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Peter Carew, President

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## 2019 Kooyong Classic

The 31st edition of the Kooyong Classic was an outstanding success.



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## Squash Report

The squash courts were a flurry of activity during our Club Championships.



# Joe Devereux

1924 - 2019

**Individuals sometimes make contributions to a club** which are often important in creating the opportunities for members to enjoy. Joe Devereux was such a person and his contributions to life at Kooyong continue to be enjoyed today.

Joe was a Member of Kooyong for 53 years and served with distinction as President of the Club from 1984 to 1990.

He was a significant contributor to our club during a time of strong growth and was a driving force in the creation of the annual Kooyong Classic which remains his legacy.

He was awarded Life Membership in 1990 and was a popular member, a great teammate and a wonderful friend. It is without doubt that he will be missed on the future occasions when members gather at club events.

The President, Board, members and staff of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club are extremely saddened by his passing and our sympathies are extended to Marie and the family at this very sad time.

A service was held on Thursday 4th April at St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1-15 Constitution Hill Road, Sorrento where Joe and Marie had a long association.

Several Kooyong members attended to pay their respects and later made their way to the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron to celebrate the life of their friend Joe.

A large group of members also attended Kooyong a week later for the opportunity to remember him and share time with his family and friends.

Farewell Joe, you will be missed. ■

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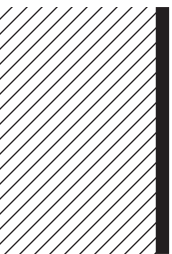
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**T**he Club is advancing the Master Plan now that issues with Melbourne Water have resolved and we are hoping that the amendments required will be given approval by Stonnington by the end of the month.

There has been a good deal of press about the Toorak Road overpass and speculation about what will occur at Glenferrie Road which highlights the importance of the masterplan that deals with the possibility that land we lease and forms part of the roadway beside the Racquet Club will be required by the Authorities.

The Master Plan will be unveiled for all Members in the coming months and in due course the Board will be seeking your support for its implementation.

I highly recommend to the Members that you vote in favour of the implementation of the Plan so that we can “future proof” access in and out of the Club, increase parking by 60% and add more facilities for Members’ use including squash courts, changerooms and an increased gym space. The connection of the club house to the stadium has been a long time coming and finally our history and our day to day activities will be linked.



## The Master Plan will be unveiled for all Members in the coming months and in due course the Board will be seeking your support for its implementation.

The Kooyong Classic has come and gone and the new format for the event over three days was really popular with the players. Cilic, Anderson, Kygrios, Tomic, Peers, Anisimova, Shapovalov and Popyrin, were crowd favourites and the Classic certainly gave them a solid base for their assault on the Australian Open. We did not make a profit at the event, but the Board is satisfied that on all other levels it was an outstanding success. We are now in deep discussion with our tournament partners in the event, to bring an even better Classic to the Members and the public in 2020.

The Club Championships held in February were an outstanding success and I congratulate our Club Champions Andrew Whittington and Belinda Woolcock. Cam White and Selena Shaikh took out the Open squash titles. A special mention to David Bidmeade who secured his 20th Open title at Kooyong.

A special congratulations to two of our past presidents, Peter Quinn and Terry Fraser who received Australia Day honours along with tennis great Judy Dalton. The awards were well deserved for their significant contributions to Australian tennis.

A sad note to close following the passing of past President Joe Devereux. Joe was a wonderful club person and earned the honour of Life Membership of our Club in recognition of his significant contributions as a member and President. He will be greatly missed and we offer our sincere condolences to Marie and the Devereux family.



**Peter Carew, President**



## Kooyong - Beyond 2020

While Kooyong is tremendously proud of its history, the future is best served by a continuing willingness to adapt, improve and evolve.

**K**ooyong - Beyond 2020 provides a blueprint for the future, designed to deliver significant benefits to Members in both the short and long term.

The Board is presenting a recommendation for the next phase of the Club's development of key elements of the masterplan with an exciting two-stage \$18 million investment in facilities and services over the coming years.

President Peter Carew says the ambition of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Board is to see the Club recognised "as the foremost sporting, lifestyle and social club in Australia and one of the great clubs of the world". But he stresses that to stand still is to be overtaken, for there are practical and logistical issues that must be addressed, as well as better and more amenities required to meet Members' needs and expectations now and in the future.

"This will be the most significant thing I think the Club has done since the Australian Open was housed here," Carew says of the masterplan recommendations for which Member approval is being sought via a ballot. "Yes, we've done a renovation and we've done an extension since then, but these are the finishing touches to the plan that we've had for the Club for years and years and years."

The two most pressing challenges involve increasing the

on-site car parking capacity that has long been recognised as inadequate and improving the flow of vehicle and pedestrian traffic within the Club's grounds. Both are priorities.

It was also considered prudent to develop strategies that will future-proof the Club against the anticipated development of the leasehold land along its southern boundary - including probable railway upgrades or changes to the Glenferrie Road level crossing that could adversely affect the Club's car parking and road access and egress.

Thus, the Kooyong Board - in consultation with Bruce Henderson Architects, and on behalf of all Club Members - reviewed and updated the Club's masterplan. The result is *Kooyong - Beyond 2020*, a long-term vision to be implemented over future years; one that maintains Kooyong's core commitment to tennis, while broadening Member services.

"This significant investment into the future of the Club will ensure the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club remains a leading provider of sporting and recreational opportunities for decades to come and provide excellent value for our Members," says Carew. "It aims to deal with current challenges, meet the needs of existing and future Members, while strengthening Kooyong's reputation as one of the world's most prestigious tennis clubs."



If approved, Stage One work would likely start in June 2019 and be completed by end of year to remove the 1950s upper-level additions - including those awkward external columns - to the stadium in need of remedial work. Construction of the multi-storey car park on the north and west of the stadium that would increase current parking capacity by almost 140 spaces (approximately 60 per cent) would follow.

Stage Two is intended to commence early in 2020 and be completed within the year. Key features include: construction of a two-way road between the stadium, the new car park and the clubhouse; the extension of the clubhouse to join the north side of the stadium; new club rooms at the western end of the clubhouse with terraces and stadium views; and the addition of a private Member dining/meeting room on the upper level. Below, there are plans for a substantially bigger gymnasium, increased storage facilities, two new squash courts with improved viewing areas, plus squash change-rooms and toilets.

The staging would ensure the clubhouse could continue to operate during the development period, with every effort made to minimise disruption and Member inconvenience. Crucially, the Board is confident the project will be delivered from bank debt which will be serviced from the Club's strong cash flows.

## KEY FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED

### KOoyong REDEVELOPMENT:

- ▶ Construction of multi-level car parking west and north of the stadium.
- ▶ Construction of a two-way roadway for improved access and egress to be located between the stadium and extended clubhouse.
- ▶ Construction of two new squash courts with viewing areas.
- ▶ Construction of new male and female change rooms within the squash section of the building.
- ▶ Construction of storage areas to meet the operational needs of the Club.
- ▶ Extension and upgrades of the gymnasium.
- ▶ Extension of the underground car parking below the gymnasium.
- ▶ Expanded function rooms and facilities for Members to enjoy
- ▶ The addition of an upper level private Members dining/meeting room.

## MASTERPLAN

With expenditure capped at \$18 million the Club says costings include “adequate contingency allowances for design and construction variations and the necessary funding will be repaid comfortably out of cash flows. We are confident that the comprehensive proposal fits within the club’s financial parameters”.

Or, as Carew puts it: “We’re trying to be the best club we can possibly be, and that means facilities for Members. Everything we’re doing is for the benefit of the Members. And the fact is that the Club can afford to do it. This is the right time for the Club to be going ‘2020 and Beyond’, and it’s just part of our continual evolution.

“I’m a great believer that if you stand still, the world moves past you. You’ve got to keep moving, you’ve got to keep changing, and this has taken a very long time to find a way to work through.

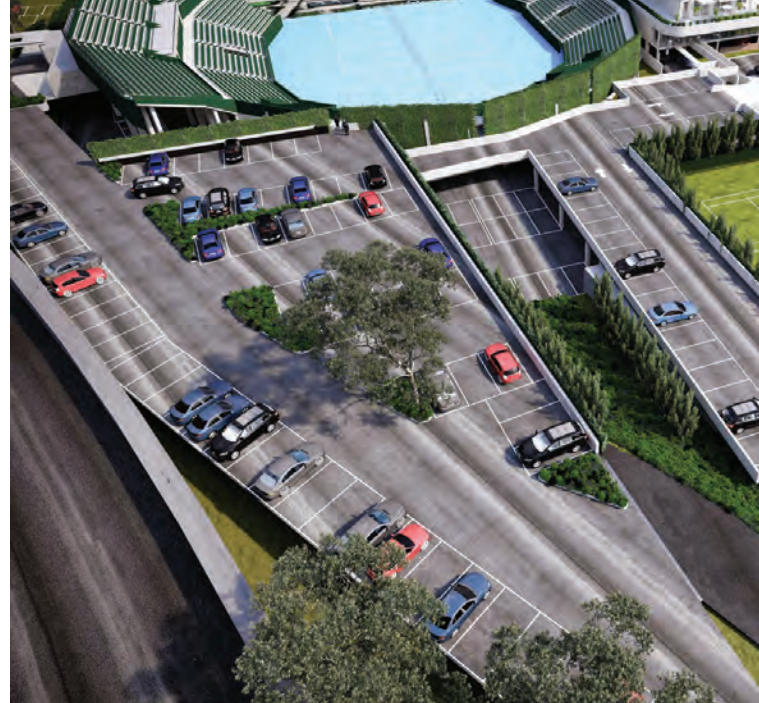
“We’ve made changes and compromises that have been sensible and practical to get to where we have, and I’m really hoping the Members will be surprised and delighted by the results.”

“We’ve had our hurdles. There are Stonnington Council property overlays on our site for heritage and also land subject to inundation which we’ve successfully challenged, and further restrictions on development due to a Melbourne Water main sewer line below our property. But we’ve found a solution to all of that through dialogue rather than wasting the Club’s money through unnecessary litigation.

“We’ve made changes and compromises that have been sensible and practical to get to where we have, and I’m really hoping the Members will be surprised and delighted by the results.”

