholarship overseas. Connor has already commenced on the pro tour, something he plans to continue in years to come having entered his first pro’ tournaments in early 2021 at the age of 16.

Darcy really enjoys meeting new friends when travelling and catching up with other old friends interstate, most who share his interest in squash. He is naturally social and has made a lot of friends when overseas and loves to hear

► While travelling to the British and Scottish Junior Opens, Connor and Darcy joined KLTC scholarship team mates, Dylan Molinaro and Andre Lynn

stories about where they've played, about their countries, competitions and life in general. He also aims high with his squash ambitions and hopes to represent the club in senior age groups as the leading Australian junior, something we are confident he can achieve.

As mentioned, both retain a fantastic coach in Cassie Thomas, former World no. 1 who coaches at the Squash Melbourne club. David, Darcy and Connor all have strong ties to that club and remain involved which is something we encourage and support.

Covid presented many challenges for the sport mad family, with squash effectively shut down for large parts of the last 18 months. The lads soldiered on. Connor kept busy



by establishing training programs and fitness routines at home with a makeshift gym. He trained daily through hitting practice at a local concrete wall. There were a few funny occasions when Mum or Dad were on work zoom calls and Connor would accidentally appear in frame, enthusiastically completing a set of squats and lunges.

Darcy would accompany Connor on home workouts twice a week to keep active. His squash friends in Brazil were in lockdown and were having a rough time, so he was comforted to know he was not alone and we had things pretty good, even if he couldn't play on the court.

After the first long lockdown, Connor bounced back by entering the A grade club championships. True to form he also offered to help out and since he was the lowest rank in the grade at the time we thought nothing of giving him co-tournament director duties, thinking he'd have plenty of time to help. After running the desk for 2 hours prior to his first match on a Saturday, he literally handed the clip board over as he walked on court against a much higher ranked opponent, and top seed in the draw. He happily took the clip board back an hour or so later after an epic 5 game win and ran the desk again till his second match, later that afternoon, again against a much higher ranked player. That too was a 5 game win. To round things out he returned on Sunday afternoon and, you guessed it, won the final against a much higher ranked player....again in 5. That weekend lit a fire and he's been on a sharp upward rise through the ranks since then, currently up 200 points on his 2021 starting ranking. To put that in context, a good win in squash, against a similar ranked opponent might gain a player 5-10 ranking points.

At Darcy's first pennant match for the club, his opponent approached David to let him know he was playing him next. David responded with 'no you're not playing me, you're playing my son', gesturing towards where Darcy was standing. The look on the opponent's face was priceless. Both boys have been very fortunate in their first year at KLTC of having great team mates who have been very supportive of their progress.

So we hope the Hayes boys are around for many years to come, as they are a welcome addition to the club both as athletes and fine young clubmen. They are a testament to the immense value of the Kooyong Scholarship system and the squash section remains truly grateful to the Kooyong Foundation and KLTC club management for their ongoing support of this fantastic program. »

ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Connor:

- May 2019 won first state title in SA U15 & U17. Has won many since and most proud of winning the 2020 U17 Vic State Title
- Oct 2019 4th U15 Australian Junior Championships and represented Victoria for the first time
- Dec 2019 Participated in the Scottish Junior Open
- Jan 2020 Participated in British Junior Open, playing live on Squash TV which was a pretty amazing experience on a glass court.
- Jan 2021 Vic State Title (2020) U17 winner
- Mar 2021 first PSA (Professional Squash Association) event debut
- Mar 2021 Victorian School Sports Award (2020)
- Apr 2021 Australia Junior Open U17 3rd
- Apr 2021 TAS State Title U19 3rd
- May 2021 ACT State Title U17 winner

Darcy:

- June 2019 won first state title in WA U13
- Oct 2019 3rd U13 Australian Junior Championships and represented Victoria for the first time
- Dec 2019 Participated in the Scottish Junior Open
- Jan 2020 Participated in British Junior Open
- Feb 2020 Mountain Districts Division 2 winner
- Jan 2021 Vic State Title (2020) runner up U15
- Mar 2021 Squash Melbourne Open Division 2 winner
- Apr 2021 TAS state title U17 winner
- Apr 2021 Australian Junior Open U15 3rd & U15 doubles winner
- May 2021 ACT State title U15 runner up & U17 3rd.

2021 Club Championships

After months of lockdowns and court closures for the squash section, it was great to see players emerge, somewhat tentatively for a few of us, to compete in the 2021 Club Championships.

Despite the hardships of the lead in, entries were as strong as ever and the squash was competitive and of a great standard across the board.

This year, we held our first ever Racquetball Open and the inaugural winner was Alex Baines, who also holds the honour of being the first ever KLTC captain of a Grade 1 Racquetball team, leading his team to the finals no less. The results of that will be known after publishing but Alex has done a great job shepherding the team either way.

Congratulations to all competitors given the difficulties and especially to our finalists and winners. ■

RESULTS

Men's Open	Sam Ejtemai def. Cameron White
Women's Open	Christine Nunn def. Selena Shaikh
A Grade	Connor Hayes def. Chris Morgan
B Grade	Toby Tomlin def. John Mathieson
C Grade	Simon Allen def. Russell Jansen
D Grade	Jananii Sukunesan def. Josephine Van Dort (Walkover)
Women's Graded	Josephine Van Dort def. Fran Guyett (Walkover)
Junior Boys	Connor Hayes def. Dylan Molinaro (Walkover)
Junior Girls	Eishaanii Sukunesan def. Jananii Sukunesan
Open Doubles	Sam Ejtemai / Darcy St John def. Christine Nunn / Dylan Molinaro
Racquetball Open	Alex Baines def. Mike Wilkinson
Masters Handicap	John Piccolo def. John Mathieson

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

September 2021

Thursday 9th	Champions' Dinner
Sunday 12th	Social Committee JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin

October 2021

Friday 22nd	RCH Trivia Night
Wednesday 27th	Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club AGM

November 2021

Tuesday 2nd	Social Committee Melbourne Cup Day Function & Fashion Parade
Sunday 13th	Social Committee Dinner Dance
Sunday 28th	President's Grass Court Open Day

*all dates subject to confirmation and COVID-19 restrictions



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Chocolate profiteroles

Mini lemon meringue pies

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Unlimited scones with Yarra Valley jams and vanilla cream

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Unlimited soft drink and juice

A bowl of Kooyong hot chips

A bowl of vanilla ice cream with topping

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