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the Official Opening



Above: Des Hinsley, Chairman of the Building Development Committee, speaks after receiving his Distinguished Member Award.

Right: Wayne and Caroline Arthurs at the official opening of the Clubhouse.

Several years of planning and design, followed by a year of solid work, culminated in an official opening of the renovated Kooyong Clubhouse on the 28th February 2010.

Splendid weather fittingly greeted the guests on arrival and a series of Clubhouse tours were conducted to showcase the new facilities and services.

Members, invited guests and dignitaries then gathered in the refurbished Kooyong Room and enjoyed drinks, as well as food served from the newly completed functions kitchen.

President Ian Hill congratulated all involved in the design, development

and construction and in doing so he acknowledged the excellent work of the Building Development Committee.

"The combined contributions of our hard working group delivered the excellent results that are on display," he said.

"Kooyong, today, is clearly one of the great clubs of the world, and the completed works offer great facilities for this and future generations".

At the completion of the opening, activities moved to the bar and terraces where the finals of the Club Championships for tennis were viewed from the enhanced vantage points.

"Kooyong today is clearly one of the great clubs of the world and the completed works offer great facilities for this and future generations"

With high quality tennis action, great competition and wonderful views to enjoy, there was a strong reminder that Kooyong is the premier tennis club in the country.

Later in the day, the finals of the squash Club Championships took place, highlighting another of the sporting opportunities available for Members at Kooyong. The standard of the squash finals reminded everyone of the high levels of competition at this great Club.

Many chose to stay on into the evening and enjoy dinner on the balconies and, as the sun set on a memorable day, these Members would have been able to contemplate the many ways they will enjoy the Club in times to come.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KOORYONG
BEYOND 2010

Kooyong's Beyond 2010 project has come to fruition after years of planning and hard work by the Club's committee and management.

From the planning process to the unveiling of the project and the overwhelming support of the Members, we now have a Clubhouse that Members can be proud of.

This significant investment has guaranteed Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club continues to meet and exceed the expectations of its Members.

The style and elegance of the refurbishments also gives the Club a wonderful atmosphere for Members and their guests.

From the new Winter Garden to the refurbished Racquet Club, members can now dine in complete comfort while the new gymnasium facilities and lifestyle room are also fantastic additions to the building.



Couple this together with the historic displays throughout the Club and Kooyong is now a wonderful showpiece of tennis history and has ensured it will be regarded as one of the great private clubs in the world.

We now have a Club for the future, one that has pieced together those missing elements that provide Members with the facilities and services expected from a Club of this stature.

Kooyong is now a hub of social and sporting activities for Members to share with family and friends and we encourage you to use the Club.

Tennis, squash, billiards, bridge, aerobics and pilates are just some of the activities that might take your fancy or you might just wish to bring the family to the Club for a quiet meal together.

The Club will continue to meet the diverse needs of our membership and will lead the way in providing opportunities for all of our Members while also holding onto our core commitment to tennis.

We feel the Club offers great value to our Members and this project has further enhanced that value for the years to come.



Hopefully you enjoy all of the new facilities and make use of the full range of services at your disposal.

This Club is a wonderful environment for both its sporting and social aspects and we know you will be proud of the results of this wonderful development at Kooyong.

Ian Hill

President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club





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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

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Kooyong Beyond 2010 was one of the most adventurous projects undertaken by the Club in its history. Now completed, it can be looked upon it as one of the significant achievements.

Following a lengthy period of detailed design, work for the new Clubhouse was tendered and a builder appointed to commence work in early 2009.

Throughout the year that followed the Club experienced a number of challenges in meeting the needs of Members.

The task of maintaining services throughout this period while sharing the space with our builders was extremely challenging.

The result clearly shows that those challenges were worthwhile.

Today, "The Spiritual Home of Australian Tennis" offers Members an unrivalled opportunity to enjoy their tennis, but also much more.

With other sports including squash and billiards, health and fitness services and great social and dining opportunities, Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club today stands as an example of one of the great tennis clubs of the world.

Without doubt, the title of the best tennis club in Australia sits comfortably with 26 manicured grass courts, 22 floodlit all weather en tout cas courts and 3 Plexicushion courts within our iconic stadium.

Tennis competition within Kooyong is at an all time high and Member participation is greater than it has ever been.

The other prominent racquet sport, squash, is also strongly supported within the Club, and the four courts provide for both social and competition activities.

The upgraded and new health club facilities further support tennis and sporting activities, but also provide for the general health and well being of Members.

With our gymnasium and pool open daily at 6:00am, Members have the opportunity to set programs to meet their needs, or

engage the services of trainers to work through programs designed specifically for their requirements.

Group activities including Pilates, Yoga, Aerobics and Power Bar have relocated to the new studio since completion of the Clubhouse. This spacious area, fitted with a sprung timber floor, provides the perfect venue for group classes.

The pool and spa offer further opportunities for Members to enjoy casual swimming or partake in the various training activities including the swimming squads conducted each week.



The social and dining opportunities, following completion of Kooyong Beyond 2010, have been significantly enhanced.

There's never been a better opportunity for Members to bring family and friends to the Clubhouse and enjoy a night out whilst taking in views from our terraces.

The renovated Hopman Bistro and the magnificent Winter Garden provide the perfect occasion for casual dining and the ideal place to enjoy a meal and a drink.

For those choosing a more comfortable night of dining or celebrating a special event, the refurbished Racquet Club is the ideal venue. Kooyong's chefs are always keen to showcase their skill and the excellent food and accompanying wine list provide for a perfect lunch or dinner in the Racquet Club.

The new building also provides a number

of opportunities to find quiet spaces. The comfortable Members' Lounge is another opportunity to enjoy a moment of quiet reflection or a private area to relax.

An important development of the new Clubhouse is the historic displays throughout the building. Funded in part by the Kooyong Foundation, these reflect Kooyong's place in the history of tennis.

The living museum is a lasting reminder of the Club's links to the greats of the game and the significant events of days past.

Substantial improvements within our

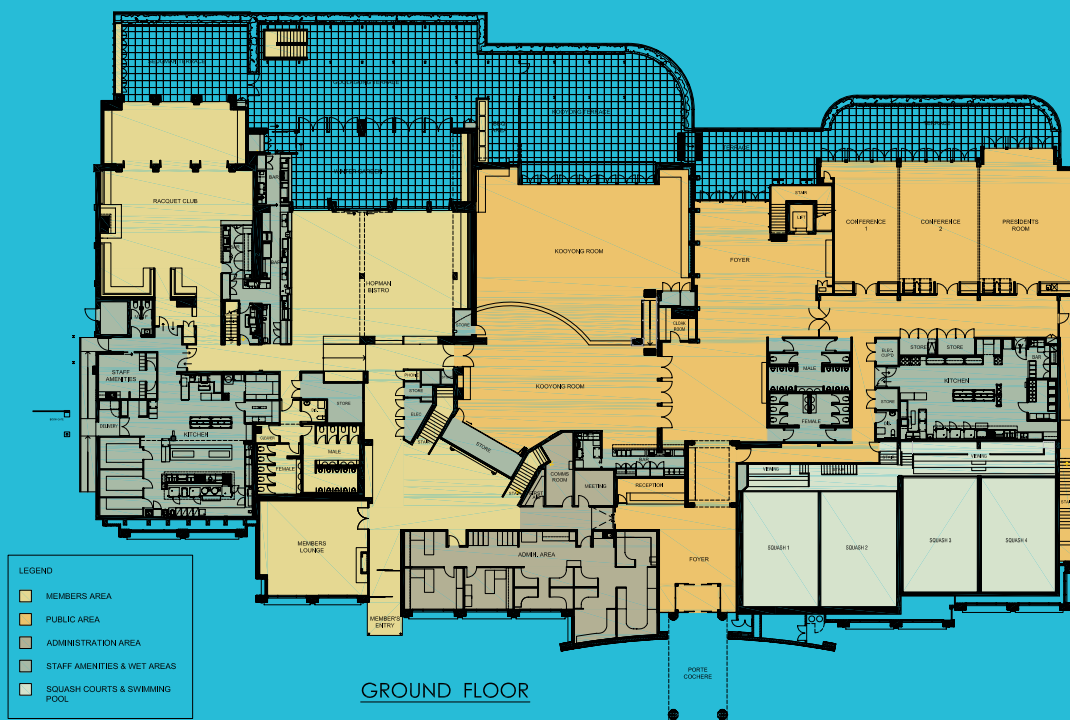
functions area of the Clubhouse provide upgraded rooms together with new terraces that provide spectacular views of the courts for all to enjoy.