No tennis courts will be lost and, in fact, the grass will benefit from less shadowing as a result of the car parking proposal. Located in an existing parking area, it is designed to blend in with existing facilities, and at a height substantially lower than that of the current stadium. As a consequence, visual intrusion will be limited.

Yet the highlight for Carew is the proposed connection between the clubhouse and the famous stadium that is the natural centrepiece of a venue - then known as the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria - that hosted its first Australian Championship in 1927. The last, when Swede Stefan Edberg beat local favourite Pat Cash, came 60 years later.

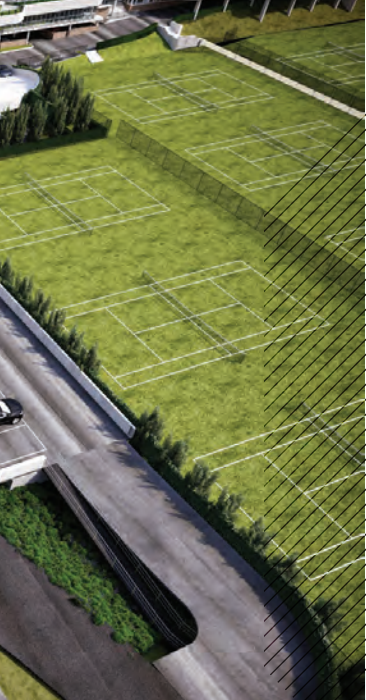


The most famous of the memorable Davis Cup Challenge rounds played at Kooyong was in 1953 when Australian teenagers Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall defeated Americans pair Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas. Cash was the hero of the most recent final: in 1986, against Sweden. By dismantling the 1950s additions, the famous horseshoe stadium will revert to its more boutique 1930s version and be showcased for everyone who visits.

“The stadium will be a real feature now; you’ll get the sense of the history every time you walk into the club - very much like Wimbledon, where their clubrooms overlook centre court,” Carew says.

“I think it’s the jewel in the crown; the connection between the clubhouse and the stadium, to me, is of historical significance. When we were able to convince Stonnington Council to amend the heritage overlay, we were creating something even better.

To be able to sense the history of the stadium every time



you're wandering in and out of the clubhouse I think is really special. So, yes, we've got lots of other bits and pieces in the blueprint, but for me in terms of the legacy we leave for the future, I think it's the connection of Clubhouse and stadium that is really going to stand the test of time. I think that's what people are going to remember."

The past, though, is not being forgotten. Club Members and national treasures Frank Sedgman and Evonne Goolagong Cawley have supported the *Kooyong - Beyond 2020* initiatives, including the changes to the stadium both former champions graced during their celebrated heyday.

Sedgman told Courtside from his Victorian home. "I played plenty of matches on the centre court there. It's got a great history, hasn't it? It goes back a long time and I guess we're all very thankful to Sir Norman Brookes for getting the site that he chose."

Sedgman, who won 22 major singles and doubles titles between 1949-52 before joining Jack Kramer's pro ranks,

wrote a letter of endorsement during the planning process for a place that remains close to his 91-year-old heart.

"I've been going there since I was about 12 years of age," he says, fondly. "We used to play the schoolgirls and schoolboys championships there just before Christmas. I met a lot of my friends there during those days and it was sort-of a meeting place for everyone, really. Playing on the grass when you hadn't been playing on it, you used to look forward to it."

As he is to a potentially new-look Kooyong? "Oh yeah, I'll be at the opening, I would think. If I'm around," Sedgman quips, before departing for a dinner that - like the *Kooyong - Beyond 2020* blueprint - is now on the table.

\* Members wishing to view drawings and discuss the project with Board Members, CEO Chris Brown and architect Bruce Henderson are invited to meet in the Presidents Room at Kooyong on Wednesday May 8th, between 6pm and 9pm.

It is required that completed ballot voting papers be returned to the Club by 5pm May 15th 2019. ■



# THE SPIRIT OF TENNIS

The revamped 31st edition of the Kooyong Classic has been hailed as a success by President Peter Carew, as the Club prepares to secure the event's future from 2020.

by Linda Pearce

**Certainly, the past provides strong, enduring** foundations on which to build. The highly-anticipated showdown between Nick Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic was a publicity coup, drawing a solid crowd and nation-wide interest for broadcaster SBS.

Increased scheduling flexibility found favour with players including respected top 10 pair Marin Cilic and Kevin Anderson, while the family affair that was the Tomic versus Peers siblings mixed doubles exhibition set was also particularly well-received.

“I thought it was a fabulous event this year,” said Carew, who paid tribute to the efforts of tournament director Peter Johnston and Kooyong CEO Chris Brown. “From our perspective I think what we did was nothing short of sensational the way it all came together and how all the Kooyong staff pulled together as one. It was a really great exercise in community.

“We had a good field, it was played in great spirit, it was very popular with the players. It’s set us up for what we’re doing for next year with Tennis Australia to bring a bigger, better, stronger event to Kooyong for 2020 and the years beyond.”

The 2019 version, played from January 8-10, had what Johnston describes as “a vastly different look to previous years”. Trimmed from four days to three, requests from multiple players to contest just one match were happily granted, and although original signing Juan Martin Del Potro was among the injury withdrawals, there were no shortage of replacements keen to fine-tune their Australian Open preparations at the historic venue on Glenferrie Road.

“We had a good field, it was played in great spirit, it was very popular with the players...”

The expanded 15-hour coverage on SBS allowed for greater story-telling opportunities, including extended court-side interviews with the sometimes-reticent but reliably-controversial Kyrgios and Tomic. Their match, you may recall, finished with a contentious between-the-legs service winner from the Queenslander.

“From a content point of view, we only went for three days, but we were able to mix it up,” said Johnston. “As always, there were lots of changes with the player field, but it ended up that there was really such a great variety of tennis each day, and we unearthed a lot of good talent.



## “...the event’s standout match was the one between grand slam finalists Anderson and Cilic...”

“In the long term, I think the key to success is to be nimble and flexible and try to accommodate what the players are looking for rather than being prescriptive and saying ‘you must play three matches in this format’, because that’s not what the players want in the week before a Slam.”

Twelve months after 13 of the players involved went on to win at least one round at Melbourne Park the following week, Johnston also emphasised the Classic’s credentials as a grand slam formguide, with young Canadian Denis Shapovalov and Australian teenager Alexei Popyrin two of the shining lights. The women’s field, meanwhile, included fast-rising American Amanda Anisimova, Kooyong Foundation scholarship holder Destanee Aiava and the more seasoned trio of Ajla Tomljanovic, Peng Shuai and Sorana Cirstea.

“You certainly saw a good cross-section of some of the most interesting players on the tour at the moment: a few up-and-comers, a few Aussies, the warriors like Cilic and Anderson and then Tomic and Kyrgios as the headline acts,” said Johnston. “So there was a bit for everyone, really.”

Indeed, if the event’s standout match was the one between grand slam finalists Anderson and Cilic that was

decided 15-13 in the match tiebreak, then the attention paid to a rather less intense affair on the same sunny Wednesday was what attracted the most attention.

Kyrgios and Tomic had once been friendly Davis Cup teammates before a very public falling-out during the Australia-USA tie at Kooyong in 2016. They had never played a singles match against each other, but had in common reputations that preceded them. Interest level? Extremely high.

When Kyrgios arrived, it was love at his first sight of Kooyong’s famous grass courts. “Nick said ‘oh, that looks so good, I would just love to play out there’ and he and Bernie actually finished up warming up together on the front grass court,” Johnston recalls. “Both guys were in great spirits, and it was fantastic to be able to take advantage of the fact that both were willing to play.”

Carew, in turn, was impressed by the two Australians, and for different reasons. He recalls that Kyrgios made a point of checking he was welcome to hit on the grass with the Club. “He was thoughtful and respectful of our club and that was a tick for me,” says Carew.

As for Tomic, his unhesitating agreement to partner younger sister Sara in what Carew calls “our Family Feud



## “The women’s field included... Kooyong Foundation scholarship holder Destanee Aiava...”

event” against Kooyong favourites John and Sally Peers was another plus for the president. “He was really happy to do it and really encouraging because he loves his sister and just wanted to get her involved. Sure, Nick and Bernie are human headlines, but they’re still human, they’re young guys, and it’s good for people to hear the nice stories, too.

“Despite all the rumours, they got on like a house on fire. I just think they like each other, to be honest. There’s no animosity between them; they share a joke and they enjoyed playing each other.

“They also showed a healthy respect for our club, and they couldn’t have been more accommodating... Although, having said that, they they’re both laconic and were pretty relaxed in their match. It didn’t have the same intensity as Cilic-Anderson, which was a red-hot match.”

And one appreciated by the largest crowd of the three days, which again drew more than 12,000 spectators overall. The Classic’s timing is problematic for many Kooyong members who spend the summer school holidays in coastal Victoria, or further afield, but remains an important event on the Club’s calendar.

“The schedule is a tad unfortunate, but having said that, I think people love the fact that the best of the best are

floating around Kooyong,” says Carew. “A lot of members will come up and say ‘I’ve really enjoyed it, loved having them here, they were great, wasn’t that good, didn’t Kooyong look fantastic?’

“The reality is that the Board has got an obligation to keep Kooyong on the map. The reason why the Club is so popular is because it’s used, and loved, for all its many purposes - and I’m talking about squash, and bridge, the gym. Being the sum of all the moving parts is what makes it so special, and I see the Classic as just another one of those parts, but it does put us on the world stage.

“There’s no other club in Australia that can do it, so we’ve got to be very proud of both the Classic’s heritage and its future. We want to preserve it for the next generation. I’ve probably been to 20 Classics over the journey, and I love them.”

Among the lighter moments, American Jack Sock donned headphones during one match to chat with commentators Pat Cash and Paul McNamee, while his opponent, Shapovalov, filled in the time with a crowd-crowd-pleasing hit against a lucky ballkid. As Johnston laughs now: “The ballkid ended up doing more press after the match than Sock and Shapovalov!”

Next year, the introduction of the ATP Cup will push the Australian Open start back by a week to January 20 - and benefit Kooyong by providing some clear air and improving its prospects of attracting more of the sport’s marquee names.

As part of the planned \$18 million redevelopment, on which Club members will vote in May, the remodelling of the centre court surrounds to a more boutique size would retain the historic feel while enhancing the atmosphere, according to Johnston.

