



84th Annual General Meeting

Hills District Tennis Association Inc.

*Monday 4th December 2017
At Caterson Tennis Centre*

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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Agenda

The Business of the 2017 Annual General Meeting is as follows;

1. Receipt of apologies
2. Reading & confirmation of minutes from prior AGM
3. Consideration and adoption of Annual Report
4. Consideration and adoption of Financial Report
5. Consideration and adoption of Honorariums
6. Notices of Motion
7. Election of office bearers
8. Life membership nomination
9. General Business

Nominations for Committee of Management for 2017/18 :-

- President
- Vice-President
- General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Positions: - (5 positions)



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Minutes of 83rd Annual General Meeting 19th December 2016

Tricia Sanford, Association President opened the meeting at 6:45pm and welcomed all members. There were 12 members eligible to vote in attendance.

1. Receipt of apologies : Roger Newman , Andrew Sun

2. Adoption of 2015 AGM Minutes.

Motion was moved by Glen Sanford seconded by Anne Clark to adopt the Minutes - carried.

3. Consideration and adoption of Annual Report 2016.

Motion was moved by Ruth Didsbury seconded by Craig Edwards to adopt the Annual Report - carried.

4. Consideration and adoption of audited Financial Statements 2015/16.

Anne Clark advised that Financials show a loss for the year due to the depreciation taken up on fixed assets which were accelerated due to the expiry of lease in Sept 2017. (depn taken up on remaining term of the lease) This is an artificial number as if it was added back HDTA made a profit for the 2016 year.

Motion moved by G Sanford seconded by T Sanford to adopt and accept the Financial Statements - carried.

5. Consideration and Adoption of Honorariums.

An amount of \$5500 was recommended by the Committee of Management. This amount will be allocated to both Committee Members and Competition Secretaries to reimburse out of pocket expenses such as personal use of motor vehicles, mobile phones and home computers, printers & Internet connection.

Motion moved by J Brand seconded by V Galdes to adopt the Committee of Management and the recommendation was carried

6. Notices of Motion - nil

7. Life membership- Nomination correspondence received (Letter dated 12 Nov 2016) from Vicki Galdes seconded by Roger Newman. Nomination was accepted and awarded to Trish Sanford in recognition for all of her contributions to Saturday morning Junior Tennis and also to HDTA over the past 10 years.

8. Election of Office Bearers of the Association and Ordinary members of the Committee



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Nominations & Results for Committee of Management 2016/17

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Result</u>
<u>Officer Bearers:-</u>		
1. <i>President</i>	TRISH SANFORD	Elected Unopposed
2. <i>Vice President</i>	NEIL SMITH	Elected Unopposed
3. <i>General Secretary</i>	LINDA BESTFORD	Elected Unopposed
4. <i>Treasurer</i>	ANNE CLARKE	Elected Unopposed
<u>Committee: (5 positions)</u>		
1. <i>Ordinary member</i>	RUTH DIDSBURY	Elected Unopposed
2. <i>Ordinary member</i>	JODY BRAND	Elected Unopposed
3. <i>Ordinary member</i>	LISA JACKETT	Elected Unopposed
4. <i>Ordinary member</i>	VICKI GALDES	Elected Unopposed
5. <i>Ordinary member</i>	CRAIG EDWARDS	Elected Unopposed

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- L Bestford advised that we are still waiting for confirmation of tender release date from Hornsby council. Advice from council is that it is expected to be sometime early in 2017. HDTA continues to maintain & use the centre on a month by month basis. HDTA will submit an application when Hornsby council releases the tender.
- HDTA has found it difficult to be able invest funds in any capital work projects or make improvements at the centre during the past 5 years without the security of a future lease agreement from council.
- A meeting was held with the Hornsby mayor (Steve Russel) and Parks & Recreation manager (David Sheils) in Nov 2016 and HDTA committee members (T Sanford L Bestford and invitee G Sanford). Discussions were based around the need for repairs and upgrade to the clubhouse building (sinking internal ceiling & roof leaks from old tiled roof) along with HDTA proposed capital works which are needed to improve the facility to an acceptable level (priority of future projects should include new court fencing crts1-3 and court surface repairs/ resurfacing).
- Council advised that it was more likely to be offering a "licence" rather than a lease due to the previous land tax complication issues re Hastings Park tennis and other centres within the Hornsby shire.
- HDTA advised council they would engage MSK Architects (used for CTC master plan) to provide a master plan for the Dural centre and to include it with the tender application



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Meeting Closed at 8:04pm

President's Report

Welcome to the Association's 84th Annual General Meeting.