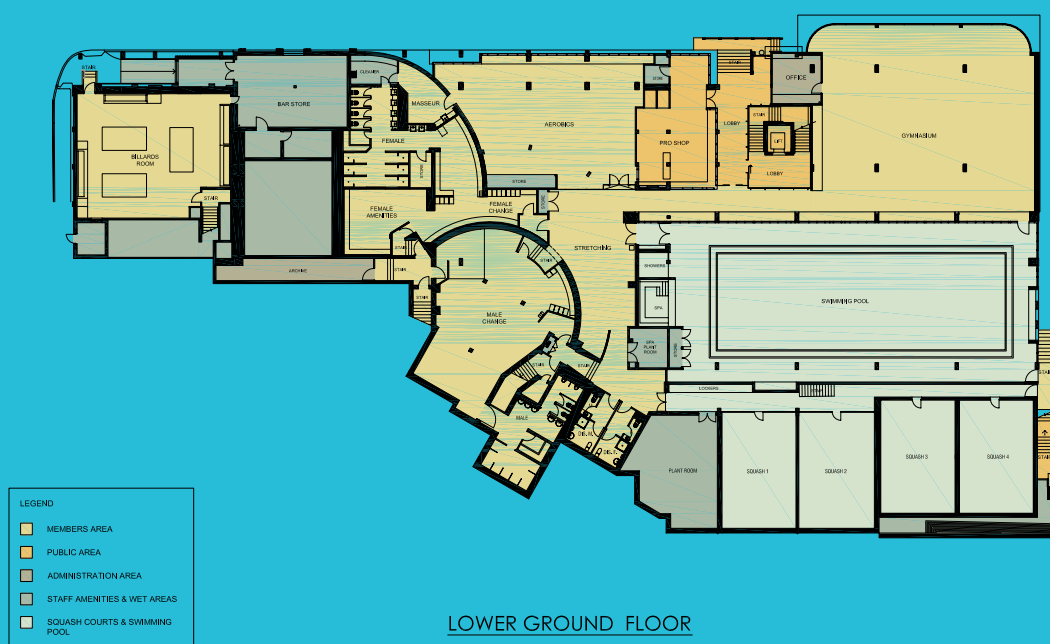
The significant benefits from Kooyong Beyond 2010 will be enjoyed for generations of Members to come and will ensure Kooyong's place as the premier tennis club in this country.

Without doubt, Kooyong is the equal of any of the great clubs around the world.

Chris Brown
CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

The Project









the court of legends

Kooyong's History

By Alan Trengove

Like many of today's house hunters, the pioneers of tennis in Melbourne had difficulty finding a home of their own.

The Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) gave a helping hand. It had a tennis section and built some of the early courts, including one of asphalt at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1878 – *a year after the first Wimbledon*.

The MCC also played a leading role in organising Victorian tennis championships, inter-colonial (later, interstate) matches and pennant competitions.

In those far-off days, tennis in Australia, as in England, more often resembled a genteel garden-party diversion rather than the vigorous sport it is now. The game was played with heavy wooden racquets and, up to 1891, with an uncovered rubber ball that players could dry with a hanky when it rained in order to keep playing.

Male players of that era wore white long trousers or knicker-bockers with brilliantly coloured elastic belts; stiff-collared white shirts and tie; black stockings; skull caps; and flannel blazers either brightly striped or plain, with a badge pocket.

Women up to 1900 played chiefly social tennis. They wore straw hats; white blouses; and long white skirts that almost touched the ground. Ladies were believed to be risking serious injury if they attempted to serve over-arm (or simply tried to run).

By 1892, however, the standard of play of both men and women had improved markedly, and in that year 15 stalwarts met at Young & Jackson's pub, opposite Flinders



Evonne Goolagong Cawley

Street railway station, and formed the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria (LTAV). The name would be synonymous one day with Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

A few years earlier, the MCC had arranged with the Warehousemen's Cricket Club to share the use of its spacious ground on St Kilda Road to accommodate cricket, baseball and football matches. Soon, tennis also was entrenched there, and the ground was renamed the Albert Ground (after Queen Victoria's late consort).

What every sport needs if it is to trigger public imagination is a hero. In the early years of tennis, one emerged in the unlikely form of Norman Brookes, who lived just a lob or two from the Albert Ground. Nicknamed The Wizard, Brookes was a son of a self-made industrial tycoon who had arrived in Melbourne in 1852 as a penniless migrant. Despite his spare build and chronic gastric upsets, Norman was an outstanding left-handed ball-player, as adept at golf, cricket, football and billiards as at tennis.

His exploits were followed keenly by sports-mad Victorians, who were elated when he won Wimbledon in 1907, the first "foreigner" to do so. He and New Zealander Tony Wilding, who was studying law at Cambridge, also captured the Davis Cup, which Brookes packed and brought home.

At the Albert Ground the following year, the pair successfully defended the Cup in a thrilling Challenge Round that went down to the wire. By now, at the MCC's suggestion, the LTAV was paying a peppercorn rent for the lease of a strip of land at the northern rim of the ground, where it laid eight grass courts and constructed a small pavilion.

Australasia's continuing Davis Cup triumphs boosted public interest in tennis even further; so much so that the Albert Ground courts quickly proved inadequate for the LTAV's 551 members, 36 affiliated clubs and five affiliated associations. Other sites were inspected, but were either unavailable or unsuitable, and so the search was postponed until the end of the First World War.

Then, in 1919, an opportunity occurred to acquire 17 ½ acres in Glenferrie Road, close to Kooyong railway station. The prominent financier and politician William L. Baillieu had bought the land for £175 an acre and was prepared to let the LTAV have it at the same price. The amount came to £3080, on top of which would eventually come the cost of putting down courts, building a clubhouse and stadium, and other works.

A sub-committee that included Norman Brookes investigated the low-lying land, which was prone to flooding from the adjacent Gardiner's Creek. "Gardiner",

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SIR NORMAN BROOKES

incidentally, was not the creek's original name. The local Aborigines, in the previous century, called it Kooyong Koot (meaning, "haunt of the wildfowl"). In 1836, John Gardiner drove 400 head of cattle to Kooyong from his property at Yass, in New South Wales. After buying out his partners, he became sole owner of a cattle station centred on Kooyong Koot, with his cottage on a hill that became the site of Scotch College. Gardiner prospered but left the property after surviving an attack by Aborigines.

