



Hornsby Kuring-Gai District Tennis Association Inc

2017/18 Annual Report

Committee

President	Marc C. Donnelly	Vice President	Eddy Watson
Secretary	Robyn Flood/Ian Westmoreland	Treasurer	Tristan Conybeare
Committee Members	Laneth Bissett, Mai Donnelly, Lynda Fox, Matthew Noone, Steve Thompson,		

Competition Secretaries

Monday Ladies	Theresa Johnson & Beate Seiler
Monday Night Mixed	Margaret Stirling / Marc C. Donnelly
Tuesday Night Men's	Mai Donnelly
Wednesday Ladies	Beate Seiler
Thursday Night Mixed	Mai Donnelly
Friday Night Junior	Lindy Enge

Social event co-ordinators

Wednesday evening	Mai Donnelly
Saturday afternoon	Stuart Hillier
Sunday afternoon	Mai Donnelly

Head Coaches

Mills Park	Steve Thompson
Berowra	Trevor Hodge

HKDTA Staff & major contractors

Office Manager	Beate Seiler
Mills Park	Marc & Mai Donnelly Pty Ltd
Auditor	William Kang

Friday Juniors	Lindy Enge, Corinne Mack
Berowra	Trevor Hodge
Facilities Leases	Hornsby Council



Some of our Sunday Social players.

Reports

President

Another year has gone past and again I'm watching the US Open and trying to write the presidents report for the last year gone by. Time flies when you are having fun. Beate is breathing down my neck (as usual) to finish this report that I've barely started.

We've managed to keep the club on a steady financial keel, thanks to Tristan, Beate & Eddy. Our traditional weekday/weeknights competitions are holding their own, but our juniors are diminishing (any good ideas out there? How about some weekend Sat/Sun comps – parents & children?).

Our InterDistrict teams are doing very well and we look forward to the final results in the coming weeks.

We have a group of players that wish to take the club into the next decade with a fresh technological

direction, and since I'm not wishing to hinder their attempt, I have decided to step aside and refocus on running Mai's and my own businesses (Marques Driving School and the Pro-Shop).



I am very grateful and offer my sincere thanks to all the committee and association members that have supported me over the last 10 or so years. Thank you Eddy for your friendship and ethical assistance in recent years. As I have neglected my Princess Mai, my business and my residence for many years, I am sure I will be busy catching up.

Yours in tennis,

Marc C. Donnelly



The 2017 "Festival of Tennis" raised \$2,000 for Hornsby Hospital. The cheque was presented to Ms Lynda Fox from Hornsby hospital by Marc Donnelly as well as Ms Rosemary Stevens & Ms Alison Johnston from Westleigh Tennis Centre



The 2017 "Festival of Tennis" raised \$2,000 for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. The cheque was presented to Ms Kiki Paul from the Shelter by Marc Donnelly & Ian Westmoreland.

Secretary

Hello Mills Park and Berowra Tennis Centre members and visitors. Over the past 12 months the HKDTA committee has continued to focus on improving the tennis experience for members and visitors to our centres with the following improvements carried out:



- ◆ Developed and implemented a new HKDTA website that goes live this month.
- ◆ Completed tree lopping and removal of algae at both centres.
- ◆ Installed air conditioning in the Mills Park pro-shop.
- ◆ Repaired the “Supersoppers” to aid removal of excess water from courts after rain.
- ◆ Purchased a defibrillator for the Mills Park centre and completed the associated training of several members.
- ◆ Issued a contract for additional ongoing cleaning of the Mills Park buildings.
- ◆ Continued ongoing court and surrounds maintenance of both centres.

Improvements underway to our centres include:

- ◆ Submitting a proposal to Hornsby Council for a major upgrade to security and court booking procedures at the Berowra Tennis Centre.
- ◆ Submitting a proposal to Hornsby Council to install recording CCTV in the Mills Park pro shop and upstairs clubhouse to improve the security and safety.