Our Committee of Management team has worked diligently throughout the year and I would like to thank them for their commitment, smooth running of our Association and their many voluntary hours during the year.

A big thank you to our Social Tennis Co-ordinator, Lisa Jackett and our Competition Secretaries; Lal Jayawardene, Jody Brand and Linda Bestford. Our appreciation also goes to Tournament Director Alan Ling and Tournament Co-ordinator Ruth Didsbury and their support teams. We had another successful year of competitions and tournaments for members and visitors to our centres.

We wish to thank our Tennis Centre Managers at Castle Hill (Neil and Michelle Smith) for maintaining our centre and facilities consistently week on week for all members and visitors to enjoy throughout the year.

In April 2017 our Head coach and Dural centre manager Craig Edwards announced his permanent relocation to Tasmania. We thank him for his contribution to the Association and Dural Park Tennis Centre and wish him well in the future.

The Association has had another busy year with some challenges during the past 12 months. The expired lease (since sept 2012) of Dural Tennis Centre was finally put out to tender by Hornsby council and (with the assistance of Glen Sanford) we were able to submit a tender application in May 2017. HDTA was successful in our bid and awarded a new 10-year licence which was confirmed at the Hornsby Council meeting on the 9th August 2017. Thank you to all our Committee and to Glen who contributed putting this 95-page document together.

It is our pleasure to announce we have appointed Robert Kilborn as our new head coach and Centre Manager at Dural Park Tennis Centre. Robert will take over the position from the 1st January 2018. Robert has worked at Castle Hill Tennis Academy as a Senior Tennis Coach for the past 15 years and has been a resident in the Hills District for 25 years. Our Committee and club members would like to congratulate Robert on this appointment and we all look forward to working with him to make Dural Park Tennis bigger and better.

We are currently in discussion with Hills Shire Council regarding renewal of the lease at Fred Caterson Tennis Centre, which expired after 20 years in September 2017. We have been working closely with Hills Shire Council to orchestrate the Master Plan for our Tennis Centre, alongside the overall plan for the Fred Caterson Reserve. An interim lease of two years has been agreed on with Council, until such time as the Master Plan for all the sporting facility within Fred Caterson is finalised. Council's vision for the tennis centre and the whole Fred Caterson Reserve is for it to become a "premium sporting facility "and be able to meet future community demands and expectations which will include the proposed medium density residential developments around the reserve with the new North West rail link.

I would like to thank all of our committed club and social members for your loyalty and continued support. We look forward to continuing to deliver you tennis services in 2018 and beyond.

Kind regards



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Trish Sanford (President)

HDTA Highlights for 2016/17

- ❖ **2017 Winter Badge Competition:** We entered 2 men's teams in the Tennis NSW badge competition. We are very proud of all our players and thank them for representing HDTA. Congratulations to all of our HDTA Badge teams competing this year.

Mens Premier League
Neil Smith (Captain)
Robert Kilborn
Jordan Smith
Blake Smith
Igor Javonvic

Mens 1:1
Daniel Curran (Captain)
Chris Fletcher
Heath Campling
Spencer Reynolds
Darren Wood

- ❖ **2017 Winter Badge Competition Results**

Our Premier League men's team captained by Neil Smith once again has proved they are the best team in Sydney having won the men's final defeating Strathfield and taking the title for the 6th consecutive year. Our men's 1:3 team captained by another CHTA coach Daniel Curran was also successful in defeating Eastern Suburbs in the finals. We are very proud of all our badge players and very fortunate to have such high quality members representing our club.

- ❖ **Social Thursday Night Tennis**

Lisa Jackett (our social tennis co-ordinator) reports that social tennis has been going well, with many new players joining and current players also registering in HDTA competitions. Lisa has enjoyed running the social over the past 12 months and getting to know the many different personalities that make up the group.

Since the last AGM, Thursday numbers have averaged 28 per week. This includes the three months of winter (which averaged 26 players per week), with only one week dropping below 20 players, which is a fantastic result.

In the 2017/18 year, due to the increased demand for the event and the limited number of courts available at our Castle Hill venue, Thursday Social will move to our Dural centre, which has a greater number of courts available during the social time slot and a more central clubhouse location for Lisa to operate from.