“It’s the sort of stadium that would lend itself really well to the Classic,” he says.

“And with the ATP Cup coming in the week before, I think the dates of Kooyong will be really perfect for lots of players who are already in Australia and looking for opportunities to play top-up matches before the Australian Open in 2020.” ■

# Australia Day Honours

The Australia Day Honours List proved bountiful for Kooyong members, with Judy Dalton (AM), and former presidents and Kooyong Foundation stalwarts Terry Fraser and Peter Quinn (both OAM) all recognised for their service to tennis.

by Linda Pearce

**D**alton, the nine-time grand slam doubles champion and former Wimbledon singles finalist was rewarded for “significant service to tennis as a player, to equality for women in sport, and to sporting foundations”.

The trio share mutual respect and goodwill. “My congratulations to Peter and to Judy,” says Fraser. “I think it’s lovely for the Club to have some recognition that we’re doing good things.”



## Terry Fraser

There was a time, back in the mid-1970s, when Terry Fraser was part of a Kooyong he considered to be more of an institution than a club. Just how much that situation has changed will be part of Fraser’s great legacy. One of many.

“I’m very proud to have played a part in introducing a real club spirit, where the members see Kooyong as their second home,” he said. “I’m also very grateful to have been a part of the family of Kooyong for so many years. Without

Kooyong my life would have been very much poorer indeed.”

Fraser is 87 now, his movement greatly restricted by nerve damage suffered during spinal surgery, but his enthusiasm for life and tennis undiminished. A man who played “three days a week forever” is still fulfilling one of the many off-court roles that saw him honoured with an OAM in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List.

The 50-year honorary life member remains on the board of the Kooyong Foundation, having been its founding chairman from 2001-06. Fraser was the Club’s president from 1990-2000, and vice-president for more than a decade prior.

Committees, contributions... and now an Order of Australia Medal, celebrated over a family meal with wife Beverley, children Mark, Elise and Nicola and their partners, at a favourite restaurant, toasted with a rare bottle of vintage Krug.

“It’s always great to be recognised, but there’s been a huge joy in what I’ve done over the years, anyway,” Fraser says. “There’s just so much pleasure in being involved at Kooyong.”

Back in 1950, he saw - and played at - the Club for the first time. “I came from Ballarat for the schoolboy championships, and needless to say was immensely impressed by the grass courts, and started then to dream of being a member,” Fraser recalls of his 18-year-old self. From the time of application, it took about eight years.

Many roles have followed, from councillor to wine-and-food committeeman - “so if you take all that into account it’s 50 years” - and then that invaluable contribution to the Foundation, as the member of a board that currently includes the likes of Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Frank Sedgman and Wayne Arthurs.

As to what was the motivation for all this admirable office-bearing: “Originally it was the fact that we thought in the early days that the members were not getting a very good deal and that a lot more could be done for them.”

So, in that regard, what has been done of which Fraser is most proud? “Well, after losing the Australian Open, which I think was inevitable, because Kooyong could never have coped with it, I’m particularly proud of the fact that Joe Devereux and I got the Classic up and going with Colin Stubs in the year afterwards.

“We saw that as very important because the members like to have the international flavour at the Club. I think

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**Terry Fraser**

Kooyong can be justly proud of that, and of course we’re proud of the Foundation and all the work that’s done, because it has been an outstanding story.”

Indeed. What Fraser said was formed with the desire “to give something back to tennis” has become a vehicle to “promote tennis generally, and to do it through helping young players who would otherwise be denied the opportunity to reach their potential. Every one of them is worthy of an opportunity.”

Yet Fraser’s personal highlight remains how much more personal the Kooyong family has become. “The members work very well together, it’s a very inclusive club, and it’s got a great spirit, and that is what I see as the most important thing that I’ve had a hand in.

“Life would have been very much poorer if there hadn’t been a Kooyong in it. I’d hate to have to go through life without having Kooyong.”

## **Judy Dalton**

Judy Dalton laughs that one needs to turn 80 to be recognised. In which case, the accolades are arriving right on schedule to celebrate a remarkable contribution by one of the true trailblazers in women’s tennis.

With fellow Australian Kerry Melville Reid, Dalton was one of the “Original 9” marshalled by Billie Jean King almost half-a-century ago; the group risking suspension by signing a symbolic \$1 bill and forming the breakaway competition that would become the WTA and lead to unimagined recognition - and equality - for the women who now share the riches overflowing in the modern game.

“I’ve tried to improve things for women and girls in tennis,” says the current president of the Australian Fed Cup Foundation, which provides scholarships and assistance for emerging female players. “In Australia it’s hard work - or it certainly was in the old days - to ever get recognised. It’s still quite difficult, but not as difficult as it was then. It was really pretty impossible.”

Dalton’s Kooyong recognition came through honorary membership a handful of years ago. A beloved matriarch of Australian tennis and winner of a career grand slam in doubles also received a six-litre “Methuslah” of 2011 Adelaide Hills Shiraz.

She initially kept the bottle - now empty and housed in her spare bedroom with the original cork stuck back in



- because she thought it might make a nice lamp base. “I remember we had a huge family party,” says the sprightly grandmother. “It took us two days to finish it - and they’re pretty good drinkers, my lot.”

Down Glenferrie Road way, enough time has now passed to share what were not such cheery beginnings. As a Victorian schoolgirl star for whom “Kooyong was like the Mecca of tennis”, the 16-year-old Judy Tegart was told when she first trialled on the famous grass courts that she would never become a member. Wasn’t good enough.

Returning a short time after reaching the 1968 Wimbledon singles final she lost to King in two tight sets, Dalton was congratulated by that same selector who had rejected her. “I said in a really loud voice ‘yes, and to think I was never good enough to become a member of Kooyong’. I had to wait for 20 years to do it, but I got it in!” she laughs now. No grudge was held.

Certainly, Kooyong memories are fond: from Australian and world veterans’ championships to the triumphant 1965 Fed Cup finals in which Dalton, Margaret Court and Lesley Bowrey triumphed against King’s US team. The legendary Maureen Connolly came to Melbourne to report on an event Dalton recalls as a very big deal for the time, and a great triumph in every sense.

“The centre court had such an aura about it because there’d been so many wonderful matches, like Davis Cup matches there, and when we played the Fed Cup there in ‘65 that Nell (Hopman, wife of Harry) organised, that was huge.”

Individually, Dalton made the Australian Open singles semis - at Kooyong - in 1968 and the quarter-finals, against eventual champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley, in her December 1977 farewell at the age of 40.

When breastfeeding daughter Sammy at one tournament in the mid-70s, she was grateful for some co-operative scheduling, and an accommodating Kooyong attendant who allowed her to park right near the courts and dash straight off to get home to her hungry baby.

But, as belatedly lauded as she now is at home, Dalton's impact has extended much further. There is equal prize money for women at the four majors, and opportunities none of the Original 9 could ever have imagined - including a certain 81-year-old Camberwell resident who emphasises that it's easy to take from sport, but far more important to give back. She has given far more than most.

"We didn't benefit financially, but we benefited," Dalton says, citing friendships and experiences, and pride in what has been achieved almost 50 years after the founding sisters launched the most transformative movement in women's sport.

"When we signed that dollar, we didn't have any idea what it would lead to," adds Dalton, proof that appreciation can be among the good things that come to those who wait.

And wait.

Bravo.

## Peter Quinn

Peter Quinn appreciates the happy symbolism in the fact that on the same January weekend he was honoured with an Order of Australia Medal, the most decorated of the hundreds of players to have been assisted by the Kooyong Foundation was contesting the Australian Open men's doubles final.

While John Peers and his Finnish partner Henri Kontinen were unable to replicate their 2017 success on Rod Laver Arena, Quinn remains immensely proud of what the Foundation has achieved during its 18-year existence, and a scholarship in alumni headed by Peers, the former world doubles No.2.

Quinn goes on to list the likes of Marc Polmans, Jason Kubler, Destanee Aiava and current Kooyong club champions Andrew Whittington and Belinda Woolcock as other high achievers to have been helped by the Foundation, established during the first of his two terms as Club president, from 2000-06.

"I think it's a pretty worthwhile pursuit: raising money to help kids," says Quinn, who has chaired the Foundation since 2007 and presided over the twin objectives of providing positive, practical support for the general development of tennis in Australia, and its juniors in particular, and preserving Kooyong's rich traditions.

Quinn has been a Club member for 37 of his 75 years, was treasurer for three and president for six, a member of the squash committee from 1987-97 and a Tennis Victoria director from 2010-12. The OAM recognising his outstanding "service to tennis" was an immense - and wonderfully well-deserved - thrill.

One lesser-known product of his presidency that Quinn laughingly admits to being "pretty happy with" was the opening of the Moonga Road entrance that has spared the many club members arriving from the west and north a potentially lengthy stop at the railway boom gates on

# "I think it's a pretty worthwhile pursuit: raising money to help kids"

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Glenferrie Road. A diplomatic priority was the reparation of the relationships with Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria that had soured after the relocation of the Australian Open in 1988. Indeed, the latter, Quinn and many others believe, was ultimately to Kooyong's great benefit.

"There was a time there after we lost the Open it was widely predicted Kooyong would die, because it was imagined that was the only attraction, and that once we lost the Open, members wouldn't want to come," he recalls. "In fact, it was the new beginning for Kooyong, and the club has been much, much stronger since."

The early, star-studded days of the Kooyong Classic headlined by the likes of Boris Becker, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi were exciting times, while a key appointment by the Quinn-led board was of current CEO Chris Brown in 2002.

Meanwhile, one particularly memorable match was the 2017 Australian Open men's semi contested by Whittington/Polmans and Peers/Kontinen; on that historic January day, an endorsement for the Foundation doubled as a unique Kooyong achievement.