What mostly concerned the LTAV sub-committee was the repeated threat of flooding. It estimated that it would cost £4000 to drain the ground and protect it from inundations. A special general meeting was called and, on Brookes' motion, voted by 58-15 to proceed

with the purchase. Some wondered where all the money would come from.

And, indeed, it was a struggle. Slowly, however, funds were raised by the sale of debentures and assorted forms of membership, including one that offered permanent seating in a yet-to-be built stand. Over the next decade and beyond, funds would be raised by tournaments, by social functions, and by persuading members and others to make donations.



FRANK SEDGMAN

Two costly floods, in 1923 and 1924, were heartbreaking and seriously delayed the work that needed to be done to convert the swampy, mosquito-and-weed-infested paddock into a Garden of Eden. Another flood, in 1934, would be so huge that Kooyong seemed better equipped to conduct a regatta than a tennis tournament.

But gradually, under the leadership of Brookes – LTAV president from 1925 to 1937 – all the difficulties were overcome. Courts were formed, shrubs and trees planted, pathways installed, and a comfortable, £7,783 clubhouse constructed.

Essington Lewis, the legendary boss of industrial giant BHP, happened to play tennis regularly at Kooyong. He was co-opted to the works committee and advised the club, free of charge, on the erection of a 5500-seat, reinforced concrete stand. Over time the centre court stands would evolve into a horseshoe-shaped stadium famous around the world.

The opening of the stand in 1927 was the most significant tennis event in Australia between the two world wars. To celebrate the occasion, the Australian championships were allocated to Kooyong for the first... time, and they culminated in a classic men's

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Kooyong's History

final between Gerald Patterson and Jack Hawkes. The hard-hitting Patterson, a nephew of Dame Nellie Melba and a close friend of Brookes, was an eight-time winner of the Victorian title and had twice won Wimbledon. He'd yet to win his national title, however, whereas the left-handed Hawkes, from Geelong, was the defending title-holder. On a very hot day, they had a ding-dong battle, which Patterson won by 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 18-16, 6-3 in three- and-a-half hours.

There were other wonderful matches in the '30s. In the 1935 Australian final, Sydney's immensely popular Jack Crawford met the reigning Wimbledon champion Fred Perry, who had prevented Crawford from completing the Grand Slam at the 1933 US championships. A then record crowd of 12,000 watched "Gentleman Jack" gain revenge with a four-set victory.

Equally entertaining was the 1937 clash in the Victorian championships between America's Don Budge, the first to achieve the Grand Slam, and the unorthodox and spell-binding Australian John Bromwich from Sydney. Though out-hit by Budge's heavy artillery, "Brom" saved five match points before succumbing.

Among the women favourites of that pre-war era were Australia's teenage Nancye Wynne (later, Nancye Bolton), a six-time winner of the Australian title; Britain's Dorothy Round and America's Dorothy Bundy.

By the outbreak of the Second World War, Kooyong was the unofficial home of Australian tennis. As such, it was the obvious place at which to hold the 1946 Davis Cup Challenge Round. Australia had won the Cup in 1939, the year in which Brookes was awarded a knighthood for his services to the game as a player and administrator.

The American line-up included Jack Kramer, Ted Schroeder and Gardnar Mulloy. They proved too determined and aggressive for Bromwich, Dinny Pails and Adrian Quist, routing them by five matches to nil. Melbourne teenager Frank Sedgman watched the massacre from the stands and vowed to regain the Cup for Australia one day by beating the Americans at their own game – the so-called big game with its emphasis on serve-and-volley and rock-hard fitness.

Before the war, Sedgman had asked Harry Hopman, a former Davis Cup player, to

include him in the coaching classes Hopman held (without payment) at Kooyong for promising schoolboy players. Sedgman not only became the star pupil, but after the war he would be the man largely responsible for reviving Australia's tennis fortunes, taking the Davis Cup from America in 1950, winning three of the four Grand Slam championships and founding an awesome Australian dynasty.

The link between Kooyong and the Davis Cup would be remarkably rewarding. Over half a century the stadium was the scene of nine Cup triumphs without further defeat. In that period, we rebuffed the United States (three times), Italy, India, Czechoslovakia, Sweden (twice) and Belarus, all on Kooyong turf.



1986 Davis Cup Victory

The 1953 Challenge Round, between Australia and the United States, remains the most famous. Watched each day by record crowds of 17,500, it featured two 19-year-olds, Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall. They fought back from a 1-2 deficit after the doubles to capture the last two singles for a stirring 3-2 victory. Hoad's five-set defeat of Tony Trabert, a match played in drizzling rain, was especially gripping. An imperishable image is of Hoad falling face down on the slippery grass at a crucial stage, and of his captain, Hopman throwing a towel over his head to relieve the tension. Hoad remained resolute, and Rosewall also displayed nerves of steel to overcome Wimbledon champion Vic Seixas on the final day.

The rise of the so-called Sydney "twins" was so phenomenal that the tennis boom intensified. Seating capacity at Kooyong for the 1957 Challenge Round was increased to 20,800 – another world record – even though Hoad and Rosewall had turned pro and were barred from playing.

Kooyong thrived in the '50s and '60s, when Australia ruled tennis internationally. Sedgman and McGregor, Hoad and Rosewall, Emerson and Laver, Newcombe and Roche were great crowd-pleasers and attracted thousands to the "haunt of the wildfowl". No male foreign player breached the stronghold in these two decades.

Among the top women, American dynamo Maureen Connolly, in 1953, won the Australian title at Kooyong en route to completing the Grand Slam, the first by a woman. Other US women to charm Kooyong galleries included Louise Brough, Doris Hart, Shirley Fry, Althea Gibson and Billie Jean King. These women were usually head-and-

shoulders above their Australian rivals, but over the next two decades our own Margaret (Smith) Court and Evonne (Goolagong) Cawley came to the fore and won some of their most memorable matches at Kooyong.

In 1968, the advent of Open tennis caused Australia a few problems, partly because many of the champions were contracted to private promoters, who controlled their careers. At the same time, most overseas players were not interested in making the long trip to Australia during the Christmas period.

Still, there were plenty of good matches and the fans loved the ambience of Kooyong, where you could rub shoulders with some of the world's greatest players as they walked to and from the courts. A goat that grazed while tethered to an embankment provided a rural touch and much leg-pulling of visiting players who were led to believe the hungry animal kept the grass courts trim.

Our officials already had a reputation for affability, which was enhanced one year when

Ivan Lendl had a kidney complaint and was provided with a toilet of his own, enclosed by a discreet hessian fence, near one of the field courts. It was dubbed Lendl's Loo.

A group called Tennis Camp of Australia (TCA), comprising Jim and Doug Reid, Frank Sedgman and John Brown, were so impressed by the impact of the 1972 Australian Open at Kooyong that they offered to manage and promote future championships. A proviso was that, instead of rotating between capital cities, the event henceforth had to be held only at Kooyong, where good crowds were virtually guaranteed. The proposal was readily accepted.

TCA found a sponsor in the cigarette company Phillip Morris, and for several years many fans called the tournament simply The Marlboro.

Some of the great matches of the '70s and '80s (not necessarily in finals) were Margaret Court v Evonne Goolagong in 1973, John Newcombe v Jimmy Connors (1975), Vitas Gerulaitis v John Lloyd (1977), Guillermo Vilas v Tony Roche (1978), Chris Evert v Martina Navratilova (1982), Johan Kriek v Paul McNamee (1982), Mats Wilander v John

McEnroe (1983), and Navratilova v Helena Sukova (1984).