A new Sunday social tennis day started operating in March 2017. There have been good weeks (with as many as 19 players), but also a couple of weeks where we've had as low as eight. Overall it has averaged 13 players per week for its duration (30 weeks). It will be interesting to see whether the warmer weather has a positive effect on the Sunday social numbers.



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Club Status and Future Plans

- ❖ **Updated Master-plan for CTC facility** – In readiness for the expiration of our 20 year lease in September 2017 the committee has been working closely with Hills Shire council since May 2016 to develop an updated master plan for the Castle Hill centre. HDTA engaged the professional services of MSK Architects (Greg Smith) in April 2017 to prepare a high level plan for the site to include the provision for 4 new tennis courts, 6 hotshot courts, playgrounds and open community spaces. The plan also includes the upgrade of all the tennis car parks to accommodate more parking spaces, provide sealed surfaces and improved internal access. It was also crucial that the plan meets the needs of a growing population around the tennis centre with the proposed residential apartments and the Metro rail station on Showground Rd. The master plan was presented to council and was well received and supported by all councillors. Committee will continue to work in partnership with council in bringing the plan to fruition with a future capital works budget and investment of funds from local/state government which would form part of a new long term lease arrangement in 2018. The proposed master plan is currently on public noticeboard display for all members and visitors at the Castle Hill Centre.
- ❖ **Sponsorship 2017-** Ray White (Matt Langdon Castle Hill) has made a proposal to offer sponsorship to HDTA in the 2017/18 year. Committee are currently in negotiations to form a mutually beneficial arrangement which should bring added benefits to our competition players and casual visitors in 2018.
- ❖ **HDTA membership** – The HDTA membership base increased from 849 (2015/16) to 984 members 2016/17. This included 600 Adult members and 384 junior members. There has been a steady increase in club members from previous years and in part was due to the launch of the new HDTA Basic Membership Package which allowed inclusion of all tennis participants at both CTC and Dural centres. We expect the numbers to continue to grow as part of basic membership offerings as well as the organic growth within the club. HDTA has now incorporated member fees as a portioned part of every competition registration fee. Membership remains a condition of competition player registration which provides player injury insurance through our annual club affiliation fees with Tennis NSW. It is important that HDTA continues to efficiently record club member numbers with a reliable database and also to allow for efficient means of communication to our players. The short term goal and strategy will be that our member database can accurately represent actual tennis player participants at both of our centres. HDTA member details are reported annually to Tennis NSW and are then used to report participant numbers state wide. Player participant numbers are crucial to ensuring the needs of all tennis players throughout NSW are met through potential applications to both Local and State government for the funding of new tennis facilities and upgrades.



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Tennis Centre Development Report

CTC capital works

- ❖ Capital improvements during the 2016/17 included the resurfacing of courts 6 & 8. Repairs were also made to both baseline areas of court 4 due to an unexpected “glazing” issue of the synthetic grass surface. The cost for this was provided under warranty from the manufacturer.

- ❖ As part of facility maintenance, ongoing costs were incurred this year for the replacement of Halide court light globes. Committee have proposed to council that new LED lighting should be a priority when considering budgets and expenditure on future capital improvements. There are many benefits to changing to the LED including a longer life of globes(up to 50 years) , improved lighting distribution , up to 40% savings to HDTA in electricity costs and allowing for control systems with integration to current court booking systems as no warm up time is required and automatic on/off systems.

Dural Capital works

- ❖ Capital works at Dural included the repair of baselines to courts 3 & 7. The partially ripped lines posed safety hazard to players. These repairs are an “interim fix” until a full court surface replacement can be included as part of capital works program with the new 10 year licence. HDTA has been awarded the licence from Hornsby council with the contract starting from 1st January 2018. With our future now secured at Dural, HDTA plans to be able to invest further funds towards the much needed and long awaited upgrade of the courts, new fencing and general centre improvements.

COMPETITIONS

We are very fortunate here in the Hills to have so many opportunities to play in well-organised and graded tennis competitions. Our competitions continue to offer a good variety of formats to suit players of all ages and standards to enjoy.

Our current competitions include; Monday & Friday morning ladies doubles, Tuesday & Friday morning breakfast, Tuesday & Wednesday evening doubles, MyChoice[®] midweek singles, Thursday & Sunday Night Social, Saturday Morning Juniors, and Saturday Afternoon Singles/doubles.



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Many thanks are extended by the Committee on behalf of members to all our volunteers who assist HDTA administration manage the scoring, grading, pool lists and regular player communications of the various club competitions.

