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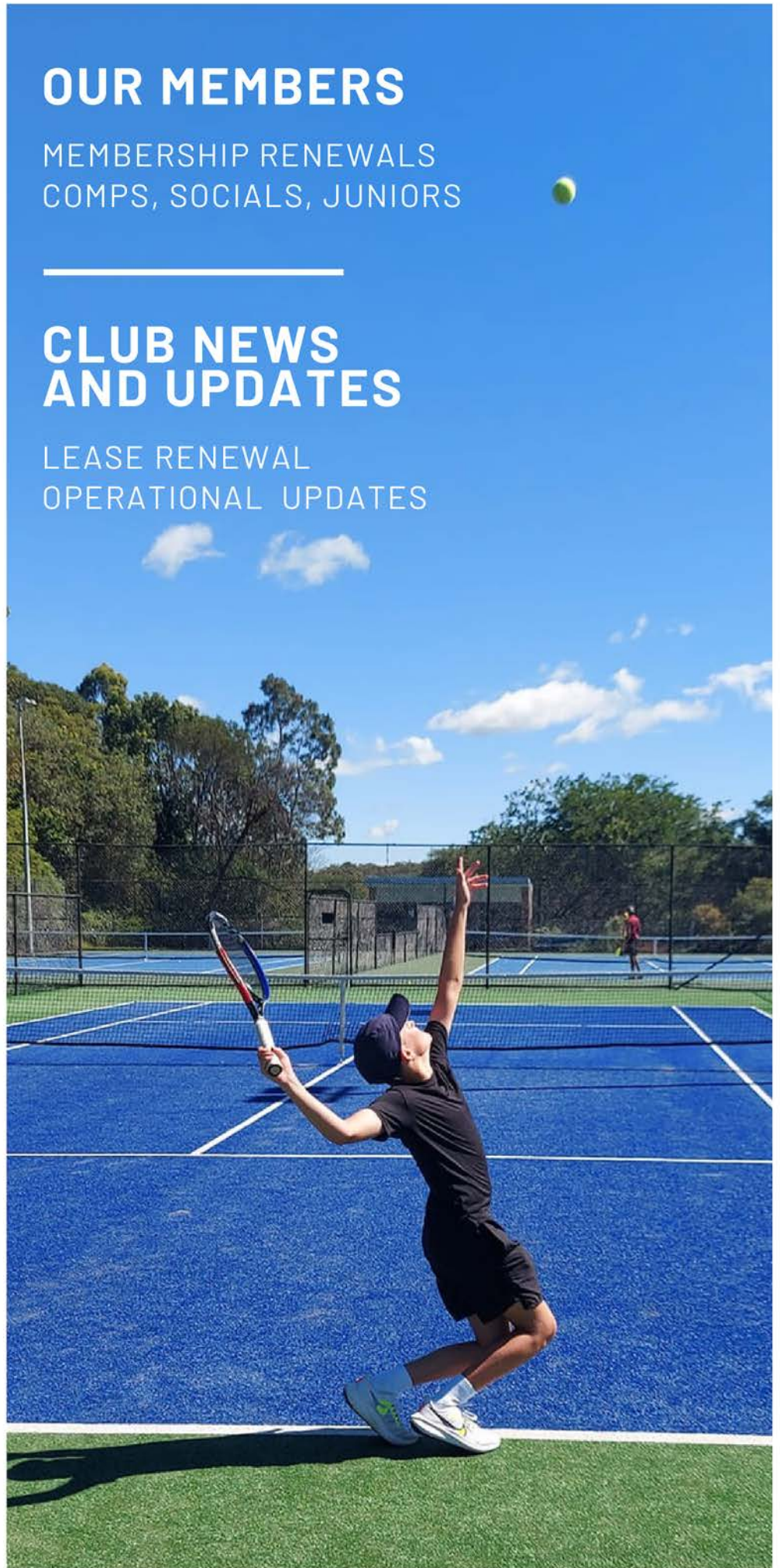
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MEET OUR NEW COMMITTEE



Ros Read
PRESIDENT



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**VICE-
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Lyall Pogue
TREASURER



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SECRETARY



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**GENERAL
MEMBER**



Theresa
Johnson
**GENERAL
MEMBER**



Stuart Hillier
**GENERAL
MEMBER**



Mike
Taheri Mehr
**GENERAL
MEMBER**



Our AGM in November 2023 saw new faces in the committee volunteer to represent the members of Superb Tennis on the committee.

Long time member and first-time committee member Ros Read has been appointed the role of President, replacing Eddy Watson who was required to step down via changes he initiated to the club's constitution.

Ros brings experience and skills in working with not for profits and councils to the role as well as a lifelong love of tennis.

Kaska Musial [Vice President], Lyall Pogue [Treasurer] are also new additions to the office bearer team. Both have been active members of the club for many years and bring a wealth of skill, knowledge and passion to the club's operations.