"I don't think any other club would be able to boast that: having three club members all playing in a (major) semi-final, and the three of them having been teammates representing Kooyong in Premier League and State Grade," says Quinn, smiling at the memory. "We were all pretty chuffed about that." ■

		<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
Event 1	<b>Men's Open Singles</b>	Andrew Whittington 7/5 7/6	Greg Jones
Event 2	<b>Men's Open Doubles</b>	David Bidmeade/Greg Jones 6/7 6/2 6/2	Andrew Whittington/Glenn Busby
Event 3	<b>Ladies Open Singles</b>	Belinda Woolcock 6/2 6/1	Jemma Carbis
Event 4	<b>Ladies Open Doubles</b>	Belinda Woolcock/Kate Antosik 6/1 6/2	Laura Rabinovich/Sophie Vickers
Event 5	<b>Men's 50 &amp; Over Singles</b>	Peter Wilson 6/4 7/6	Greg Spinks
Event 6	<b>Men's 50 &amp; Over Doubles</b>	Peter Wilson/Peter Gard 1/6 7/6 7/6	Ken Cooper/Stephen Gay
Event 7	<b>Ladies 50 &amp; Over Singles</b>	Jill Meggs 6/2 6/3	Rosemary Everett
Event 8	<b>Ladies 50 &amp; Over Doubles</b>	Rosemary Everett/Anne Saville 7/5 7/6	Wendy Harrison/Leanne Scott
Event 9	<b>Men's 60 &amp; Over Doubles</b>	Bruce Osborne/Christopher Ulrik 6/1 5/5 ret.	Dennis Mihelyi/Mark Swindon
Event 10	<b>Men's 100 &amp; Over Doubles</b>	Glenn Busby/Adam Cossar 7/6 6/0	Stephen Myers/Stephen Sharp
Event 11	<b>Men's A Grade Singles</b>	Conor O'Kane 4/6 6/3 6/3	James Rundle
Event 12	<b>Men's A Grade Doubles</b>	Jack Bruce-Smith/Samuel Park 6/3 4/6 6/4	Conor O'Kane/Charlie Tulloch
Event 13	<b>Ladies A Grade Singles</b>	Anna Clarkson 6/1 6/1	Fiona Medina
Event 14	<b>Men's B Grade Singles</b>	Joel Fredman 6/1 3/6 6/3	Paul Tulloch
Event 15	<b>Men's B Grade Doubles</b>	Paul Tulloch/Chris Preston 7/5 6/2	Cameron Judd/Marcus Thomas
Event 16	<b>Ladies B Grade Singles</b>	Sienna Opray 7/5 4/6 6/4	Ella Lavender
Event 17	<b>Ladies B Grade Doubles</b>	Leanne Scott/Caroline Venn 6/1 6/1	Mandy Morgan/Lois Plowman
Event 18	<b>Men's C Grade Singles</b>	Steven McInnes 6/3 6/4	Sebastian Sarafian
Event 19	<b>Men's C Grade Doubles</b>	Hal Hiramatsu/Andrew Taylor 6/1 6/1	Chris Harris/Jeremy Sneddon
Event 20	<b>Ladies C Grade Singles</b>	Lauren Sanford 6/3 6/1	Belinda Henry
Event 21	<b>Ladies C Grade Doubles</b>	Lauren Sanford/Jenny Osborne 6/1 6/4	Sarah Cudlipp/Libbie Geason
Event 22	<b>Men's D Grade Singles</b>	Ed Daniell 6/4 6/0	Andrew Fortelny
Event 23	<b>Men's D Grade Doubles</b>	Ed Daniell/James Giannarelli 6/0 6/4	Hong Jun Qiu/Peter Snelson
Event 24	<b>Ladies D Grade Singles</b>	Lucette Horskins 5/7 6/0 6/2	Carolina Palazzo
Event 25	<b>Ladies D Grade Doubles</b>	Amanda Thomas/Sallyanne Sawers 3/6 7/5 6/3	Jacqueline Pirone/Sandra Wolf
Event 28	<b>Open Mixed Doubles</b>	Mitch Burman/Sophie Vickers 6/3 6/3	James O'Sullivan/Ruby Rothman
Event 30	<b>B Grade Mixed Doubles</b>	Peter Gard/Rosemary Everett 6/2 6/2	David Cox/Jessica Cox
Event 31	<b>C Grade Mixed Doubles</b>	Richard Jamieson/Rachael Seymour 6/3 6/3	Tyson Kersley/Belinda McLean
Event 32	<b>D Grade Mixed Doubles</b>	Christopher Barnett/Sallyanne Sawers 6/2 7/5	Adam Steinhardt/Ilana Steinhardt
Event 34	<b>Junior Girl's Singles U/21</b>	Eloise Swarbrick 6/2 6/2	Ksenija Varesanovic
Event 35	<b>U/12 Boy's Singles</b>	Ned Gretton-Watson 6/1 6/4	Henry Stevens
Event 37	<b>U/12 Girl's Singles</b>	Sophia Brooks-Gay (round robin)	Lucinda Lee
Event 39	<b>U/14 Boy's Singles</b>	Cooper Errey 6/1 6/1	Bailey Liu
Event 40	<b>U/14 Boy's Doubles</b>	Spencer Hunter/Lewis Vanderzalm 6/0 6/1	Charlie Williams/Joseph Zayontz
Event 41	<b>U/14 Girl's Singles</b>	Koharu Nishikawa 7/5 6/2	Emmerson Priest
Event 43	<b>U/16 Boy's Singles</b>	Viktor Sirucek 6/4 6/2	Dylan Vaughan
Event 44	<b>U/16 Boy's Doubles</b>	Viktor Sirucek/James O'Sullivan 6/2 6/1	Bailey Liu/Matthew Thach
Event 45	<b>U/16 Girl's Singles</b>	Whitney Guan 6/4 6/0	Ella Brown
Event 46	<b>U/16 Girl's Doubles</b>	Emmerson Priest/Annabel Sweetnam 6/0 6/0	Lucinda Lee/Caroline Marcel

# Wins for Woolcock and Whittington

A record number of entries and two weekends of perfect weather made for a successful 48th Club Championships as over 470 Members enjoyed the opportunity to grace the famous grass courts.



◀ Belinda Woolcock was delighted to win the Club Championships for the first time.  
▲ Greg Jones and Andrew Whittington after the Open Singles final.

▶ Greg Jones and David Bidmeade took out the Men's Open Doubles.  
▼ Andrew Whittington celebrates after winning the Open Singles title.





## The Men's Open Doubles saw top seeds Jones and Bidmeade lift the cup... the first doubles title for the pair, it was Bidmeade's tenth doubles crown at the Club...

**T**he Club Honour Board will have two new names etched as Champions, with long time Kooyong Foundation players Belinda Woolcock and Andrew Whittington taking out this year's Open Singles titles.

Top seed Woolcock, cruised through to the final with comfortable wins in her opening matches.

Woolcock also breezed through the semi-final, defeating Sofi Georgas in convincing fashion.

Sadly, defending champion and second seed Sally Peers went down with an injury in her first match, leaving the bottom half of the draw open.

It was Jemma Carbis who took advantage of this and after a marathon semi-final against Eloise Swarbrick, was able to reach the final for the first time.

The final saw Woolcock put on yet another outstanding performance, giving Carbis very few chances as she ran away with the match 6/2 6/1 to claim her maiden title at the Club.

The Men's Open Singles final was of an extremely high standard, with Whittington ousting defending champion Greg Jones in a great spectacle.

Whittington got through the opening rounds with little trouble before ending an impressive run to the semi-final by Harrison Young. Young gave it his all and was able to take the first set to a tiebreaker, but Whittington was ultimately too strong, coming out on top 7/6 6/2.

Meanwhile, in the other half of the draw Jones faced off against good friend and doubles partner David Bidmeade in the semi-final. Jones took the first set 6/4 before Bidmeade levelled things at a set apiece. The battle continued in the third until Jones gained the crucial break at 4/3 and went on to serve out the match 6/4 4/6 6/3.

The final was a tightly-fought affair right from the

beginning as the Premier League teammates went toe to toe with each other. At five games all Whittington secured the first break of the match and went on to take the set 7/5.

Jones came out strongly in the second set and raced to a 5/2 lead. With Jones in control, it looked like the match was headed for a deciding set.

Whittington had other plans however, as he broke back and forced the set into a tiebreaker.

Strong serving and a couple of superb backhand returns saw Whittington sneak ahead in the tiebreaker and close out the match 7/5 7/6 to become the proud Champion for 2019.

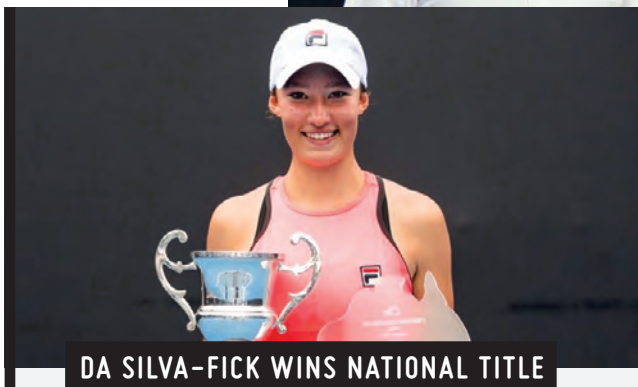
After a dominating performance in the singles, Woolcock paired up with three-time Club Champion Kate Antosik to take out the Women's Open Doubles. The duo was too strong for the third seeded pair of Laura Rabinovich and Sophie Vickers, winning 6/1 6/2.

The Men's Open Doubles saw top seeds Jones and Bidmeade lift the cup after defeating Whittington and Club head coach, Glenn Busby. While this was the first doubles title for the pair, it was Bidmeade's tenth doubles crown at the Club, and his twentieth title overall – a very impressive achievement.

Another result worth mentioning was Koharu Nishikawa winning the Under 14 Girl's Singles. At only nine years old, Koharu has a very bright future and we look forward to following her progress.

Cooper Errey also showed why he is ranked number 1 in Australia for his age, cruising to victory in the Under 14 Boy's Singles while also having a stellar run to the semi-final of the Under 21 Singles.

Congratulations and thank you to all competitors on a great event! We look forward to celebrating all the wonderful achievements at the Champions' Dinner on May 24th. ■



**DA SILVA-FICK WINS NATIONAL TITLE**

**Kooyong Foundation player Gabriella Da**

Silva-Fick has claimed the 18/U Girl's Australian Championships held at Melbourne Park as part of the December Showdown.

Gabriella entered the event as the top seed but started slowly in the round robin stages, losing her first match to Victorian Olivia Symons 3/6 4/6.

The remaining two round robin matches proved to be much better, as she won both matches in straight sets to earn herself a spot in the quarterfinal stage.