Our Competition Secretaries for 2016/17 were Trish Sanford (Juniors), Lal Jayawardene (Tues doubles), Linda Bestford (Saturday and MyChoice singles), Jody Brand (Wed doubles). We also wish to thank our coaches who continue to organise their own weekly competitions and groups (including early morning breakfast & ladies comps as well as mid week social groups). This allows HDTA to further enhance all of the tennis offerings that we can deliver to members at both of our centres.

Kind regards,

Linda Bestford - Competition Co-Ordinator/ HDTA Secretary

HDTA Competition Results

TUESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 22nd November 2016</u>	<u>Finals 23rd May 2017</u>
Division 1	Athin Sujeer, David Choong Nara Somasundaram	Athin Sujeer & Nara Somasundaram
Division 2	Reagan Cooke & Jessica Brand	Joel Mickle & Sophie Kaelin
Division 3	Luke Manning & Adrian McMurray	Greg James & Brett Sandercock
Division 4	N/A	Lenka Saunders & Matt Rogers

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 23rd November 2016</u>	<u>Finals 17th May 2017</u>
Division 1	Michael Child & Janos Tonka	Shane Costello, Anthony Brent, Daniel Curran
Division 2	Andrew Castle & Greg Adams	Nick Duignan & Andrew Haszard
Division 3	Reagan Cooke & Jessica Brand	Peter Crawford & Lachlan Crawford
Division 4	Sona Chengappa & Shivish Chengappa	Michele Rogers Cameron Rogers
Division 5	N/A	N/A

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SINGLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 23rd July 2016</u>	<u>Finals 3rd December 2016</u>
Division 1	Josh Darouti & Michael Child	Michael Bigeni & Derek Kom
Division 2	Peter O'Reilly & Patrick O'Reilly	Roger Newman & Tim Pigot

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 17th August 2017</u>
Division 1	Michael Bigeni & Derek Kom
Division 2	Gavin Waller & Byron Waller
Division 3	Dirk Van Doorene & Matthew Chong



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MyCHOICE SINGLES – COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 8th July 2016</u>	<u>Finals 11 November 2016</u>	<u>May 2017</u>
Division 1	Mario Puop	Mario Pupo	Mario Pupo
Division 2	Tiernan Thorne	David Di Crescenzo	David Di Crescenzo
Division 3	Asith Nagodavithane	Mohammad Forooghieh	Nassar Daher
Division 4	Andrew Mah	N/A	Suraj Raval
Division 5	Blake Johnson	N/A	N/A

Saturday Morning Juniors

Our annual junior tennis awards for the Most Improved Player last Summer Competition

Most Improved Boys Player Summer 2016/17 Vlatko Djoreski

Most Improved Girls Player Summer 2016/17 Gemma Musty

The Junior Winter Competition 2017 registrations included 117 boys and 96 girls across 14 divisions and included the introduction of a new Green Ball division. There were total of 94 teams in the SMJ winter competition.

The Junior Summer 2017/18 started in September 2016 registrations included 153 boys and 100 girls across 17 divisions and included 1 Green Ball division. There were 123 teams in the summer competition.

Junior registrations have continued to grow each year with more entries from local schools and coaches. Oakhill College has returned this summer with 12 teams. These added entries have also added strength to the competition. We appreciate the commitment and loyalty of our local coaches who promote the HDTA junior competition to the junior clients and encourage it as the only way to improve and progress their tennis skills. Thank you to all our local coaches and appreciation for your assistance with grading:

Neil Smith , Robert Kilborn , Chris Fletcher – Castle Hill Tennis Academy

Franks Sebaratrum – Grand Slam Tennis Academy

Andrew Sun and his staff – Max Tennis

Stephen Fogarty – Oakhill College

Andrea Avilla – Winston Hills Tennis Academy

A good number of our juniors are also playing in other HDTA competitions including the Adult Tuesday and Wednesday night doubles, Saturday Afternoon Singles and My Choice. They also take part in our Development and Advanced Squad training. We feel it is critical for junior development to offer a pathway within the club competition structure which will allow for progress from junior tennis to the adult and open competitions. It is very pleasing



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to see more and more of our junior players participating in our annual open junior tournament held in the school holidays and as well travelling and competing in sanctioned tournaments all over NSW.