Meetings

Robyn Flood was re-elected Secretary at the 2017 AGM but resigned from this role for personal reasons on 14 Dec 2017. Ian Westmoreland moved from the General Committee into the Secretary position, and Laneth Bissett was appointed as a General Committee Member in accordance with article 25 of the HKDTA Constitution. The full Committee of HKDTA, as elected at the 2017 Annual General Meeting, has formally met six times throughout the year. In addition, the Office Bearers met five times. Committee members and their attendance at meetings are listed below:

	President	VP	Treasurer	Secretary	General Committee Members				
	Marc Donnelly	Eddy Watson	Tristan Conybeare	Robyn Flood/Ian Westmoreland	Laneth Bissett	Mai Donnelly	Lynda Fox	Matt Noone	Steve Thompson
Meetings eligible to attend	11	11	11	11	4	6	6	6	6
Meetings attended	11	11	10	11	4	6	6	6	3

The committee also completed the following miscellaneous activities:

- ◆ Updated the HKDTA’s General Competition Rules and specific rules for individual competitions.
- ◆ Donated \$2,000 to both the Hornsby Women’s Shelter and the Hornsby Hospital on behalf of the HKDTA and the Westleigh Tennis Club from the proceeds of the 24 hour tennis marathon.
- ◆ Implemented several initiatives to help promote tennis in the local area including:
 - ▶ Provided ‘Free Tennis’ vouchers as prizes to local schools and sporting clubs.
 - ▶ Offered sponsored tennis coaching to financially disadvantaged students at local schools.
 - ▶ Distributed ‘Come and Play Tennis with Us’ leaflets to local residents.
- ◆ Prepared a long term vision to establish a tennis “Centre of Excellence” in the Hornsby Area and presented this vision to the local NSW Government member and the Hornsby Mayor.
- ◆ Progressed a plan to seek commercial sponsorship of HKDTA activities.
- ◆ Revised the annual club championship format to hold many of the pool matches over one week.

Ian Westmoreland

Treasurer

HKDTA continues to survive well in a challenging environment. In our first full year with the new LED lights, operating cash profit grew by 10% to \$25k. Membership is also starting to recover, finishing the year at 430 (2017: 408)

Other key aspects of the result include:

- ◆ Operating revenue \$263k (+\$10k)
- ◆ Cash based expenses \$239k (+\$8k)
- ◆ Net current assets of \$58.8k (2017: \$38k)

A few smaller scale projects were undertaken last year, reflecting a modest increase in Repairs and Maintenance. Four courts were brushed and cleaned by professional contractors, baseline inserts laid on Court 1 and two super soppers restored to working condition. The association also procured a defibrillator