The winners of these particular matches were Court, Newcombe, Gerulaitis, Vilas, Evert, Kriek, Wilander and Sukova. In the latter match, Sukova's upset destroyed the best chance Navratilova ever had of achieving a calendar-year Grand Slam.

Finally, in 1987, the magical cavalcade petered out. The Australian Open outgrew the "haunt of the wildfowl", and Tennis Australia realized that the tournament must move to a much larger and more modern tennis centre if it were to retain its Grand Slam status. The chance came of gaining government assistance in the creation of a new multi-purpose stadium as a centre-piece



Lew Hoad & Ken Rosewall (foreground) take on the American Pair of Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert in 1953



1957 Davis Cup



of an extensive hardcourt complex in what was then known as Flinders Park (now, Melbourne Park).

The farewell matches at Kooyong were fittingly memorable grass-court epics, starring Kooyong favourites. In the 1987 men's final, Sweden's Stefan Edberg beat Australia's Pat Cash in five sets, while in the women's final Czech Hana Mandlikova, who'd recently been granted Australian citizenship, pipped the ex-Czech Navratilova 7-5, 7-6.

And so one enthralling chapter in Kooyong's history came to an end.

THE KOOYONG FOUNDATION

In May 1999, a meeting of members of the Kooyong Council resolved to have this famous Club play a more prominent role in the promotion of tennis.

Three years later, in April 2002, their ambition was formalised with the incorporation of the Kooyong Foundation.

Since then the Foundation has pressed ahead with its key objectives:

- *To honour the rich traditions of Kooyong and Australian tennis.*
- *To provide positive, practical support for the development of the game in this country.*

The Foundation directors include three great names from different eras of Australian tennis: Frank Sedgman, Evonne Goolagong Cawley and Wayne Arthurs.

Already, the Foundation is making giant strides with the establishment of its "Living Museum of Tennis", the historical

displays that Members and guests can admire throughout the new \$12 million clubhouse development.

Famous players have donated trophies and other memorabilia from their careers and the Foundation has purchased other items for the collection.

As its name suggests, the "Living Museum" will be expanded and updated regularly, to reflect the ever-changing scene of Australian and world tennis.

Followers of the sport in this country cannot be blamed for feeling frustrated by our slip from the top ranks of tennis nations and the Kooyong Foundation is determined to play its part in supporting player development.

The Foundation has a range of programs in place to nurture young talent with financial and other support for junior development programs.

Each year the Foundation sponsors tournaments – cups named after Alicia Molik, Wayne Arthurs and Frank

Sedgman – for youngsters in age groups 10, 11 and 12. Wayne also works with Richard Fromberg in coaching the Kooyong Elite Squad, set up through the Foundation to provide top-level coaching to promising youngsters.

They are concentrating on a small group of highly-talented juniors aged between 10 and 12 and members may see them in action on the Kooyong courts.

Another addition to the development program is the Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship, named after distinguished club member John Fitzgerald, who was a key force behind the establishment of the Foundation.

The scholarship provides talented and deserving young players with club membership, coaching and other support to assist them to develop their game.

Kooyong is rightly known as "The spiritual home of Australian Tennis" and the Foundation's efforts are designed to ensure that this reputation not only remains intact, but is enhanced in future years.

THE KOOYONG FOUNDATION



The Living Museum at Kooyong



Wayne Arthurs Cup

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Promoting the Future Preserving the Past

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Kooyong Foundation's Junior Development Project has been in place for several years now and the support it has provided has allowed some of Australia's most talented juniors to further develop at the country's best tennis club.

The Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship scheme has supported more than 100 juniors in its first decade and continued support will see others develop in the game and achieve at the highest level.

From Junior Grand Slam Champions to American College Scholarships, Kooyong continues to have a profound impact on many junior players in their formative years.

Sally Peers was one of the early recipients of a scholarship and her move inside the top 220 women in the world and quarterfinal showing in the doubles at the 2010 Australian Open showed that she has benefited from her experience here at Kooyong.

After playing pennant for Kooyong for several years, Sally went on to be part of the Australian Institute of Sport program under the watchful eye of some of the best coaches in the country.

After following in her mother's footsteps by winning the 2007 Kooyong Open Ladies Championship, Sally went on to win the Junior Wimbledon Doubles crown and continues to train at the Club when she is in Melbourne.

Another Kooyong junior who has achieved fantastic results is Andrew Whittington, who began with the Club when he was around 11 years of age.

Andrew also entered the AIS and his achievements include a wildcard into the Junior French Open.

Andrew broke through the top 100 ITF World Junior ranking in 2010 and continues to develop his tennis at the Club when he is in town.

These are just two examples of the success gained from the Club's scholarship program and further support will see young players continue to represent the Club with distinction both nationally and internationally.

The Foundation was started with the interests of Australian tennis close to its heart and will continue to support junior development in the years to come.

How you Can Help The Foundation

The Kooyong Foundation owes its ongoing success to a growing group of generous donors, who have provided funds to support its work.

For those Members and friends who really love our Club and are passionate about the future of tennis in Australia, the Foundation offers several opportunities to provide their support in a tax-effective way.

Corporate sponsorship is welcomed, along with gifts from individuals. The Foundation is also benefiting from donors who allocate a bequest in their will.

Members and friends of Kooyong are urged to take a close interest in the work of the Foundation and the youngsters it is helping to develop.

How YOU can help:

- Contact the Club directly.
- Speak to a Foundation director.
- Make a contribution with your Club membership dues.

Further information on the Foundation may be found at http://www.kooyong.com.au/club_Foundation_2.htm or contact CEO, Chris Brown, on 9822 3333.



IMPORTANT TO ANY CLUB IS A GOOD BAR AND CASUAL DINING AREA. KOORYONG'S BAR & BISTRO JUST GOT SO MUCH BETTER!

The Members' Bar and Hopman Bistro received a major facelift and extension during the Clubhouse redevelopment.

The refurbished rooms provide a great place to meet and enjoy a drink with friends, or a snack or meal from the modern Bistro menu.

And of course the addition of the Winter Garden, a glass roofed extension of the bistro, which opens out onto the spacious balcony, offers yet another fantastic place to dine with family and friends.

The comfortable and historic surrounds make for a wonderful night spent enjoying the superb food and wine available at your Club.

The ever-popular BBQ area gives members a chance to cook their own meal on the balcony while enjoying the view across the beautiful grass courts.

Summer is always a fantastic time for dining on the balconies at Kooyong as the sun sets behind the city skyline.

Come and relax after a game or catch up with friends or family in the Bistro's comfortable yet informal atmosphere.

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It is perfect for dining with family and friends or for entertaining clients in its tranquil surrounds.

The Racquet Club has been awarded Club Restaurant Of The Year and offers a relaxed and elegant atmosphere for lunch or dinner every day of the week.

The Sedgman Terrace, overlooking the grass courts, provides outdoor dining at its best and also the perfect place to enjoy pre dinner drinks.

Or dine in front of the fire on a cold winter's evening.

Our chefs delight in preparing a menu to meet the needs of discerning diners and our extensive and nationally recognised wine list offers the perfect wine to match.

The Racquet Club menu changes regularly to feature the best ingredients the season has to offer and our staff will ensure you have a wonderful dining experience.

For larger groups, the private dining room is the ideal place to host a celebration. From birthdays to anniversaries, this room is a wonderful addition to the Club that will allow you to enjoy a unique dining experience.