Our competition's success is largely due to the people who have volunteered to help. A huge thank you to Ruth Didsbury. Ruth gives her time and skills each week to ensure the scores are always updated and maintains the individual player statistics which assist us in grading during the competition. Ruth is also an accredited Tennis Australia Referee and is always on hand to assist us on junior finals day along with our annual club tournaments.

Thank you also to Linda Bestford and Jody Brand who reliably staff the HDTA office and contribute to the smooth running of the competition and administration for the club.

The Saturday Morning Junior Competition is thriving and I am proud to be a part of this success and look forward to continued growth in the years ahead.

Trish Sanford- Junior Competition Secretary

HDTA Representative Squads

HDTA continues a long-standing tradition to offer and organise the weekly Representative squads held each school term at both of our centres. The squads are designed to enhance and compliment the junior player pathway with an emphasis on match fitness. HDTA subsidises a portion of the squad fees for junior club competition players who apply and then meet the criteria. In 2016/17 we had seven squads in total, with 2 development (entry level) squads at Dural and 5 advanced squads at Castle Hill. We would like to thank all of our Rep squad coaches. HDTA is very fortunate to have such highly qualified and dedicated coaches within our club and who consistently deliver the highest quality squad training programs to our juniors. **Thank you to all Our Squad coaches in 2017**

Neil Smith, Robert Kilborn, Chris Fletcher, Cameron Smith, Blake Smith, Jordan Smith and Daniel Curran and to the reserve coaches Johan Van Aardt and Anthony Brent who have assisted when needed.

Squad members as at June 2017

Adam Obeidi	Dylan Dunnachie	James Yuan	Nika Brendenhann
Adam Tomka	Elwin Song	Jessica Galdes	Patrick Bell
Alex Jeptha	Emalka Fernando	Jessica Pireh	Rhiannon Castle
Alice Christie	Emily Rozanc	Jihun Park	Sanjana Mahesh
Alyssa Martino	Flynn Dunnachie	Katie Christie	Sebastian Carran
Belinda Philp	Gemma Musty	Kunal Gupta	Scott White
Cameron Bell	Gianfranco Favaro	Luca Dolahenty	Sophie Borazio
Chantelle De Kock	Grace Yu	Marco Fogolin	Taylah Dunn
Charlotte Forbes	Hannah Mealey	Marissa Callaghan	Thomas Beasley
Damien Teh	Henry Mansfield	Nathan Baird	Trisha Mahesh
Daniel Fabbri	Isabella Charon	Nicholas Connellan	William Fitzalan



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Daniel Siminiuc	Jack Bolt	Nicholas Sampol-Wall	Yathish Soni
Dominic Fedele	Jake Lim	Nicole Clements	

Tournament Report

2017 was another great year for tournaments at HDTA. Although we only received two-sanctioned tournament they both went very well.

The Hills Open Twilight AMT Tournament was held 28 Apr-1 May

(TA Sanctioned Bronze Series Open Event)

The event was held over four days with 183 players competing. The Tournament was played as a Twilight event, which allowed people working to be able to participate more easily. Congratulations to our Winner Jordan Smith who defeated his older brother Cameron in a very close final match played at Castle Hill on the last day.

The Hills Winter Junior Open was held 1-4 July

TA Sanctioned Bronze Series Junior aged Event)

This tournament was equally successful and was held over 4 days in the July school holidays with 439 entries which included 313 players. This year we had record number for this event, which was very pleasing. Once again, we used Castle Hill Centre, Dural Centre and Kenthurst Tennis Centre.

The very best part of these tournaments was the participation by our own club members. This year was the best year yet and we hope that members will participate again next year, as we have the same two tournaments sanctioned for: March 2018 (AMT Twilight) and July 2018 (Hills Winter Junior Tournament).

No tournament is successful without the support of the Centre Managers and office staff of HDTA. Therefore, thanks must go to Neil & Michelle Smith for both the AMT Twilight and Junior Tournament, Craig Edwards for the AMT Twilight and Linda and Jody in the Office for both tournaments. Trish Sanford, Club President, was very supportive doing whatever was required, along with other volunteers from our local membership base. Without this support and behind the scenes work, tournaments do not happen. Another person not to be forgotten is Alan Ling who is our Tournament Director. Alan puts in many hours of work to ensure the tournament runs smoothly with the support of Meaghan Ling, Brooke Jackett and Dan Curran on the other venue desks for the AMT and Junior events.

HDTA Committee hopes to see even more of our club members playing in future tournaments.

Ruth Didsbury
Tournament Coordinator/ TA Referee