The quarterfinal saw an usual occurrence with the first and second seeds facing off against each other due to losses in the round robin stages. The match went the distance before Gabriella came out on top 6/3 2/6 7/6 against Ivana Popovic.

The semi-final was a much easier affair as Gabriella beat Taylah Lawless 6/3 6/0.

In the final, Gabriella took on fourth seed Olivia Gadecki, where she was able to continue her top form from the previous match and claim the national title with a 6/3 6/2.

Following on from the big win, Gabriella went on to compete in the Australian Open Wildcard Play-Offs, and the Australian Open Qualifying event.

Congratulations on a fantastic summer of tennis! ■

# Grills Makes Three Straight Finals

**Jacob Grills has had a great few weeks on the Pro Circuit, making back to back finals in ITF Futures events in Portugal, followed by a third final in Qatar.**

In Vale Do Lobo, Grills lost to New Zealand's Finn Tearney in a tight three set battle 2/6 6/2 4/6 in the final. As a nice consolation prize, he went on to win the doubles title, partnering Colombia's Eduardo Struvay.

Grills backed up this result by making the final the next week in Faro, losing to Switzerland's Sandro Ehrat 6/2 6/2.

"It's been a great few weeks for me to get so many matches under my belt. I really enjoyed the conditions in Portugal- the hard courts really suited my game."

Grills continued his fine form as he moved on to Doha, Qatar where he reached the final once more before losing to Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France 6/4 6/1.

"I was really happy to back up my performances from Portugal by making the final again here in Doha. I'm hoping to go one better next time!"

Well done Jacob! ■



**BELINDA WOOLCOCK WINS BURNIE INTERNATIONAL**

**Belinda Woolcock has made a stunning return to the Pro Circuit after a bad run with injuries by winning the Burnie International. Belinda tore her ACL early in 2018 and was off the circuit for most of the year.**

In only her third Pro Circuit event back from injury, she came through qualifying in Burnie before going on to defeat Paula Badosa Gibert of Spain 7/6 7/6 in the final.

As a result, Woolcock's ranking has soared to 380 in the world. With a full schedule ahead and no points to defend, it looks to be a big year for Belinda.

Congratulations! ■



# John Fitzgerald Kooyong Foundation Scholarships

**Congratulations to the following players, who were inducted as John Fitzgerald Kooyong Foundation Scholarships holders for 2019:**

Ella Brown

Jessie Burbridge

Hugh Callaghan

Brian Capalnean

Gabriella Da Silva-Fick

Cooper Errey

Ben Grumley

Whitney Guan

Lu Huang

Hugo Kearney

Bailey Liu

Megan Markov

Neel Mohan

Maita Munyimani

Koharu Nishikawa

Sienna Opray

James O'Sullivan

Marko Pavicic

Grace Roberts

Viktor Sirucek

Shyan Sivaratnam

Amy Stevens

Eloise Swarbrick

Sara Tomic

Wihan Van Der Merwe

Ksenija Varesanovic

Welcome to Kooyong! ■

## 2019 AUSTRALIAN MADE RED

### ENERGY FOUNDATION CUP

Hosted by the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and supported by the Kooyong Foundation, the 2019 Australian Made Red Energy Foundation Cup held during the first week of the Australian Open was a great success. Australia's best and brightest young players from rural areas such as Esperance and Rockhampton felt privileged to represent their state and territory at the Spiritual Home of Tennis.

According to Fed Cup Foundation Tournament Director Sally Peers, "Playing tennis in a team environment is a wonderful opportunity and our focus for this year's event was teamwork. It was rewarding to see a high level of tennis played in such great spirit – everyone, whether they won or lost, enjoyed the team experience. For some of the players this was their first experience of being away from home. By the end of the week some had experienced their first flight, their first national tennis competition at Kooyong and watched their heroes at the Australian Open. It was great to see them grow in confidence and make lifelong friends and memories from their time at Kooyong."

The 2019 Australian Made Foundation Cup was won by New South Wales closely followed by Northern Territory and Victoria in 3rd place. The Judy Dalton Medal for the best and fairest female player was awarded to Tegan Genockey (NT) whilst the John Fitzgerald Medal for the best and fairest male player was awarded to George Collins (NSW).

The Fed Cup Foundation would like to thank Tennis Australia, Tennis Victoria, Kooyong LTC, the Kooyong Foundation and our corporate partners for their support. ■



## Peers Makes Australian Open Final

**John Peers has reached his fourth Grand Slam** doubles final, after going down in the deciding match at the Australian Open.

Peers and partner Henri Kontinen of Finland were the twelfth seeds going into the event and did not drop a set on their way to the final. The pair recorded some spectacular wins including beating third seeds Jamie Murray and Bruno Soares in the quarterfinal, and Leonardo Mayer and Joao Sousa in the semi-final.

The final saw Peers and Kontinen up against the fifth seeded French pair of Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert, who were going for their career Grand Slam.

In a tightly-fought affair which saw only one break of serve for the match, the Frenchman came out victorious 6/4 7/6 to deny Peers from claiming the title at his home Slam.

Along with Peers, the Foundation was also represented by several other players.

In his first main draw appearance at a Grand Slam, Marc Polmans lost a five set battle to American Denis Kudla. Polmans also competed in the Men's Doubles, partnering with fellow Aussie Alex Bolt. The pair went down in two tight sets to the most successful doubles duo of all time, Bob and Mike Bryan.

Destanee Aiava competed in the Women's Singles losing to America's Madison Keys on Rod Laver Arena. Aiava partnered Nakitha Bains in the Women's Doubles event with the pair falling to the fifth seeds in the first round.

Club Champion Andrew Whittington played in the Mixed Doubles event and new scholarship player Gabriella Da Silva-Fick contested the women's qualifying event. Congratulations also to Stefan Storch and Cooper White who took part in the Australian Open Juniors.

Well done to all those Kooyong Foundation players who competed in the Australian Open- a great achievement! ■

▼ Marc Polmans in action in his first Grand Slam.



Our heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to the Kooyong Foundation in 2018.

Sally Addison	Nancy Entink	Gerorge Papageorge
Mardi Andrew	Joanne Ferguson	Kent Parrot
Robbie Barker	Raymond Fitzgerald	John Piccolo
Helen Barnes	Suzanne Forsyth	Michael Ponsford
Tessa Barrett	Beverley Fraser	Jennifer Ponsford
Brian Bateman	John Garofalo	Andrew Preston
Margaret Beischer	Lee Gilmour	Barrie Provan
Jenny Blencowe	Suzanne Godwin	Susan Renouf
Tom Bostock	Piers Graham	James K Richardson
Shirley Bowman	Douglas Harnick	Lyall Robinson
Michael Boyt	Barry Headland	Noel Rule
Darcy Brennan	Mary Hoban	Perry Sambor
Clive Brinsmead	Rosalie Humbert	Graeme Sanford
Thomas Brown	Maxwell Jeffrey	Lauren Sanford
Bill Browning	Wendy Johnson	Frank Sedgman
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Rosemary Dowling	Geoff Nash	
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Elizabeth Emerson	Frank Opray	



## Exciting Season Ahead

With nine teams across Grades 1 to 7, and a further four teams in the Masters 35+ competition, it looks to be an exciting season ahead for Kooyong's Pennant players.

**T**he Club will field two teams in Grade 1 with Mitch Burman once again taking on the captaincy role, and Greg Polmans leading the other.

Burman's team will be headlined by Ed Corrie, a former professional player who reached a career high ranking of number 215 in the world.

Polman's team is also very strong, highlighted by several Premier League players. Tom Pavlekovich-Smith, Aidan Vaughan and Amor Jasika will also join the squad after being part of the Grade 2 Premiership side of last season.

John Amato's Grade 2 team look like they could be serious flag contenders while Max Potter's team will also be tough to beat in Grade 2.

Jack Bruce-Smith's Grade 3 team includes a great mix of youth and experience. Cooper Errey and Qwyn Quittner are young players to watch, while Julian O'Donnell and Charlie Tulloch will help the team make a real push for finals.

Alexander Taylor will captain another Grade 3 team who will be looking to see finals action. Hugo Kearney has been

in top form of late, and new scholarship holders Neel Mohan and Marko Pavicic will also be great additions.

Kooyong's Grade 4 team is full of young talent and will be captained by Dylan Vaughan. The team will benefit from the opportunity to play against experienced opponents each week.

In Grade 6, Peter May's team will be hoping to reach finals again after going down in the semi-final last year, while Rob Szwarcberg's team have added several players and will test themselves by making the jump up to Grade 7.

In the Masters 35+ competition, the Club will field three teams in the top grade. Stephen Gay and Dennis Mihelyi will look to lead their teams into the finals again, while Alex Krohn's team will be looking for success in Kooyong colours after losing in the grand final last year while representing East Malvern.

Also in the Masters competition, Kevin Green will captain the new look Grade 2 team.

All the best to all those representing the Club this Pennant season! ■



15 year olds Whitney Guan and Ria Mehta will step up to Grade 2 Pennant this season.

## Strengthened Women's Teams Ready For Upcoming Season

After finishing last season with no flags, the Club will be hoping to have a more successful year in Tennis Victoria's Women's Pennant competition.

The Club will again field three teams in Grade 1 the top grade. Laura Langmead will lead a team of experienced Pennant players who will be looking to get back into finals after a disappointing season last year. Jasmin Starr will be a welcome addition to the team when she returns from US College mid-season.

Jessie Burbridge's team is made up of some very talented players who will relish the opportunity to play high quality matches each week. After having some great results during the Club Championships, Jemma Carbis and Sofi Georgas will be hoping to continue their good form into the Pennant season.

Also in Grade 1, Zoe Llewellyn will captain another young team which includes several players who will be looking to impress in their first year in Kooyong colours. Warrnambool product Eloise Swarbrick will make the trek from the country each week, and Amy Stevens will strengthen the team at the top of the line-up.

Elise Morrison's Grade 2 team is made up of some of the Club's future stars and we look forward to seeing how this team performs. Ruby Rothman has improved tremendously

since last year and Ella Brown has also shown that she can play at this level.

Natalie Baic will captain the Club's other Grade 2 team. The team will benefit from the inclusion of several players who have experience in the top grade and will be serious flag contenders.