CONTACT US AT THE CLUB
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KOoyong LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC.

FUNCTIONS AT

Kooyong





There could be no better choice for special events than Kooyong. The extensive redevelopment has made the Club the premier venue for all functions.

From breakfasts to weddings, Kooyong offers Members the perfect setting for a special and memorable event.

The extended and renovated rooms offer elegant surrounds and all have private terraces that overlook our famous grass courts, providing spectacular views.

Our premium food and beverage selections, along with Kooyong's wonderful atmosphere and service, will create the perfect setting for every celebration.

Our extensive menu range caters for any type of event or celebration - including breakfast, lunch, dinner, afternoon tea, conference, cocktail party, and weddings.

Whether your event requires a large or intimate room, our function rooms can offer a perfect space.

The newly refurbished Kooyong Room comfortably seats up to 250 people and this split-level room is ideal for weddings, luncheons and corporate functions.

The floor to ceiling windows make great use of the spectacular view of our grass courts, opening onto our spacious new balconies.

Elsewhere, The President's Room, Sir Norman Brookes Room and Davis Cup Room, offer great flexibility with the option to be used individually or in combination.

These rooms are suitable for smaller groups or up to 120 guests and also provide spectacular views. They are ideal for conferences, luncheons, dinners and cocktail parties.

Your every need will be catered for as we strive to make your event one that is remembered long after you leave Kooyong. Please do not hesitate to contact our Function Manager, for further information.

For further information or to view our menus and take a virtual tour go to www.kooyong.com.au or contact our Functions Manager on 9822 3333.



From 1997, Melbourne experienced its longest drought on record.

The years that followed challenged the traditional view that water in Melbourne is plentiful and inexpensive.

As reserves fell, water restrictions were introduced in 2006 and escalated in the following years to manage what had become a scarce resource.

The Club met this challenge head on and commissioned a review of water usage and developed a series of strategies, to achieve efficiencies for water use and reduce dependence on potable water.

The Club's investigations identified several alternative water supplies that could be harvested and invested in substantial infrastructure to draw these to a workable solution.

A 370,000 litre storage tank was installed. Pumps and lines were installed to draw water to the storage tank and distribute it around the courts and gardens.

This had an immediate and beneficial impact on our en tout cas courts which had been severally impacted by restrictions. The reticulation was extended to the grass courts and eventually the gardens.

Several other strategies were implemented to achieve water efficiencies.

Irrigation equipment was reviewed and upgraded. A program of re-turfing grass courts commenced to change to a drought tolerant Legend Couch. Gardens were replanted with drought tolerant native plants.

Today, the club uses no potable water on courts or nearby gardens. Reclaimed water is drawn from the neighboring

creek, the bore that was established in the early days of restrictions and storm water capture.

Kooyong Beyond 2010 made further commitments to water efficiency. The design work as part of the project ensured all plumbing was state of the art and water efficient. Kitchen and bar equipment used within the club was also upgraded to achieve this goal.

Buried underground at the front of the clubhouse are tanks that catch rainwater from the clubhouse roof. That water now supplies toilets and other services.

The result of all of these initiatives has been substantial. The club has reduced its dependence on potable water by 80 percent.

Kooyong is now well positioned to meet the environmental challenges that may present in the future.

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A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Grass Courts

Without question, a significant feature of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club is our grass courts.

Our 26 manicured courts are a highlight for Kooyong Members to play on and enjoy, and the Club's work is always focussed on ensuring they are maintained in optimum condition.

To achieve this goal, the Club committed to a program of laser levelling and returfing.

Several turf types were investigated and trialled and eventually a choice was made to use Legend Couch.

Legend Couch is a strong growing, warm weather grass, which is drought tolerant and provides the playing characteristics sought for grass tennis.

The work was programmed over six seasons to minimise the impact on Members as courts re-established through spring and early summer.

The benefit of this work is reflected in the quality of the courts when they open each season.

The programmed returfing has produced quality courts that have played out the season each year well into June.



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Social Tennis



Kooyong has a very busy social tennis scene as many Members enjoy the courts at the Club.

The 26 beautifully manicured grass courts, in play from November to June, provide members with a special tennis opportunity.

These courts are the jewel in the Kooyong crown and are very popular when they open each year.

They also host the Club Championships each February, open to all categories of members and featuring over 30 events and more than 400 participants.

The Club also has 22 all-weather floodlit en tout cas courts that are very popular at night and during the winter months.

These courts can be booked every night of the week from 6pm to 10pm and also on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during winter on the website, one week in advance.

The 3 Plexicushion courts inside the stadium offer Members the opportunity to play on the official surface of the Australian Open. These courts must be booked through reception.

Kooyong also caters for the social competition player with several options available to members.

On Monday and Tuesday nights at 7pm the Club runs a mixed team competition that caters for all standards, from the more serious competition players to those who just wish to meet some new people around the Club.

The Club also runs a Friday Morning Ladies competition and this also caters for varying standards but is definitely run as a fun and social morning.

There are plenty of ways to get involved on the tennis courts at Kooyong so if you have any questions please contact our tennis staff for more details.

Competition Tennis

Kooyong has a proud history of involvement in Tennis Victoria Pennant.

Since affiliating with Tennis Victoria, Kooyong has built a reputation for being one of the strongest competition clubs in the state.



Since 2000 Kooyong has won three Men's State Grade titles and in 2008 won its first ever Women's State Grade pennant. That was followed up by another win in 2009.

The Club's commitment to junior development is evident through Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship program, which is in place to allow young players the opportunity to further develop their tennis with access to some of the best facilities in the state while also playing competition tennis for the club.

These talented juniors should see tennis continue to flourish at the club that once hosted all the best young talent from across Australia under the watchful eye of Harry Hopman.

The club also enters teams in mid week ladies tennis on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in both the Bayside Regional Tennis Association and MEMRLTA.

This gives many ladies an opportunity to represent the club and play a good standard of tennis.

Kooyong also has a vibrant junior tennis program with competition for young Members available on both Saturday and Sunday mornings in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association.

These under 18 competitions are available to children from around 10 years of age and selection is purely based on ability.

There are two seasons per year with the first running from early February to June and the second runs from July to November.

The Sunday morning competition is the stronger of the two days with around 18 sections available to test kids of all abilities.

For information about competition at Kooyong please contact the tennis staff on 9822 3333.



Kooyong International Tennis Academy

Coaching at Kooyong is thriving under the direction of our renowned team of coaches. The program's international status continues to grow alongside Kooyong's distinguished reputation as "The Spiritual Home of Australian Tennis".

The Kooyong International Tennis Academy aims to nurture and develop talent of any age and the coaching programs on offer cater to toddlers learning hand-eye coordination, competitive juniors training for tournaments, right through to elite full time players and adults looking to hone their competitive skills or improve their social game.

The Academy continues to grow, especially with the addition of high performance programs to the coaching schedule.

All the coaches strive towards developing a solid team atmosphere throughout the squads and the camaraderie fostered on the practice courts is implemented at tournaments where the coaches and players support each other during matches.

This level of support and positive reinforcement is not restricted to the junior players at the Club.

The Kooyong International Tennis Academy's morning Boot Camps are successful in encouraging players of all standards to push themselves beyond

their comfort zone and aspire to a stronger standard of fitness and skill.

As a result of overwhelming support, there is also a mid-day Boot Camp as an alternative for members who prefer to hit the courts at lunchtime.