Thanks also go to Margaret Stirling [Secretary] for stepping up to an office bearing position from the role as a general committee member. Having served in this role in the past, Margaret brings a wealth of experience to this team.

Our general committee membership has remained largely unchanged with Stuart Hillier, Theresa Johnson, Laneth Bissett and Mike Taher Mehri continuing their contribution.

IN TENNIS

Following a successful phase of court and complex rejuvenation, our strategic plan's priorities have now begun to focus on the people.

Following an extensive review of operations, Superb Tennis will be using a new system at Mills Park and Berowra.

We have chosen to partner with Sports Logic to deliver systems that manage the courts, club, membership, coaching and point of sale.

Known as "InTennis", the application is used by over 300 venues in Australia with Mills Park and Berowra Tennis Centres using its full operations from July 1, 2024.

Whilst we cannot wait to deliver this new experience, we understand the impact change can have to some. The committee and operations team are confident that this change will bring positive differences to the club. The way we do things today will be different tomorrow. We are preparing to minimise the impact of that change as we work towards its implementation.



BARCLAY CONSULTING

As a result of the operational review, we have decided to cease our partnership with Barclay Consulting.

Roger and Beth Barclay have been supporting our operations since the early 2000s, providing an online court booking system, locking system, membership database and event registration for us and many of our neighbours in the tennis sphere.

Rogers' skills and knowledge in delivering hardware and software components to operators is respected at the highest levels of tennis and the IT industry. The Barclays have been on call 24/7/365 to support the club. No small effort and their assistance has been greatly valued and appreciated.

The Tennis BCS system we currently use is planned to cease live operations with Superb Tennis on July 1, 2024.

We want to thank the Barclays for their efforts and long-term support for the club. We continue to be advocates for their systems and look forward to seeing their business continue to show strength and value in a market they are clear leaders in.



COURT BOOKING AUTOMATION



Whilst Berowra Tennis Centre has had automated court access and lights for a while, Mills Park has been quietly waiting its turn.

Commencing July 1, 2024, Mills Park will also deliver automated access and light controls to your online court bookings. This will provide a more streamlined approach to bookings and enable courts to be used at times when the centre is not currently open. Further details on how this will operate will be set out as we approach July 1.

Our Centre Management team will be monitoring the change in the first few weeks and assist with our transition.

The terms and conditions with which members and visitors book and use our courts will also be updated. We have recently seen a rise in:

- customers not paying before, during or after play
- customers using a different court to the one booked
- customers playing past their allotted booking period
- customers paying for courts and using/coaching not affiliated with Superb Tennis

These events impact YOUR CLUB and its ongoing feasibility. Strict and swift action will impact the members or guests that cannot adhere to the terms and conditions they agree to when purchasing court time. Our volunteer committee do not want to have to convene for disciplinary actions. Please support the club that supports you and do the right thing on site.

In addition, work to improve the security of the Berowra Tennis Complex is scheduled. Vandalism, negligence and apathy from court users at Berowra has led to significant numbers of our customers using our facilities without paying. This has an impact on the ability of your club to function as needed. Your help in ensuring that the security gates and court hire are properly used, is fundamental to the ongoing viability of the Club.

WARRANTY CLAIMS

Superb Tennis have invested in extensive capital works for courts, lights, hardware, court re-surfacing and other non-fixed assets in the past year or two.

We are currently working through warranty claims on:

- .LED lighting at Berowra
- .Hardcourt re-surfacing at Mills Park and
- .EV charging station at Berowra

We will update you with our efforts as they occur. We are working to find amicable solutions as quickly as possible to these outstanding issues.

LEASE RENEWAL

Hornsby Shire Council have granted an extension to our lease for a period up to 1st of July 2025. Whilst this was good news, we are preparing our case to renew the leases for a full term already.

The lease renewal has been delayed for a number of centres within Hornsby Council area and we anticipate the tender for lease renewal will be opened within the next year.

We need the help of members and stakeholders of the club to assist in presenting the best case possible. If you would like to help, drop us a line, you might be surprised how your skills could help us get the result we all want.





Membership Renewals/ Fees & Charges

Our annual review of membership fees has been completed. The committee resolved to increase the fees for annual membership by \$10 for the coming financial year to:

\$70.00 for Adults | \$50 for Seniors and Juniors.

This is the first increase in 5 years with due consideration for inflation, budgeting and forecasts being prepared for the coming year. To obtain the benefits of being a member, we are asking members to renew for the 2024/ 2025 season before July 1, 2024. Access to member benefits WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE without this payment.

