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# St. Patrick's Tennis Club

President: Anthony Jackson

Secretary: Catherine Boulton

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024

### WELCOME:

President Anthony Jackson opened the meeting at 7:16pm.

### PRESENT:

As per Attendance Book

### APOLOGIES:

As per Attendance Book

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The president offered the members a few minutes to read the minutes of the previous AGM.

Moved Rosa Cirnigliaro  
Seconded Kevin Milesi  
That the minutes be accepted.  
Carried

### BUSINESS ARISING:

None

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members of St Patrick's Tennis Club,

Let me start this years' report by thanking the committee for another year of volunteering your time and energy to assist with the running of our parish tennis club. We will be moving to quarterly meetings, normally the third Wednesday of selected month commencing at 7:30pm.

It's after these meetings when the actions (To Do list) and extra time is devoted to doing the membership e-mails, collecting fees, organizing junior and senior teams, keeping the clubhouse and courts maintained, liaising with Tennis Victoria, preparing and distributing the minutes of the meetings, balancing the books and paying suppliers, ordering clubhouse supplies (balls & cleaning items), keeping the clubhouse clean and organizing both the mowing and garden maintenance inside our club's grounds.

A huge thank you to our incredible committee members for your time and professional skills. A special thank you to Kevin Milesi – our marvellous maintenance man- who attends to repairs and ongoing maintenance of clubhouse and

courts.

Being a tennis club, we pride ourselves on ensuring you our members have the best facilities. If any of you see areas of the club that need attention, we encourage you to communicate to any of your committee members. It is key to the health of our infrastructure that we all look out and share the desire to continuously maintain and improve our club.

Modernization and continuous improvement. The big news for our club is that courts 1 and 2 were resurfaced in November 2023. Below is a picture of what the new synthetic courts look like – two shades of green to really make the playing surface pop and assist with those close line calls.



We have seen high court utilization with all the weekend, midweek and weeknight competitions, as well as social hitting at other times and during the school holidays.

It has been very exciting to play on the new courts and we hope to reinstate the **Club Championships** on the new courts with a BBQ and club event in the future. This has always been a fun, family and social event in the past and we look forward to holding it again. Please keep an eye on the website and your inbox for dates and entry forms.

The locks were changed on the front entrance gate, side gate and glass door entrance to the downstairs clubhouse and a free key swap day was held for members with the old key. Remember, key holders must be a senior or family member and over 18 to have a key.

Throughout 2023, Chris Tregonning continued to coach our juniors. Chris and Phil Traggonning have been with our club for 15 years and decided at the end of 2023 to retire from coaching. Thank you, Chris and Phil for your contributions to the development of our juniors (*and some seniors*) on their tennis journey.

At the end of 2023 a new coach was appointed to commence in January 2024. Ottavio (Occy) Boron and coaches from Tournament Tennis will continue the high standard of coaching and hopefully attract new players to feed Junior competition and keep the sport of tennis a popular option.

Our membership is healthy and renewals are due from 1<sup>st</sup> July every year. We have an online renewal system that is very easy to use. Please support Rosa Cernigliaro, our excellent Membership Secretary, with prompt payments to reduce any chasing of funds.

We are all passionate about St Patrick's Tennis Club Mentone. Preserving our warm and friendly family values, continuously looking for minor improvements and focused on the next generation of members with the commitment to a healthy Juniors program now led by Occy Boron. We have had another amazing year in the juniors, and we are calling out for two extra junior players' parents to join the committee.

One parent for the new position on the committee, [Member Protection Information Officer](#) and a second parent as committee member to assist with the juniors' program.

As mentioned at the 2023 AGM, after eight (8) years as president, it is time to vacate the position between now and the 2024 AGM. Providing 12 months' notice will allow us to find a replacement to guide our club on the next phase of its existence. Ideally, our new president would start in December this year and I can mentor this person into the role. It's important for any business or club to have a succession plan.

It has been an honour to be President and work with such an enthusiastic committee. Seeing a high utilization of our club's facilities and the success of the juniors' competitions has been a highlight. So please think about what you can do for our club – it's very rewarding and giving back to your local community and parish makes for a better world.

A few other committee members are also ready to pass the baton to the next team of volunteers.

So, members, stay tuned for the club championships and please think about joining the St Patrick's Tennis Club Committee.

Happy tennis times ahead.

Best Regards,  
AJ

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

#### 2023- 2024

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| Bank Balance | \$28,890 | Last year | \$95,698 |
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| Cash at Bank | \$13,334 |
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| Term Deposit | \$15,548 |
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Moved \$67,000 from Term Deposit on 21/09/2023 to pay the balance of the new courts.