The Academy's Ladies Clinics, on Monday and Wednesday mornings, are still a big attraction for Kooyong's Members.

Each clinic is devoted to technique correction, drilling, fitness and match play and aside from getting a great workout, the clinics are a great opportunity to meet other Members, form friendships or find a hitting partner.

As always the Academy has Private, Semi-Private and Group coaching lessons running 7 days a week for all four terms of the school year.

They also offer casual lessons for players looking for a quick revision of their technique or alternatively you can request a hitting session with one of the coaches to groove your strokes or warm up before a tournament.

For players wanting to keep their skills up during the school holidays, play a lot of matches or for parents looking to keep their children active during the school holidays, we offer an alternative range of clinics throughout all school vacations. These are extremely popular and as there are limited in numbers, early bookings are always essential.



If you require any further information, please contact the Kooyong International Tennis Academy office on 9824 6860 Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm or via email kita@kooyonglta.asn.au.

SQUASH

Kooyong's four squash courts are a fantastic facility for members and their guests to use for fun, fitness or serious competition.

At night some of the best squash being played in Victoria can be watched from the splendid viewing areas above the courts.

Squash has always been a big part of this proud club since the first two courts were built here in the early 1930's. Sir Norman Brookes' love for the game was a huge reason behind the introduction of courts here at Kooyong when the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria built the clubhouse.

The first organised squash competition in Australia began in 1936 and the LTAV entered a team in the second year of competition and the Secretary of this embryonic Squash Rackets Association was none other than the legendary Harry Hopman, who incidentally went on to win three Australian Squash titles.

The Club's Open Squash Trophy, donated by the Allan family in 1938 is one of the oldest squash trophies in Australia and the oldest trophy played for at Kooyong.

The squash section continued to build over the years and the post-war period saw many notable members including Neale and John Fraser, Frank Sedgman, Brian Tobin, Tony Ryan and Ron McKenzie.

In 1987 the LTAV merged with the South Yarra Club, possibly the most influential and historic club in Victoria, and formed a very strong and vibrant section of this great club.

Another important stage of the squash section at Kooyong was the addition of two extra courts in the early 1990's but the major rebuild at the end of the 1990's saw the four courts consolidated in their current position.

Since 2001 Kooyong has progressed to be one of the leading private squash clubs in Victoria and with a strong junior base being developed by the club professional.

There are several former world champions and current world ranked players who now call this great club home.

Kooyong also has a proud competition record and in the decade since 2000 the club featured in the majority of A1 Grand Finals in that time for a wonderful tally of six titles.

Bookings for the squash courts can be made online.

New recruits are always made welcome so contact the club if interested in joining this active section.



GYMNASIUM



Kooyong's new gymnasium has struck a chord with Members since it opened in late 2009.

The new, larger gymnasium provides significantly for Member needs and has seen the addition of several cardio machines for general fitness and training.

Add to this the spacious studio which is ideal for Aerobics, Pilates, Yoga, Power Bar and Fit Ball classes and you can see why Members are so keen to make use of the facilities.

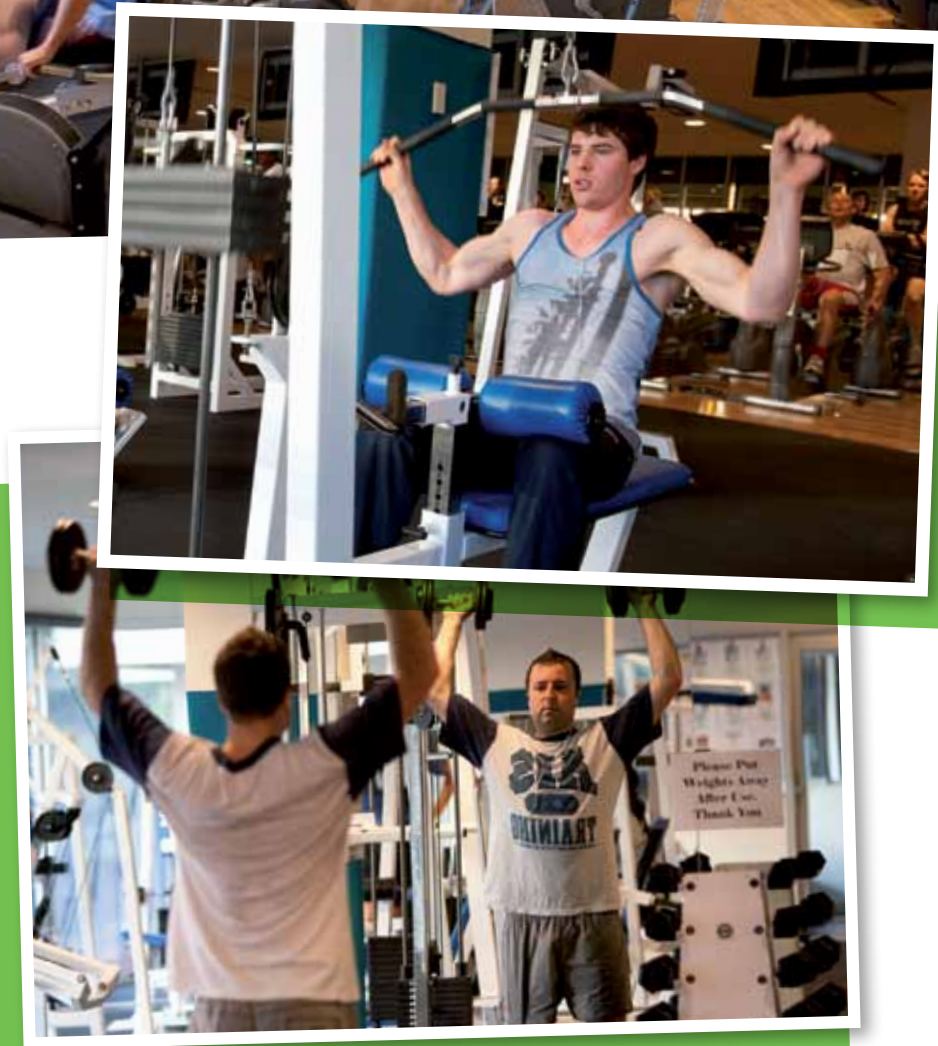
Water Aerobics is another class that continues to feature here at Kooyong and remains a vibrant group within the Club.

Our personal trainers are available to help with all of your fitness needs.

From personal training to group training and program development, our team is on hand from early morning to help you with any fitness issue you might have.

They can always help Members to undertake a health appraisal and provide a program show through to ensure your exercise routine provides optimum benefit.

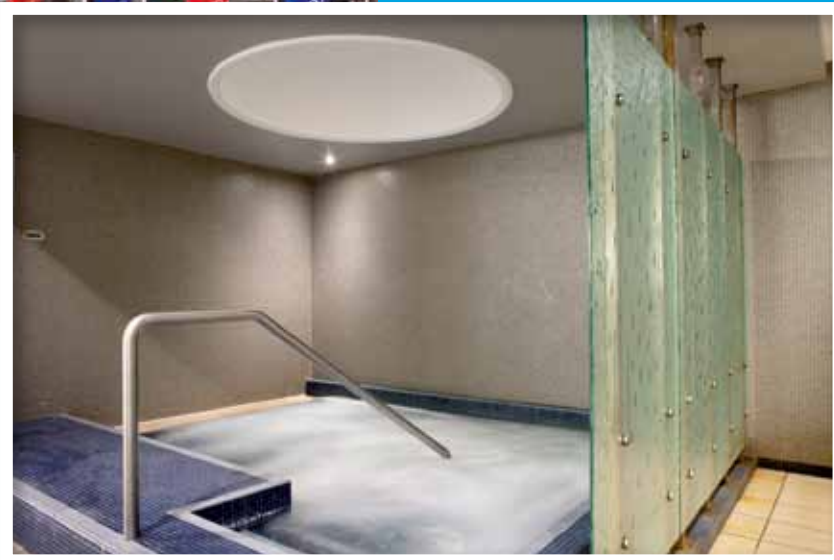
The Club also provides a resident massage therapist to help ensure your body is in the best shape possible for



your fitness endeavours.