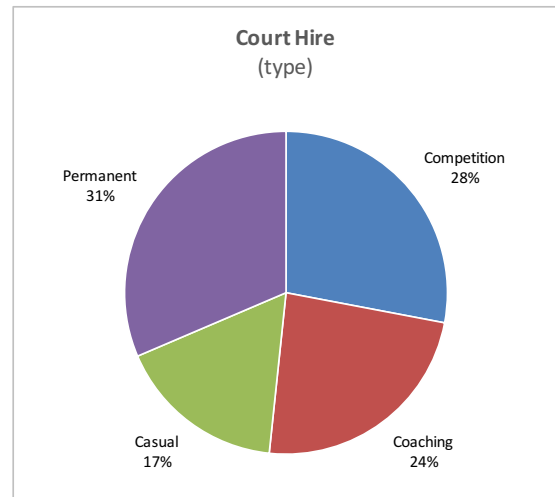
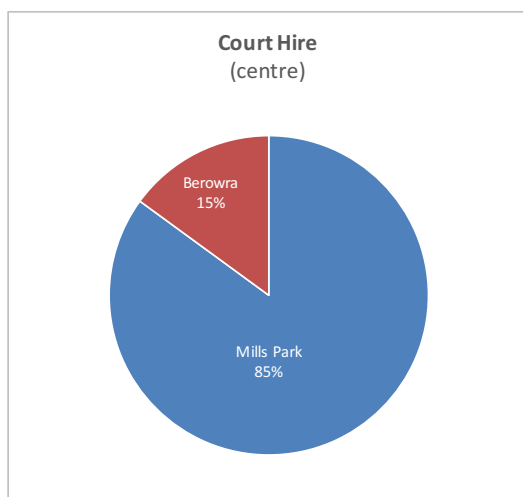
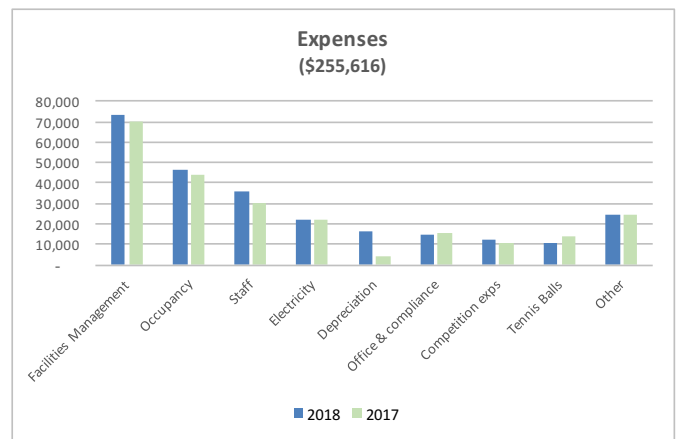
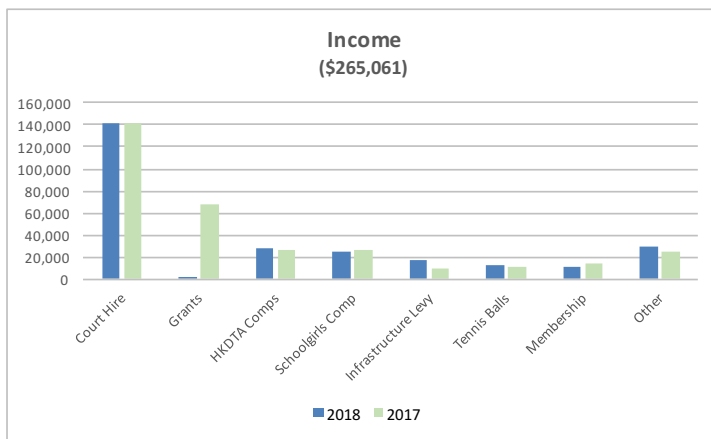
for \$2.5k with assistance 50% from the NSW State Government.

Revenue remains solid with some streams showing signs of growth. Most promising is court hire from coaching at Mills Park which rose by 9.5% to \$25.2k.

Despite some rise in Expenses, the majority are stable including electricity, office and competitions.

Below are a few charts illustrating our major income and expenses. Please see the financial statements for more details.

Tristan Conybeare



Thanks!!

Thank you Westleigh Tennis Club for your ongoing financial support of our HKDTA juniors!



Office

The 2017 Schoolgirls competition consisted of 163 teams and 738 girls playing in 21 divisions at 27 different venues. Participating schools were Ascham, Brigidine, Kincoppal, Loreto Normanhurst, Pymble Ladies College, Ravenswood, Monte, Roseville College, Kambala, SCEGGS, Loreto Kirribilli, Queenwood, St Catherine's & Wenona. St. Catherine's won the best overall school for 2017.

This competition is a good opportunity for some girls who haven't represented their school at a major tennis competition (IGGSA or Tildesley) to get a feel for the game without the pressure to win "at all costs".

Beate Seiler

Publicity & social

HKDTA finishes another year. There are routines such as maintenance of the club, courts bookings, competitions, social tennis.

The club and its committees always work very hard for the welfare of members, we try to register new ones to grow our club.

The pro shop is a money making machine for the club. Even, I take money in every day, but Marc Donnelly (our President) he makes sure everything adds up.

We both (Marc and I) have been serving this Association and its members since 1999. We always try to maintain tradition and history of this Association. This year, we'll have another Charity festival of tennis on 27th October, this year, all proceeds will be donated to the Women's Shelter.

Sunday mornings tennis fit, help to bring in new members and players to the club.

Sunday afternoon social tennis is a fun afternoon to relax and finish the weekend.

Wednesday night social has been running since 1999, it is a fun gathering for tennis and make new friends.

Mai Donnelly

Monday Ladies

Since our last AGM, the Monday Ladies Competition has been a challenge as we have lost a few ladies due to injuries and illness. We have trialed a different format, 2 players per team playing 3 double sets each, for our last summer comp (February – May). This was a success and we will keep this format for our future summer comps ONLY.