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| Income   | \$34,396 | Last year | \$33,773 | Not much change                   |
| Expenses | \$57,829 | Last year | \$45,590 | See General Repairs/Court Upgrade |

- Cleaning of Clubhouse gutters \$ 1,080
- New Locks & Keys for Members \$ 4,317
- Court Upgrade \$73,725

As discussed last year we no longer have a key deposit liability so \$5,875 was moved back into Income.

Provision for Court Resurfacing has been allocated by the accountant showing we now have a deficit of \$23,433 for 2024.

Thank you to Stephen Campbell again for conducting the audit and assisting me in any queries. I thank all the hard work by the committee, who give up their time to help keep the club running.

Leanne Vearing.  
Treasurer.

Moved: Michelle Brinkley  
Seconded: Catherine Boulton  
That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried

### **JUNIORS REPORT**

Since taking over the Coaching Program from Chris at the beginning of 2024, the numbers have been steady. I have been able to condense the Coaching Program to 3 days and incorporate groups classes and Squads. We hope to create an atmosphere with multiple pupils when lessons are on. This in turn should entice them to play competition in the future.

Below are results of the last completed season of Junior Competition. All teams did an amazing job. We hope in the future to get team photos on social media.

A massive well done to all the players and parents during the season.

#### **Sunday Morning Junior Competition** **Bayside Regional Tennis Association Feb – June 2024**

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| Section 6 finished 6 <sup>th</sup>             | Section 8 finished 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Section 15 finished 3 <sup>rd</sup>            | Section 19 finished 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| Section 23 Green ball finished 8 <sup>th</sup> |                                     |

### **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE:**

The following were nominated for Executive Committee positions

President: Anthony Jackson  
Vice President: Geoff Harrison  
Treasurer: Leanne Vearing  
Secretary: Catherine Boulton

They were elected unopposed.

The following were nominated for General Committee

Michelle Brinkley, Kevin Milesi, Lisa Lam, Rosa Cirnigliaro, Emma Doble

2 vacant positions  
They were elected unopposed.

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:**

Moved: Michelle Brinkley  
Seconded: Catherine Boulton  
That Stephen Campbell be appointed auditor  
Carried

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

David Boulton raised the idea that the school be approached to promote membership of the club. One suggestion was to ask if they could add a club membership option at the bottom of the school fees each year.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION:**

1. That the quorum for Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings be reduced from 25 adult financial members to 15 financial members  
Moved: Kevin Milesi  
Seconded: Lisa Lam
2. That the monthly meeting be held once a quarter at a minimum with additional meetings to be held more often as required,  
Moved: Kevin Milesi  
Seconded: Catherine Boulton
3. That Mandi Mackey be nominated as a Life Member.  
Nominated: Tony French  
Seconded: Rosa Cirigliaro

In would like to nominate Mandi Mackey to be recognised as a Life Member of the St Patricks Tennis Club. Mandi over many years looked after the clubs Juniors. Also, she was the Club Captain again for several years . Mandi also helped organised the Club Championships events, which were always very successful  
In nominating Mandi, I feel that with all the activities she participated in over many years she deserves to be recognised by elevating her to the Life membership.  
I apologise for not being here tonight in person, but I must attend a regional St Vincent de Paul Society meeting tonight.  
I hope that that this nomination meets with your approval, for a worthy recipient.

Tony French

4. That Graham Guilieri be nominated as a Life Member.  
Nominated: Claire McMahon  
Seconded: Anthony Jackson

Graham designed the tennis clubhouse in 1981. Like many of his jobs he did the whole design free of charge.

Amazingly Dad didn't actually play tennis but Mum and all of us 5 kids (all under 5) played regularly in those days. Mum was midweek ladies on a Wednesday and we all had lessons and played weekend competition. Dad's Kombi van could often be seen making the trips to away games, With unruly kids and tennis racquets hanging out the windows. No seatbelts of course, it was a different time!

Dad was very active at Mentone Preschool, on parents and friends for many years at Kilbreda and the scouts at St Patrick's hall. He continued to be involved in St Patricks Parish life including counting the collection money right up until he went in to care. Incredibly he performed this role for over 50 years!

As a civil engineer who offered his services to the community dad was often quick to put his hand up to assist - usually free of charge. As a devout Catholic his belief was always to help one another. He'd often do building design jobs and not accept payment telling Mum that the clients, "have 3 kids so need a bit of help." I'm not sure how well this went down with Mum as she ran around after her 5 kids under 5!

40 + years on, many families from the parish have enjoyed the social connections through the tennis club in the beautiful clubhouse designed by Dad. Like all of us, it is starting to show its age. Whilst dad can no longer assist with the design, I know he was very keen on the idea of installing a lift to help those who can no longer take to the court enjoy the facilities.

On behalf of Graham, and the whole Giulieri family, we thank you the committee and members for this honour. The St. Patricks Tennis Club has been, and continues to be, a big part of our lives.

Clare McMahon (Giulieri)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:53pm.