These facilities and services allow all Kooyong Members to reach their fitness goals in a safe and pleasant environment.

CONTACT THE CLUB FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE SERVICES ON OFFER IN THE GYMNASIUM AND LIFESTYLE ROOM



POOL & SPA



THE CLUB'S 4 LANE 25-METRE HEATED INDOOR POOL IS A FANTASTIC FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP.

From the serious swimming enthusiasts to those wanting to use it for rehabilitation, the pool is very popular amongst all of our Members.

Open every day from 6am, along with the gym, the pool is widely used including by our popular Aqua Aerobics class.

The Aqua Aerobics class is run on Wednesday and Friday mornings and sessions can be booked through the Pro Shop.

The spa is another fantastic facility within this area of the Club and you can always see Members relaxing in the soothing heat.

Members leave this area of the Club feeling healthy and refreshed. It is another major benefit Members derive at Kooyong.

There are swimming lessons available for children and squads run in the morning for those that want to keep fit.

Contact the Club if you have any queries in regard to the services available in the pool and spa.

Kooyong's worldwide network of reciprocal clubs offers members significant benefits when travelling.

Our affiliations around the globe allow members the opportunity to visit some of the most prestigious clubs in the world.

Our website provides details of the ever-expanding group of Clubs Members can access, including throughout Asia, Europe, Great Britain, USA, Canada and South America,

The Club's reach continues to widen as it seeks to give you the opportunity to feel at home wherever you might travel across the globe.

There are also reciprocal arrangements here in Victoria and interstate that provide added value to the Kooyong Membership.

From the Portsea Golf Club offer to the Sandringham Yacht Club, Kooyong opens doors to some fantastic opportunities.

If you're about to travel please contact



RECIPROCAL CLUBS

the Club prior to your departure from Melbourne to make arrangements for a letter of introduction for any clubs you intend to visit.

We will also provide you with an information sheet detailing the club's facilities and services.

The reciprocal club will be advised of your visit to ensure they are prepared for your arrival.

Members are encouraged to consider this as yet another way benefit from Kooyong membership.



The Members' Lounge



One of the special additions of the renovated clubhouse is The Members' Lounge. This fantastic room, located near the Members' entry to the Clubhouse, offers Members a quiet, tranquil place to relax or share time with others, away from the busy activity of other areas. Featuring an open fireplace and some very famous and historic memorabilia, this room is a fantastic spot for a quiet coffee. The room is also perfect for quietly reading the paper or a book, or perhaps a game of cards. It's one spot you'll be sure to visit again.





THE BILLIARDS & SNOOKER ROOM

The Billiards Room is the hidden gem of our Clubhouse and a room with amazing atmosphere.

It is an oasis of calm where you'll find three full-size Billiards tables and comfortable couches for watching play.

The tables are as splendid to look at, as they are to play on. They are full size (6 x 12 feet) and members can play billiards or snooker.

The walls of the Billiard Room are adorned with history including a photo of the great Walter Lindrum playing at the South Yarra Club.

In fact, many world champions have played on these tables, including the newly crowned World Professional Snooker Champion and Melbourne's very own Neil Robertson and the great Eddie Charlton.

Kooyong has a team that plays on Wednesday nights in the A Grade competition run by the Victorian Billiards and Snooker Association; snooker is played in the first half of the year, and billiards in the second. Spectators are most welcome.

Members can also take part in the annual Club Championships in both

games, and a handicap snooker event.

There are also a couple of social snooker matches played against the Sandringham Club and the South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club; these cater for players of all abilities.

Free coaching is also available and for upcoming events, please keep an eye on Courtside magazine and on the noticeboard in the Billiards Room.

If you are interested in getting involved contact the club for more details.

Bridge

Approximately 20 years ago as an initiative of the Club's Council and Kate Millie the Bridge Club was started and has grown and developed under the leadership of several Members.

There is now a Duplicate Bridge session on Monday afternoons and on the third Monday of each month a lesson is also available to Members.

Duplicate is held every Tuesday night

with an opportunity to socialise over dinner beforehand at a dedicated Bridge table in the Bistro.

There is also a short lesson prior to Bridge on the last Tuesday of each month.

Monday Duplicate commences at 12.20 p.m. and on the third Monday of each month at 9.30am there is a Lesson with Jeff Fust.

Other events throughout the year include the Annual Congress and Dinner, teams

matches against the MCC, Victoria Golf Club, RACV and RSYA Bridge Clubs, the Borin Trophy Pairs Competition and the Club Championships.

The Kooyong Bridge Club is an extremely welcoming and a fantastic social group within the Club so if you're interested in getting involved just contact reception for all the details or view the Bridge Club's webpage on the Club's website www.kooyong.com.au.



The Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary is one of the oldest and proudest groups to have served the Royal Children's Hospital.

The group's fundraising efforts are legendary around the Club but also provide Members with some fantastic social opportunities through their various events throughout the year.

The Auxiliary was started by a group of female members of the Club who assisted dentist Dr Eric Gregg by raising funds for the Dental Department in the 1930's.

Another doctor from a different department asked the group for their support and it was then that the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary was formed in 1938 with Mrs. Wood being the first President.

The main goal of the KLTC Auxiliary is to contribute to the hospital's wish list and over the past 72 years they have consistently worked hard to help the Royal Children's Hospital purchase much needed equipment.

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary



The **Royal Children's**
Hospital Melbourne



Some of the departments to have received recent support include Speech Therapy, Outpatients, Audiology, Neo-natal and Gastroenterology.

Some of the Auxiliary's major fundraising efforts include their famous Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament held in early March each year as well as several Card Lunches and their end of year 'Dinner Dance'.

The Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary has been part of the fabric of this great club for many years and continue to serve the Members and this fantastic cause.

Wine & FOOD

SOCIETY

The LTAV Wine and Food Society was originally established by a number of Members in 1972.

It is affiliated with the Federation of Wine & Food Societies, which formed to promote an appreciation of wine, food and culinary art.

Since then the group has organised hundreds of social activities for discerning diners to enjoy both at

Kooyong and around Melbourne.

Visits to a variety of restaurants, wine bottling and tennis days are just a few of the functions hosted by the Wine and Food Society here at Kooyong.

The Wine and Food Society hosts several events each year and the Winemaker's Dinner, held in Kooyong's Racquet Club, is always a highlight of the social calendar.

This function offers Wine and Food Society members the opportunity to experience a menu carefully prepared by our chefs, matched perfectly with wines selected by our sommelier and guest winemaker. Each event is unique and they are very popular.

Anyone interested in joining the Wine and Food Society should contact reception for all the details.



Social Committee



Kooyong's Social Committee provides Members with several events each year to meet with others and enjoy sporting and social interaction.