Currently we are playing our traditional format of 3 players per team playing 2 sets of doubles and a set of singles each. We have 8 teams i.e. 24 ladies plus additional 12-15 ladies in the pool. Our finals have been close with different winners and finalists each comp. A new comp will start on Monday, 17th September, new players are always welcome!

Beate and I would like to thank all the existing and new members to our competition for their support, commitment and friendship. Some of our ladies have been playing in this comp for over 20 years.

Good luck to everyone in the new comp!

Theresa Johnson



Christmas celebrations for the Monday Morning Ladies!

Monday Night Mixed

Monday night mixed comp teams consist of two ladies and two men playing each week. All our regular teams are fairly consistent in player quality now, and this makes for an exciting night of tennis every night and all teams are really enjoying good competition standard.

Monday Night Mixed Spring/Summer comp of 2017 consisted of 6 teams competing. We ran for 10 rounds, from October 2017 to March 2018. The winner of this comp was Westies and the runners up were Ice Breakers.

The Autumn comp ran for 10 rounds, from March to July, 2018 with 5 teams competing. The winner of this comp was Ice Breakers and the runners up were Ballistic.

Our current Winter competition commenced in July 2018 and we will play for 10 rounds through to October, 2018 with five teams.

My thanks to all the players who participated in Monday Night Mixed Comp over the past year and who make Monday nights a great way to kick-start the week.

I would also like to give a special note of appreciation for the ongoing assistance of Beate at HKDTA for her support, production of the draws and regular updating of weekly scores.

Finally, heartfelt thanks to Mai and Marc Donnelly at the HKDTA Cafe, who provide advice, help and good cheer every Monday night we play.

Margaret Stirling

Monday Night Short Mix

Monday Night Quick Mix Comp is now in its second year of operation and is continuing to grow in popularity and size. We now have two divisions and regularly have match ties so the standards are very equal and challenging. Alison Penn and Khairul Karim won the Winter Comp and are going strongly in the current comp. Long time member Peter Colyer and partner Dale Bevan are looking good to take Division 2. Each comp runs for approximately 10 weeks from 7.30pm to 9.15pm. It is a short and sweet comp, so come and join us for a good time.

Marc C. Donnelly

Tuesday Night Comp

Tuesday night comp is the strongest comp in the Association. There are 26 teams, they play out of 10 courts at Mills park and 2 courts from Berowra. This comp is a major financial contributor to this club, playing 3 comps a year.

Thank you players for all your support!

Mai Donnelly

Wednesday Ladies

The Wednesday Ladies Comp is still running with 2 Divisions, consisting 10 teams. We have 5 teams and a bye in each Division.

The 2017/18 Spring/Summer Comp started on the 23/8/17 and finished on the 28/2/18. In the finals we had Matchplay winning against Phoenix in Division 1 and Glenleigh winning against Horizons in Division 2.

The 2018 Autumn/Winter Comp started on the 7/3/18 and finished on the 8/8/18 as we replayed two wet matches. In Division 1 Lucinda defeated Spinners and in Division 2 Westleigh defeated Horizons. The new Spring/Summer 2018/19 comp started on the 15th August.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and help in the running of this comp, especially Mai. Also thank you so much to all our wonderful ladies who are supporting our game of tennis and helping me in filling out their forms and paying on time. Wishing everybody another fantastic year of tennis.

Beate Seiler



Thursday Night Mixed

There were 2 divisions of 6 teams each. It runs from mid February to August.

This current comp, there is only 1 division of 8 teams. It is sad to see most of our comp drop out in players. Probably, due to a harsh winter, people complain about too long of a night and they have to work the next day.

We just hope that players come back in summer. The new comp will start in October 18 2018, let's hope for more people joining in playing comp. If you know of anyone, please introduce them to our comp.

Mai Donnelly

Friday Juniors

Each school term HKDTA runs a Friday Night Junior Competition.

Usually teams consist of two players graded into Divisions according to ability. However due to falling numbers we are trialing other formations such as Round Robin matches and differing pairing of partners.

This requires more supervision.

Action is needed to increase junior participation in this lifetime sport! Perhaps changing the time slot might be helpful? Do you have any suggestions?

Thanks to all those involved in organizing and running the Junior Competition.

Lindy Enge

Coaches

Mills Park

The baselines on court 1 were resurfaced as they were starting to wear and becoming a danger to play on.