The Club's Grade 3 team will see Sienna Opray lead a team of exciting young players looking to take on the challenge of moving up a grade. We look forward to seeing the talent of Sasha Djurovic take to the court for the first time since joining Kooyong after having an unfortunate run with injuries.

In Grade 5, the Club will once again field two teams. Jenny Osborne and Angela Woodruff both led their teams to finals action last year and will be looking for even greater success this season.

Best wishes to all teams for the upcoming season! ■  
If you have any questions about Tennis Victoria Pennant, please contact Sophie Vickers on 9822 3333 or via email: [svickers@kooyong.com.au](mailto:svickers@kooyong.com.au)



## Juniors in action

**Kooyong's junior players have returned to the court** after the summer break, with fifteen teams representing the Club in the Bayside Competition on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The Club had one premiership winning team last season, with Jack Saville's Section 10 team defeating Felix Kan's team in an all-Kooyong grand final. Congratulations to Jack, Henry Stevens, Ned Gretton-Watson and Don McOmish!

This season, Kooyong has three teams in action on Saturday mornings with one team in the top section and two teams in Section 2.

Thomas Keller's Section 1 team have started the season well and will look to continue their good form into the second half of the season. They're currently in third place on the ladder.

In Section 2, Charlie Williams' team is also sitting in third position, while Jessica Ganly's team will be hoping to move up from sixth position as the season goes on.

On Sunday mornings, the Club's top team is led by Grace Fountain. Sitting in second position, the team look to be a good chance of bringing home a flag.

In Section 4, Lachlan Tingate's team have got off to a great start and are currently sitting on top of the ladder. Lachlan Main's team are improving as the season goes along and are in seventh place.

Thomas Langford's Section 5 team are just outside the four but will be pushing for finals come the second half of the season.

Jack Saville is looking to repeat his premiership success of last season, with his Section 6 team off to a flying start as they sit in first place.

In Section 8, Felix Kan's team are just outside the top four but having toppled higher placed teams will be a good chance of making finals.

▲ The Stevens and Saville families enjoyed taking part in the Parent/Child Round Robin at the conclusion of the July-December season.

► Richard Jones' Section 1 team were named the Best Performed Team in the Saturday competition.

▼ Jack Saville's team claimed the Section 10 flag.



Richard Jones' Section 9 team have had some good wins and will be looking to hold on to their top four placing as the season progresses.

The Club's Section 12 team, captained by Caroline Marcel, have faced some tough opposition and currently sit in eighth place.

In Section 14, Ava Synnott's team are in sixth position but can't be ruled out of being finals contenders.

Madeleine Lennon's Section 18 team are also in sixth position, but have shown that they can match it with higher placed teams.

The Club currently has two teams in Section 21. Harriet Venn's team are looking like serious flag contenders as they sit in second position, while Sophie Moore's team have the potential to move up from sixth place, having beaten Harriet's team early in the season.

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



◀ Jenny Osborne's  
premiership winning team

## Midweek Ladies

**Midweek ladies' competition increased to 13 teams** playing in three different associations across two days as of early March.

Firstly, to Tuesday and the summer 2019 season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) is about to reach its climax. Leanne Scott's Section 1 team is on track for an unbelievable fourth straight premiership. They are three points clear on top of the ladder with two rounds remaining.

Kris Tulloch's Section 1 side will be looking to improve on their sixth placing from last season and qualify for the finals. While they are currently in sixth place, the team is only one point behind fourth.

Sally Addison's Section 2 team have remained in eighth position, but they are only one point behind fifth.

Sandra Daly's Section 2 team have continued their upward trajectory after winning the Section 3 winter 2018 season grand final. They are third on the ladder and look like making the finals.

Jo Rush's Section 4 team is well placed to improve on their summer 2018 season semi-final loss. They are on top of the ladder and have their sights set on a grand final victory and promotion to Section 3.

Angela Martin's Section 4 team are unfortunately on the bottom of the ladder. They will be looking to avoid relegation over the last couple of rounds, sitting two points behind eighth and ninth.

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. Detje Marcel's Wednesday morning Section 1 BRTA team finished the July to December 2018 season in fifth position. They are switching to MEMRLTA for the winter 2019 season, which commences in early April.

On Thursday, Rosemary Everett's BRTA Section A/1 team unfortunately fell at the same hurdle of the July to December 2018 season as February to June 2018. This time, it was Black Rock who narrowly defeated them in a tightly fought contest, 2-5-38 to 2-4-33. They are currently in sixth position after four rounds.

Kooyong's other Section A/1 team, captained by Kris Tulloch, are bouncing back strongly from their sixth-place

finish last season. They are on top of the ladder, ahead of Hampton on percentage.

Jenny Osborne's Wednesday Section 2 team repeated their July to December 2017 success, defeating Beaumaris CC 2-5-35 to 0-0-13 in the July to December 2018 grand final! Congratulations to the whole team: Jenny Osborne, Alisa Bennett, Kristi Gunson, Jill Kaminsky, Kimberley Mustow, Carol Thompson, Angela Woodruff and special thanks to all those who filled in during the season. This season, Jenny Osborne has switched to BRTA's Section 2 Thursday competition. They have been competitive so far, sitting in fourth position.

Kooyong has a new Section 2 BRTA team on a Thursday, captained by Christine Shearer. The other team members are Julia Mascitelli, Lisa Lilagan, Fiona Leslie, Gill Hunt, Noelene Duckett and Melissa Farmer. They are off to a flyer, currently in second place on the ladder.

Finally, Kooyong is well represented in Section 3 of WDTA's Thursday competition with three teams. Jo Rush has started a new team that is similar to her MEMRLTA team on a Tuesday. The other team members are Kate Wraith-Bell, Jane Lennon, Priscilla Kiernan, Kimberley Mustow, Di Synnott, Carolina Palazzo and Jill Kaminsky. They are in fourth position after five rounds.

Tricia Gorman's Section 2 BRTA team on a Wednesday unfortunately finished the July to December 2018 season on the bottom of the ladder. They switched to WDTA on a Thursday, with Jacqui Morris taking over the captaincy. The team is in 8th place on the ladder.

Libbie Geason's WDTA Section 2 team tempted fate once too often. After finishing on the bottom of the ladder for the February to June 2018 season but avoiding relegation, they finished last for the July to December 2018 season and were relegated to Section 3. Heather Anderson has taken over the captaincy for this season. The team is on track for a return to Section 2, sitting in second position.

We wish our midweek ladies' teams all the best! ■  
*Due to unforeseen circumstances, midweek ladies' teams can at times be in need of fill-in players. If you are available on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and are of a competitive standard, please contact Tim Baddock at the Club on 9822 3333 or via email: [tbaddock@kooyong.com.au](mailto:tbaddock@kooyong.com.au)*



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## AROUND THE CLUB

# Crèche

**Welcome back in 2019! We extend a warm welcome** back to our returning families, and a very warm welcome to all our new families registered so far this year to use our fantastic crèche! The children have been enjoying the warmer weather with lots of outside activities and play, as well as the inside activities of arts and crafts, dress-ups, toys and storybooks!

The crèche is open from 9am to 12pm Monday to Thursday, and from 9am to 12:15pm on Fridays during the school term, and costs a very reasonable \$12 per session per child to use. There is also an annual family registration fee of \$75 per family.

If you have not yet registered for your family to use the crèche, please head in to the Proshop and ask for a registration form (session passes can also be purchased here). There are 20 places available per session for children aged 5 and under, however a maximum of 4 of these places can be for children under the age of 18 months. So be sure to book in early to utilise our wonderful crèche facility!

The Crèche will close for the first term holiday period from Friday 5th April 2019, reopening again on Monday 22nd April 2019. ■



# KITA Coaching

by Glenn Busby, Director

**The final of the Men's Australian Open this year saw** one of the best matches ever to be seen from a strategical application. Here we saw Nadal, who up until then, dominated all his matches from the right-hand court or deuce court, hitting inside in and out left-hand forehands giving his opponents little space or time to recover, while also hitting his running forehand down the line superbly. He was brutally dominating all his opponents.

Djokovic on the other hand, had a relatively comfortable run to the final making very few unforced errors and attacking the ball relentlessly; his movement and recovery being second to none.

So, what did Djokovic do in the final? I don't know anyone who really saw that type of result coming?

## Djokovic's game plan was ingenious.

What happened? Djokovic took away Nadal's strength of position completely and said 'I am going to play his strength, his forehand. However, I am going to make him play it from the left-hand side or ad side, which he hasn't done the whole tournament and make him hit crosscourt forehands and many more backhands.' He completely changed the playing style of Nadal, who as we all saw, just had no comeback game and looked despondently at his coaches consistently saying, 'What can I do?' Djokovic also returned Nadal's serve consistently down the middle of the court giving him no angles to work with and he returned Nadal's serve with amazing depth and accuracy. Also, and importantly, he served to his spots with great precision and variety.

As I have talked about in previous Courtsides, this is the difference between the elite players and the rest. On the practice court, you could have a player ranked 500 in the world and a top 5 player and you really wouldn't see any difference in the strokes and ability to hit the ball. However, it's the ability of the top 5 player to play not only the right shot at the right time, but also to have the belief that they are going to make the shot under pressure.

Djokovic's game plan was ingenious. He went out with a game style to make Nadal play a way that was so uncomfortable for him and made him change his whole game plan with relentless precision.

So, what is the learning here? Before going out on court, and this was obvious in many of the results at the recent Club Championships, you have to have a strategy!

You need to have an 'A' game plan that you really enjoy playing, then have the ability to really know/understand 'who is doing what to whom' during the points. If the game plan is working, know what it is, so that you can keep doing it. How many times do you see players 6-1 3-1 up then suddenly, they are 3-4 down and have no idea what just happened? Players need to understand why they are winning and why they are losing and be able to maintain what is working or adjust, if it is not working. This is so critical.

Mostly it is due to not understanding why they were winning- they were just playing, not understanding opponents' strengths and weaknesses. Players as said, need to have an 'A' game plan, but also need to understand that if this is not working then they need a 'B' & 'C' game plan which is either changing their game or their opponents', with an understanding of why.

In between points and game routines are critical for this analysis to be effective. Unfortunately, if you are relying on a 'Bash and Crash' approach to your tennis as many of our young players do, consistent results at the top level will be unachievable.