These opportunities, from dinner dances to tennis days and the Christmas functions, are always well patronised by Members.

The tennis days see many Members enjoy a hit on our famous grass courts before returning to the clubhouse for drinks and a bite to eat.

The renovated Clubhouse has provided the Social Committee with a fabulous setting for events and the group is always active in developing new ways to entertain at Kooyong and at other venues.

The Social Committee is a fantastic way to meet and enjoy the company of other Members of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

If you are interested in finding out about the next event please register on the Kooyong website for all the latest news to come to you via email. Alternatively, contact reception for all the details of the upcoming events.



Crèche

The Kooyong Crèche is a wonderful childcare service for Members to utilise when enjoying the Club.

The caring, happy and fun environment created in the Kooyong Crèche provides parents with an opportunity to use the Club's wonderful new facilities in the knowledge their children are in safe hands.

Our trained and qualified staff offer warm and caring support for the children.

During school terms, the crèche operates from 9.15 am to 12.00 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 9.15 am to 12.15 pm on Fridays.

There is an annual family registration fee and a session fee applicable for each child.

If you are interested in using the crèche, please see the Pro-Shop for more details or to organise a tour.

The crèche committee also holds several fundraising activities throughout the year including tennis days and movie nights and members are encouraged to support these events.

KOOYONG YOUNG MEMBERS

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Join us on facebook to keep up to date with events, invites and the latest young members news

<http://groups.to/youngmembers/>

**for all KLTC members aged 18-40ish*



Kooyong provides opportunities for young Members to meet socially and share time with others in their age group at the Club.

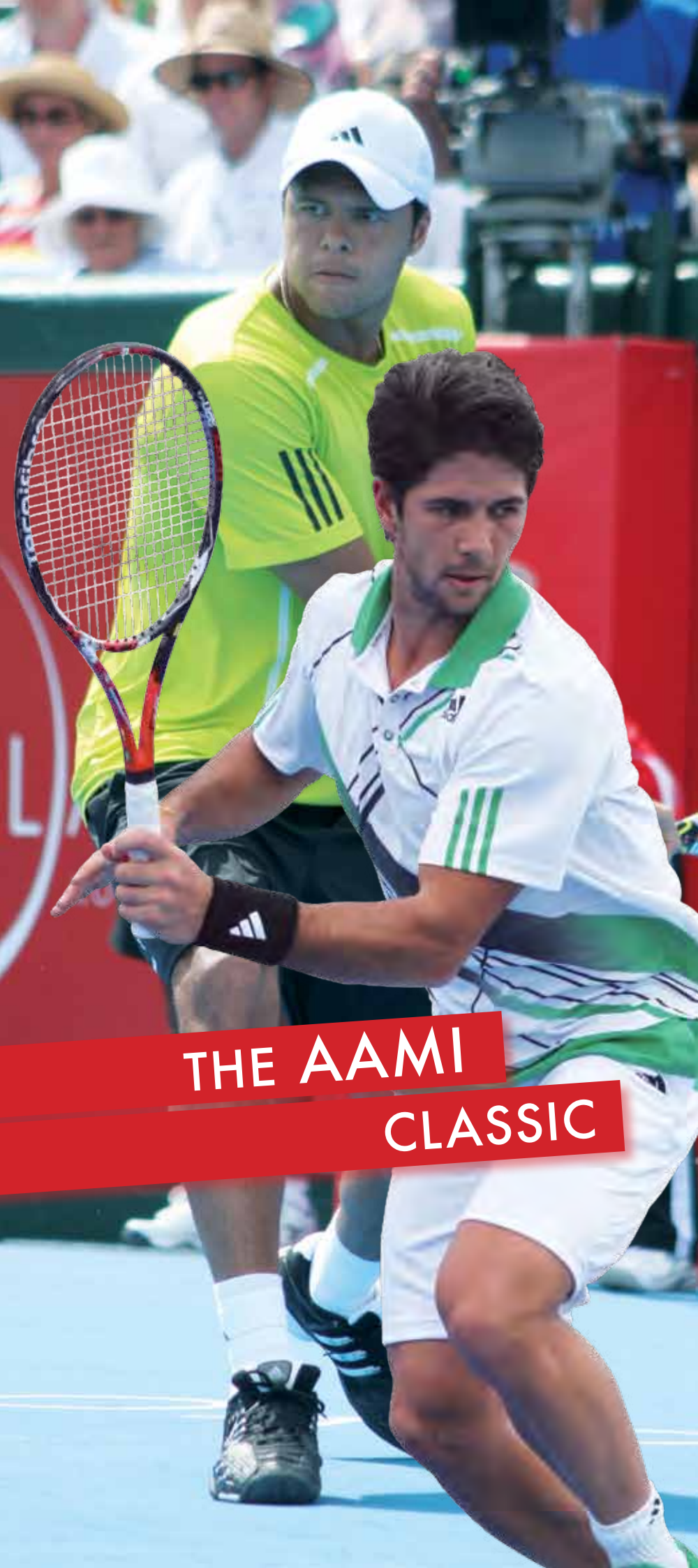
From tennis days to Friday night drinks,

the Young Members group offer a social outlet for any members looking to meet new people within the Club.

The group host many successful events at the club and also interacts with Members of other clubs including the Young Members group at Royal South Yarra Tennis Club.

This tennis day held late in the year on the grass courts is a fantastic opportunity to meet some like-minded people and enjoy a few drinks after a social game of tennis.

For more information on the upcoming events of the Young Members group please contact reception for all the details.



THE AAMI CLASSIC

THIS BOUTIQUE EVENT HELD ANNUALLY AT KOORYONG, THE 'SPIRITUAL HOME OF AUSTRALIAN TENNIS', HAS BECOME THE PREFERRED AUSTRALIAN OPEN PREPARATION FOR EIGHT OF THE WORLD'S TOP MALE PLAYERS.

Since a date change to the week prior to the Australian Open, names of current and past participants read like a "who's who" of tennis – Roger Federer, Andy Roddick, Novak Djokovic, Fernando Verdasco, Jo Wilfried Tsonga, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg, Marat Safin, Patrick Rafter, Michael Chang, Michael Stich, Thomas Muster, Jim Courier, Goran Ivanisevic and so on.

Formerly known as the Colonial Classic and the Commonwealth Bank International, a new sponsor – Australia's leading car, home and compulsory third party personal insurer, AAMI – took over the naming rights sponsorship in 2006.

The AAMI Classic is renowned for its ability to draw the world's top players and the unique corporate entertainment opportunities. In 2010, the event continued to garner great corporate support through strong sales of the Courtside and Stadium Suites.

Melbourne's premier event caterer, Rowland Major Events, enhances the corporate experience by providing first-class service and menu selection.

Lunch is available daily either in the corporate marquee (situated on grasscourts close to the stadium) or served to the suites "hamper-style" or enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the President's Lunch in the Clubhouse.

Morning/afternoon teas, supplementary items and refreshments are also available during each of the four sessions:

Wednesday: 11.00 am to approx. 6.30 pm

Thursday: 11.00 am to approx. 6.00 pm

Friday: 11.00 am to approx. 6.00 pm

Saturday: 1.00 pm to approx. 5.00 pm

The Seven Network televises approx. 12 hours live coverage of the event and in 2010 IEC in Sports sold the international television rights to 17 countries. Kooyong's AAMI Classic plays an integral role in Australia's 'summer of tennis'.

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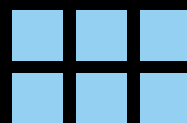


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