Membership provides the following benefits

Membership to:

- Superb Tennis Membership for the year
- Tennis Australia Membership for the year
- Tennis NSW membership for the year
- Sports Injury Cover via Tennis Australia for the year
- Universal Tennis Rating System

Member Rates for:

- Court hire
- Balls, ball machines & social fixtures
- Superb Tennis & HKDTA Merchandise
- Pro Shop tennis equipment

Discounts, early access or free tickets to some Tennis Australia delivered events

Access to:

- Participation in weekly club competitions
- Participation in club championships
- Participation in interclub, regional, state and national competitions
- Members only website features
- Participation in the Platinum, Permanent Hire or group rates
- Early registration to kids holiday camps
- Priority queuing and access to coaching. [Individual and groups]
- Competitive player profile assistance

We will have dedicated times in June to assist you at Mills Park and Berowra to ensure you can complete registration quickly and easily. Times and dates to follow soon.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Monday Ladies Summer Comp finals will be played on 20 May. Next comp scheduled to start on 27 May.

Monday Quick Mix – Halfway through the initial rounds of play. New teams are creating fresh energy and the weather has been kind. Next comp scheduled to start in July.

Tuesday Open and Doubles Comps – Solid start to these competitions with the Division 1 table in a tight tussle already, Div 2 seeing fresh faces invigorating the energy and our doubles comp providing solid banter and play as we alternate partnerships each week.

Next Doubles comp scheduled to start on 7 May. Register your interest with Tim ASAP.

Next Open Competition due to start on 18 June.

Wednesday Ladies – Our Autumn/Winter comp has started and will be running until July.

Thursday Mixed – Congratulations to “Aces” as winners of the last competition. A new Autumn comp has started is scheduled to finish end of June.

Friday Juniors – With the division of primary and secondary kids completed, we see more opportunity for competitive play and longer court time for the juniors to hone their skills. Term 2 comp will start on Friday 3rd of May. Returning players are invited to re-join here. New players are invited to be graded during week 1 of the school holidays by contacting Tim to arrange a time.

SYDNEY BADGE 2024

A disappointing lack of interest in playing Badge Tennis this season has again seen the logo missing from courts around Sydney. A concerted effort to field a team for 2025 has commenced.

100-year Anniversary of NSW Hardcourt Associations Interdistrict Competition
We only have a short time before entries to our interdistrict competition closes. Ages 10 & above can enter age-based competition with your friends from Mills Park & Berowra. Our 10 & Under Girls were magnificent in their efforts last year and we would love to see more players wearing the bird around town.

Contact Tim if you are interested.

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Coaching

What a month or two to be a Superb Tennis Member!!

Congratulations firstly to Jordan and Stephen Thompson on Jordan's first ATP Tour title. Beating Casper Ruud in the singles, Jordan went on to win the doubles semi final then doubles final in the same night. A massive effort that sees a solid place inside the world's top 50 players.

Many of us have been inspired by this effort with resilience, self-belief, persistence and a can do attitude being at the forefront of our minds as we celebrate the achievement. Other strong results we have seen from our playing group of late including Sava, Pavle, Vesna, Renee Maria & Seb.

NSW Hardcourt Association

We send our condolences to the Pedersen family upon the passing away of long time secretary of the association Stan Pedersen. An active advocate for Tennis for over 50 years, Stan was instrumental in the achievements Hardcourt have made over the years. He will be missed.

The NSW Hardcourt Association's 100 year celebration will be held on Sunday June 16th this year from 1pm-4pm at the Waterview Function Centre at Bicentennial Park Homebush and we have been invited to arrange a "club" table to the party. \$100.00 gets you a seat to a celebration - [almost] as good as our 100 year celebration last year.

See Tim or Beate if you are interested in joining the club for a special afternoon of celebration with special guests. Please respond quickly so that the table can be finalised.

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Social Tennis

No rain and pleasant conditions have seen strong numbers to the Wednesday evening and weekend afternoon socials. With numbers comes depth of players which provides better tennis. All ages from competent beginner to aspirational professionals have graced the courts these past few weeks. Pop down and see what the fuss is about.

Wednesday from 7pm – 30min sets, \$15 for members

Saturday from 2pm during daylight savings and 1pm when the days get shorter. \$15 for members

Community Service

We want to highlight some of the achievements and efforts of some of those in the community. If you have a group interested in using our facilities to meet, play or celebrate, drop us a line.

Kids Holiday Camps

The April Kids Holiday camps were a great success with good participation from children aged 4-15 making friendships, getting some outdoor exercise and developing their love of the game.

If you are interested in the next camps either here or Berowra in July, please let Stephen, Trevor or Tim know.

Staffing

Superb Tennis are undergoing significant work to ensure your tennis experience is safe, healthy and enjoyable. The team in front and behind the scenes do a great job of making this happen for you each week but we still need your help.

We are looking to bring people on site and assist in delivering at Asquith and Berowra Tennis Centres on a casual basis each day of the week.

If you have skills indoors or outdoors, sales to data entry, we may have an opening for you.

We also would love to expand our coaching offerings. If you are qualified or keen to get qualified, get in touch. Superb Tennis might be your next career step.



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*With thanks and best wishes,
From the Superb Tennis Team*

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