There have been some really encouraging results from some of our juniors and we are really looking forward to following their journey. Congratulations to Andrew Whittington as our new Club Champion and to Belinda Woolcock - both extremely worthy winners. ■

### MASTER CLASSES

**For any Club Member interested, in the coming**

months we will be informing you of some one-off Master Classes in:

- ▶ **Movement patterns:** Understanding the techniques of the best movers on tour and how you can apply these techniques to your game.
- ▶ **Strategy:** What is your 'A' game and how to analyse what is happening in matches before it's too late and developing different strategies via the effective use of 'in between point and game routines.'
- ▶ **Specificity of fitness:** Developing specific training methods tailored to tennis players of all levels and ages using tera bands, your own body weight and rebounders.

*Please call the Proshop for all your coaching needs on 9824 6860.*

# 2019 Squash Championships

As always the squash courts were a flurry of activity during our Club Championships, held over two weekends in February.

**W**e kicked off with the doubles pool rounds and these are fast becoming our most popular event for participants and spectators having debuted at last year's event. Sam Ejtemai and Darcy St John were simply too strong in the Open event while Christopher Pon and Andre Lynn teamed up to win the Graded title.

In singles, the usual suspects cruised through to the semi-finals and there we saw several upsets, leading to an exciting day of finals on the last Sunday. Notable results included the Men's Open going to Cam White in perhaps his most dominant outing since joining the Club. Selena Shaikh took out the Women's Open achieving an ambition she's held since joining the Club as a scholarship player over a decade ago.

...Cam White in perhaps his most dominant outing since joining the Club



## RESULTS

- ▶ **Men's Open:** Cameron White def. Darcy St John — 11-0, 11-3, 11-3
- ▶ **Women's Open:** Selena Shaikh def. Eishaanii Sukunesan — 11-2, 11-6, 11-4
- ▶ **Women's Graded:** Wendy Pattenden def. Josephine Van Dort — 11-3, 11-6, 11-5
- ▶ **Grade One:** Grant Lubofsky def. Jacob Oates — 11-9, 4-11, 12-14, 11-6, 11-9
- ▶ **Grade Two:** Anthony Langford def. Toby Tomlin — 11-9, 2-11, 11-3, 1-11, 11-6
- ▶ **Grade Three:** John Piccolo def. Nathan Feldman — 11-9, 11-9, 11-9
- ▶ **Grade Four:** David Althaus def. Fergus Calwell — 11-7, 11-9, 11-7
- ▶ **Grade Five:** Colin Cruickshank def. Richard Bowman — 5-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-4, 13-11
- ▶ **Grade Six:** Josephine Van Dort def. Bill Dubsy — 10-12, 9-11, 12-10, 11-8, 11-9
- ▶ **Junior Boys:** Dylan Molinaro def. Alex Baines — 8-11, 14-12, 11-4, 11-8
- ▶ **Junior Girls:** Eishaanii Sukunesan def. Jananii Sukunesan — 11-5, 11-3, 11-4
- ▶ **Open Doubles:** Sam Ejtemai / Darcy St John def. Tate Norris / Dylan Molinaro — 15-13, 15-12
- ▶ **Junior Doubles:** Andre Lynn / Christopher Pon def. Eishaanii Sukunesan / Jananii Sukunesan — 15-4, 15-5 ■



- 1 Eishaanii Sukunesan, Jananii Sukunesan, Andre Lynn & Christopher Pon
- 2 Wendy Pattenden & Josephine Van Dort
- 3 Josephine Van Dort & Bill Dubsky
- 4 Dylan Molinaro & Alex Baines
- 5 Eishaanii Sukunesan & Jananii Sukunesan
- 6 David Althaus & Fergus Calwell
- 7 Richard Bowman & Colin Cruickshank
- 8 Anthony Langford



### Don't Miss Out - Squash Exhibition featuring Australia's Top Players

We're excited to host an exhibition between Australia's top two male players of the past decade, Ryan Cuskelly and Cameron Pilley.

- **Ryan Cuskelly:** With a current world ranking of 17, he joined the PSA World Tour in 2006 and has won 25 titles in that time. His highest world ranking is 13.
  - **Cameron Pilley:** Currently ranked 27, Cameron has been as high as world number 11. He attended the Australian Institute of Sport on a squash scholarship from 2001 and is known for his hard hitting, having broken the record for hitting a squash ball (281 km/h).
- Held on Thursday June 6th, with activities starting from 5pm, the match will start at 7.15pm and there will be limited reserved seats available. These can be packaged together with a dinner hosted by the players.

An exclusive clinic will be held before the match. Players will be able to pair with someone of a similar level to purchase only 4 available slots.

#### Agenda

<b>5.00-6.00pm</b>	Clinic - 4 CRTs, 8 players in pairs
<b>6.10-6.45pm</b>	Fast 5 - Each player will be challenged to play 6 x 5 min blocks vs KLTC scholarship players
<b>7.15 -8.00pm</b>	Exhibition
<b>8.30-10.00pm</b>	Dinner

*If you'd like to participate in the clinic or attend the event, please contact Mike Wilkinson on [mikelwilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:mikelwilkinson@gmail.com)*



### KOOYONG'S CHRISTINE NUNN MAKES

### WAVES AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**The PSA World Championships were held in February in Chicago and the event was notable for its commitment to equal prize money in Men's and Women's draws and offering US \$1 million- the largest prize pool in squash history.**

In the Women's draw, Kooyong players represented 2/3 of Australia's participants with Christine Nunn and Sarah Cardwell both doing us proud. Christine in particular had a sensational event, beating World No. 22 Mariam Metwally of Egypt 3-0 in her first round before going down to World No. 2 Nour El Sherbini. To our knowledge, this is the best result from a KLTC squash scholarship holder since the program began. ■



## Health Club

**Would you like a little variety in your workout? If you** need a change of pace, try including Aqua Aerobics. It may reignite your passion & enthusiasm. Exercising in water can be every bit as intense as exercising on land, and studies show it offers equivalent benefits. Water workouts are low to no impact, excellent for cardiovascular fitness, strength training, fat burning, and particularly good for rehab. Here is an insight, into the Aqua Aerobics at Kooyong, from the participants.

I am part of a happy group who gather together at Kooyong for classes in Aqua Aerobics. Having joined the class just after the new pool was installed, I feel well qualified to tell you that I have received tremendous benefit from these wonderful low-key exercises. We call ourselves "The Aqua" and meet on Wednesdays and Fridays. Classes commence at 9.30 am and continue for about 45 minutes.

Mary, our loving and caring teacher to instruct us and perhaps offer an exercise solution for aches or pains. Some girls come along for after care help after knee or hip operations.

So we take our places in the pool, careful to get a good view of Mary as she takes us through the warm-up exercise. Standing in water a little below shoulder height, we do arm and leg movements getting the circulation going and ending with a few high kicks. Next we get much more energetic with the introduction of "kick-boards" or "exercise noodles". The boards are plain sailing but the noodles have minds of their own! Imagine trying to stand on one under water. It's a balance exercise but tends to tip one over. Each little set ends with "Rock and Roll" – not a dance but rocking and rolling.

The boom-boom music which accompanies us suddenly changes to something soothing and it is time to cool down. A bit more balance a brief quiet moment and it is over. We are blessed with a feeling of well-being. It is time for a quick shower then coffee in the Bistro. It is a happy gathering of those who used to come, those who do and those who might. You can come either or both days. You are sure of a friendly welcome.

*by Joan Layet*

## With Mary's expert guidance, we can individually push ourselves to achieve better fitness...

**"Aquababes" (or is that "Water Buffalos"?)** is the perfect exercise for someone like me who does not enjoy jogging around the block or swimming laps but wants to stay active and loves to frolic in the pool. At our twice-weekly Aqua Aerobics class we "pound the pavement", "pump iron" and exercise aerobically, all the while safely supported by the water. With Mary's expert guidance, we can individually push ourselves to achieve better fitness at an appropriate level, a real bonus in a class whose participants range from 50 to 90 years old. Now that's inspirational! For me "Aquababes" is a perfect combination of workout, music, pool, laughter, fitness, and friendship. We would love you to join us sometime soon to "test the water"!

*by Krista Bell*

**Our fully qualified aqua teacher Mary works all of us** to our maximum ability. We feel the benefit of getting our heart rate up, stretching out & working our arms, legs, tummies with relaxing support of the water.

This is a friendly invitation – Please come along & join us. We hope to see you there.

*by Jannece Booth*

*Members interested in weight loss, strength and conditioning, injury rehabilitation, general fitness, massage, group exercise classes, & personal training. Contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull on 0419 003 762 / 9038 7145. ■*



# Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

by Jean Burgess, President Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

**At the end of 2018 our 80th Anniversary was suitably** celebrated with executive members from the Royal Children's Hospital joining us at a small Cocktail Party at Kooyong. 2019 commenced with our AGM on 11th February.

## The following Committee were elected:

**Patron:** Lisa Carew

**President:** Jean Burgess

**Vice President:** Jenny Booth

**Secretary:** Deb Elrington

**Assistant Secretary:** Lyn Wheat

**Treasurer:** Denise Cosgriff

**Assistant Treasurer:** Sally Barton

**Tournament Convenor:** Lyn Wheat (assistant Jenny Booth)

**Committee:** Marie Devereux, Caroline Hill, Genevieve Barnett and Denise Bartlett.



Joan Layet, one of our "Living Treasures" who has served on our Committee for 25 years sadly submitted her resignation. Joan served as President and Assistant Secretary and organised our Annual Tennis Day for many years. Congratulations and thank you Joan on your amazing achievements. You will be sadly missed at our meetings, but we will look forward to seeing you around the Clubhouse enjoying your Bridge.

Our first function for the year was the Annual Tennis Day, on Monday 4th March, attended by 300 guests in glorious conditions after four days of extreme heat. We were sad to receive a few cancellations from some of our country guests who were unable to make the journey due to road closures and cancellation of trains in Gippsland caused by the bushfires.

Special thanks to Lyn Wheat, Jenny Booth, our supportive committee, the Pro Shop, Cedric Mason, and the management and staff of Kooyong for the part they played in making this a wonderfully successful event. We raised a grand total of \$19,000 to pass on to the Royal Children's Hospital.