The JDS tournament in March was successful thanks to Marc-Mai, the committee and the volunteers that helped supervise.

A number of our juniors having lessons had a successful year, please see some highlights below including their ranking for their birth year:

Pavle Marinkov ranked no 1 in NSW.

Andre Filep Selected in the Australian U/13's team to tour Europe.

Anastasia Berezov selected in the Australian Junior Federation Cup Team and also achieving a WTA ranking at 14 years of age.

Bojana Marinkov ranked no 1 in NSW and Australia.

Nikita Volonski ranked no 3 in NSW.

Srijan Singh ranked no 6 in NSW.

Nicholas Devivo ranked no 5 in NSW.

Leo Phijidvijan ranked no 15 in NSW.

Elyana Moonen ranked no 12 in NSW.

Arjun Tomar won the Hawksbury Junior Open.

Miles Phijidvijan ranked no 2 in NSW.

Aarush Sethupathi won the NSW STL Competition at Homebush

Josh Galea Won 2 NSW 10/U Tournaments in the last year.

Looking forward to the coming year, I am excited about some new ideas that I have been developing and you will see being implemented with our whole coaching programme here at HKDTA.

Steve Thompson

Berowra

2018 has been a quiet year at the northern fringe, with very little happening.

The trees continue to grow and drop branches, despite council's tree "experts" telling us that "all the trees are healthy", and one on court 1 is about to grow over the lights which will then block out some light and present a fire risk!

We have some juniors keen to play in the Tuesday night comp and having filled in as reserves, find the finishing time much too late with their school load!

The feeling here amongst the local players is that they are neglected in comparison to Mills Park centre.

The old dead fridge has not yet been removed as was promised!

Trevor Hodge

Interdistrict

Congratulations to our Life Members Cup team who won their Interdistrict competition last year, and also to our Under 10 Boys teams who went down narrowly in their final!

This year we again had four teams representing HKDTA in Interdistrict, but for the first time for many years we had 3 teams in the adult events.

After the completion of the home and away rounds, all 4 of our teams will be playing semi-finals next Sunday!

Our Blackwell Cup team finished top of their division, as did our Stan Pedersen Cup team, who have gone through undefeated.

Thanks to all players who have represented HKDTA this year!

Good luck to our teams in their semi-finals!

Eddy Watson

2018 Interdistrict Teams

Blackwell Cup (Open Men)

Ian Choat (c), Chris Bissett, Steve Huynh, Desmond McLellan, Kristof Komarzyniec, Jacek Irzykowski

Stan Pedersen Boys (10 & Under Boys)

Miles Phijidvijan (c), Toby Crow, Joshua Galea, Aarush Sethupathi

George Rider Cup (35 & over Men)

Eddy Watson (c), John de Souza, Jason Drever, Laurence McDonnell, Wade Porter, Stuart Windybank

Life Members Cup (50 & over Men)

Ian Westmoreland (c), Dennis Carter, Michael Miller, Mark Bloomer, Roger Barclay, Kerry Mulley, Matthew Noone, Liviu Dumitrescu



Some of our Interdistrict players from the final round of home and away matches

2017 Club Champions

Open Men's Singles (Matthews Cup)

Ian Choat

Open Ladies' Singles

Kitty Yang

Open Men's Doubles

Chris Bissett & Brendan Walliss

Open Mixed Doubles (Get Well Greg Cup)

Ruth Blundell & Ian Choat

A Grade Men's Singles

Michael Zhang

A Grade Ladies' Singles

Ruth Blundell

A Grade Men's Doubles

James Champion & Ian Westmoreland

A Grade Mixed Doubles

Sally Harvey & Ian Westmoreland

B Grade Men's Singles

Geoff Swan

B Grade Men's Doubles

Matthew Noone & Niranjana Tillekeratne

Veteran Men's Singles

Eddy Watson

Veteran Men's Doubles

Dennis Carter & Ian Westmoreland

Under 10 Girls Singles

Vesna Marinkov

Under 10 Boys Singles

Miles McNea

Under 12 Girls Singles

Jodie Drever

Under 12 Boys Singles

Leo Phijidvijan

Under 14 Boys Singles

James Champion

Under 16 Boys Singles

James Champion