Our next function will be the first of our two Card Days on 1st May (Ticket Secretary: Genevieve Barnett - 0412 336 489)

Future Events for 2019: Card Luncheon - Wednesday 1st May, Christmas in July Luncheon - Sunday 21st July, 2nd Card Day - Wednesday 11th September, and Trivia Night - Friday 18th October.

We are looking forward to the challenge of making 2019 a record year of fundraising for the Royal Children's Hospital. ■

## THE ANNUAL LADIES DOUBLES

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT

**Our first charity Tennis Day was conducted on 26**

March 1962. It has been held each year since, except for the drought and water restriction years of 1968 and 1969 (It was held at Glen Iris Valley in 1969).

Always raising the largest amount from a single event run by our auxiliary, the initial cost of tickets was one pound, including lunch, with the committee providing and serving the lunches for many years.

Today we are very fortunate to have our Kooyong staff provide both the lunch and wonderful administrative support; nonetheless, our committee members continue to bake biscuits for morning tea. For many years Slazenger donated a racquet as the major prize, and to this day, Cedric Mason generously donates racquets and covers for prizes. Since 1998 the Pro Shop has donated excellent prizes for the event's raffle.

Most years have seen the tournament sell out with well over 300 players, many from the country, particularly Echuca and Bacchus Marsh. Edna Lavell and Joan Layet lovingly and ably administered this tournament for many years. Both were named 'Living Treasures' of the RCH. I am indebted to Joan for her wonderful mentoring.

**Lyn Wheat**

**Tennis Tournament Convenor**



# Wine & Food Society

by Leanne Parer, President Wine & Food Society

**The Society's End of Year Dinner was a wonderful** event, made even more special with Australian legend Stephanie Alexander AO as our guest. Stephanie was a passionate speaker, sharing stories of her food journey, her restaurants and writings, and her pet project, 'The Kitchen Garden Foundation'. Stephanie expressed gratitude to the Society for our contribution to the Foundation.

To accompany the special occasion, Chris Goulding and his team presented a menu splashed with champagne. We

We were greeted with canapés and a French bubbly, which always ensures a good start to an evening.

were greeted with canapés and a French bubbly, which always ensures a good start to an evening. An entrée of Sashimi of tuna (paired with a Sémillon and a Chardonnay), followed by a rolled chicken with a delightful champagne beurre blanc (augmented by a Pinot and a Shiraz), and then a dessert of a light plum consommé with fresh summer fruits and a champagne sorbet, enjoyed with a luscious Botrytis. The wines selected by Patrice Renaudin and the WFS wine team enhanced the overall enjoyment of the evening.

Chris Brown (CEO) acknowledged and thanked the WFS for the Food and Beverage Scholarship, contributing to the continuing professional development of the Kooyong food and beverage staff.

For the AGM in February 2019, we saw some changes to Committee personnel and reviewed another enjoyable and successful Wine and Food Society year. The highlight of the evening was the tasty charcuterie and cheese with wine tasting provided by Katnook Estate.

The March dinner, Tastes of Western Australia, held in the Racquet Club was a sell out. Chris Goulding developed a menu of classic WA fare and flavours such as a succulent butter poached marron and a White Rocks veal cutlet with a herb and (the highly prized) black truffle crust. The WFS wine team and Patrice Renaudin worked together to pair

AROUND THE CLUB



▲ Special guest for the evening Stephanie Alexander AO, with Kris and Julianne Wheat.

▲ Elwyn Nania was one of 2 lucky guests to win a WFS Wine and Food Hamper (created by Marie Baker).

wines from the world-class WA region with our meal, for a memorable dining experience.

The May dinner will be at the Melbourne Lyceum Club, which sits just off the top end of Collins St. The Club (est.1912) was modelled on the London Lyceum Club (est. 1904). In April 2018 Her Excellency The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria, officially opened the beautiful new floor, including dining area - this will be the venue for our dinner on Friday May 17. Keep an eye out for further details. ■



▼ Rob Nurse and Deb Fogarty.

▲ Rick Gaylard and Doug Bell at the KLTC Congress.  
◀ KLTC Team dinner on the Gold Coast.  
▶ Chris Purbrick and James Tulloch.



# Bridge Club

by Lauren Sanford

In November 2018, the KLTC Bridge Club held its annual Congress, the competition event at which we showcase Kooyong and its facilities to the outside world of top bridge players. Congratulations to Rick Gaylard and Doug Bell, the top KLTC pair, who came 8th in the field of 52 pairs, and great to see many KLTC pairs participating. Thanks to Kooyong for a wonderful meal and excellent staff service as always.

What a night was had to finish the 2018 year! On Tuesday 18th December, 120 members of the Bridge Club joined together for a night of festivities followed by a relaxed game of bridge. Before the Christmas feast, we were entertained by a fabulous show of swing dancing by our very own KLTC receptionist, Genevieve Wallis Best and her dance partner. Wow! Didn't that start the night with toe-tapping fun, not to mention Christmas jokes from the President, Rob Nurse, and from Sunshine Girl Jenny Biggin, who was thanked for all her care and consideration for members of the Bridge Club.

Congratulations to our 2018 trophy winners. Deb Fogarty won the Open Trophy for the second year in a row – a popular and well-deserving winner. Coming in second and third respectively were Susan Douglas and Maria Campbell. The Penny Purbrick Trophy was presented by Chris Purbrick to James Tulloch, the quiet achiever, followed closely by Barbara Carter and Pip Liebelt. Well done to all our winners and place-getters.

In February, a number of members visited the Gold Coast to play in the large Gold Coast Congress and had a wonderful time including a KLTC team dinner one night. Congratulations to all participants on some excellent results. Fiona Trescowthick and Sarah Acton came 1st in the Novice C Final. Rick Gaylard

and Maria Campbell came 1st in the Thursday Walk-Ins. Anthea Gedge and Catherine Ng were seeded 52 in the 0-500 Masterpoints Swiss Pairs Section finishing 17th. Doug Hurrah and Diana Saul finished 20th in the A Final Restricted 100-300 mp event, while Susan Douglas and Christine Walker in the A Final Restricted event finished 28th.

We look forward to a year filled with activity, including the Sand Belt events in which teams compete socially against golf clubs including the Commonwealth, Yarra Yarra, Victoria and Woodlands Golf Clubs. The club also puts together competitive teams for bridge against RACV, RSY and MCC. If you are interested in playing for any of these teams we'd love to hear from you. Please refer to the Competitions page on the website. On Sunday May 5th, the club's own Pairs Championship for the Jim Borin Trophy is to be held. Members, please mark that date in your calendar. The club will also again be participating in the Australia Wide Novice Pairs event on the night of Tuesday May 28th.

Duplicate bridge sessions are held Monday afternoons, Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Supervised sessions are currently being held on Monday mornings starting at 9am, offering a great opportunity to less experienced players to improve your game. Thursday tutorials are given by Bill Jacobs before the Thursday morning session and are free and relevant for all players. Don't forget to book in for Bill's fun and informative lessons every second month either.

For further information or to join the KLTC Bridge Club, please visit the KLTC Bridge Club website at [www.bridgewebs.com/kltcbridge](http://www.bridgewebs.com/kltcbridge) or contact Rob Nurse, President, on 0418 848 486. ■



## Social Committee

by Jenny Silvers, Social Committee President

### Social Tennis and BBQ

On a clear and sunny Melbourne evening, Members and their guests enjoyed the round robin format of tennis on the grass courts which were looking lovely. After the tennis a leisurely BBQ on the terrace with Mike providing the music was perfect to watch the sun set on a glorious summer evening. This event is always our most popular function and gets sold out early. Thank you to Peter Tingate, Amy Sorger and Frankie Katz for organising the night's tennis.



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### HAPPY HOUR

After the summer holidays it was fun to catch up with old friends at our Happy Hour on Friday 1st February. Mike Daghish, who has a large following at Kooyong, entertained the crowd with his music. Our Happy Hours are always held in the Sir Norman Brookes Room where the Club provides good food and wine for our enjoyment. After a long week at work they are a perfect way to relax, unwind and enjoy some music.



### Christmas Soiree

The Social Committee finished the year on a great note with the Christmas Soiree held on Sunday 2nd December. The band “Gotcha 80’s Covered” entertained the crowd with our favourite 80s songs. The food was plentiful and dancing to the hits of the 80s was a great way to start the festive season. ■

#### SAVE THE DATE

**Friday 5th April:** A combined Social Committee and Squash Club Happy Hour.

**Sunday 5th May:** The annual Kooyong versus Royal South Yarra “Koots Cup” to be played at KLTC.

**Sunday 26th May:** Social Tennis Round Robin.

**Friday 26th July:** Happy Hour.

**Saturday 17th August:** Dinner Dance.

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

## April 2019

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| 5th  | President's Lunch           |
| 26th | Social Committee Happy Hour |

## May 2019

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| 1st  | Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Card Day  |
| 5th  | Social Committee KLTC v RSY Tennis Challenge  |
| 6th  | Bridge Jim Borin Championship                 |
| 8th  | Building Project Member Information Evening   |
| 12th | Mother's Day Buffet Lunch                     |
| 17th | Wine & Food Society Dinner at The Lyceum Club |
| 24th | Champions' Dinner                             |
| 26th | Social Committee Mixed Doubles Round Robin    |

## June 2019

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| 23rd | Junior Competition Presentation Night |
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## July 2019

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| 21st | Royal Children's Hospital Christmas in July Luncheon |
| 26th | Social Committee Happy Hour                          |
| 29th | 50 Year Member Induction                             |

\*all dates subject to confirmation



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# Mother's Day

## Gourmet Buffet Lunch

**The Kooyong Room : 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong**

**Sunday 12th May 2019 // 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**\$95 per adult // \$45 per child (3–10 years)**

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### INCLUDES:

Sparkling wine or fruit punch on arrival for all guests

Gourmet Buffet lunch with an array of hot and cold dishes

A dessert station accompanied by a chocolate fountain with fresh fruit  
and sweet treats to enjoy

Fresh floral centrepieces on each table to take home

Bookings close on Friday 3rd May 2019 (unless sold out). Booking forms available at reception or online at [www.kooyong.com.au](http://www.kooyong.com.au). Prices include GST. All bookings must be accompanied by appropriate payment.

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