

# NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



## Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis

### 1. Attendances

Clubs Present 37

Clubs	26-Feb-24	29-Apr-24	AGM	26-Aug-24	28-Oct-24	24-Feb-25
Aintree			✓			✓
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ascot Vale		✓	✓	✓		✓
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buckley Park		✓	✓			✓
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Caroline Springs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coburg			✓	✓	✓	✓
Craigieburn	✓					
Deer Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Delahey	✓		✓		✓	✓
Diggers Rest	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Doutta Galla	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
East Coburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Essendon	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Fawkner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gladstone Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glenroy Community				✓	✓	✓
Glencairn	✓		✓		✓	✓
Green Gully	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Greenvale	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Hadfield	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hillside		✓	✓		✓	
Hume	✓			✓	✓	✓
Keilor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keilor East	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keilor Park	✓	✓				✓
Maribyrnong Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Merlynston	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moomba Park		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mt. Carmel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Sunshine		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Oak Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
OLN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parkville						
PEGS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princes Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Albans East			✓			✓
St. Christopers	✓	✓		✓		
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
St. Monicas	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. Vincents				✓	✓	
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓	✓	✓			
Sydenham	✓		✓		✓	
Taylor's Lakes	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Clubs that did not attend the last Delegate's meeting:

**Aintree, Ascot Vale, Buckley Park, Craigieburn, Green Gully, Keilor Park, St Albans East, St Christopers, Sunbury**

## 2. Apologies

Taylor Lakes TC, Jason Ricola (Royal Park), Ian Openshaw, Steven Seinor

## 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Reagan Burgess, (Mt Carmel) seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - **Carried**.

## 4. Business arising from previous Minutes

None

## 5. Correspondence

### Inwards correspondence:

- Tennis Victoria
  - Associations Updates:
    - Notice of Associations Forum in December
    - Link to recording of the Forum
    - Upcoming Tennis Victoria League Championships
  - The Service Line newsletters for Dec, Jan
  - Letter from the CEO
  - Notice to activate Donation Partner ID
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
  - Regional All Abilities Participation Grants
- Thank you from Larry Pelly for the flowers for his mother's funeral
- Oak Park TC notice of change of Secretary
- Response from Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club regarding the complaint from Glencairn
- Healesville TC advising their Open competition in January
- Coburg TC requesting assistance to lobby Council for funding
- Melton City Council requesting support for lighting upgrades at Aintree and Diggers Rest
- Consumer Affairs Victoria regarding changes to registration process
- OLN TC regarding delegate for 2025
- Aintree TC response regarding non-attendance at Delegates meetings
- Hume Tennis and Community Centre regarding outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- Glenroy TC advising they have raised the lighting issue with their local councilor
- Tullamarine TC advising that their courts should be ready for competition play
- Application for affiliation from Parkville TC
- Hume Council advising that lighting upgrades at Craigieburn TC have been completed
- Essendon TC notice of relocation of matches due to court works
- Melton City Council advising that upgrade works for Hillside TC have been approved

### Outwards Correspondence:

- Glencairn TC - Code of Conduct outcome
- Hume TCC - Code of Conduct outcome
- Merlynston TC - Code of Conduct outcome
- Buckley Park TC - Code of Conduct outcome
- Maribyrnong Park TC - Code of Conduct outcome
- Notice of lack of attendance at Delegates meetings to several clubs
- All clubs – minutes from October delegates meeting and agenda for February meeting
- All clubs – February Treasurers report

**6. President's Report**

Nothing to report for this meeting.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

- (a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates. It was emailed to clubs last week. Please contact Graham Sandman if it was not received.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Tom Karamzalis (Glenroy) – **Carried.**

- (b) Bills for payment:

None

**(c) Auditor**

N/A

Please see website to ensure your club is listed as paid or you haven't received the notice.

## **8. Match and Permit Committee Report**

### **Finals last season**

- The finals last season all went smoothly.
- Thanks to all clubs for their assistance hosting, particularly those that hosted an extra week due to wet weather in some Mixed grand finals.

### **Team entries for Autumn 2025**

- Team entries for this season are up by 8 teams with a total of 531 teams
  - o 134 teams in Ladies – up 4 teams
  - o 130 teams in Mixed – up 4 teams and 1 grade
  - o 276 teams in Men's – up 8 teams and 1 grade

### **Team withdrawals**

- Two teams have withdrawn and been replaced with a Bye:
  - o Ladies - C Grade 1 - Moomba Park
  - o Mixed - B Reserve 3 - Keilor East

### **Additional registrations**

- Emergencies cannot play more than three matches in total, regardless of which grades they are played in (not three matches in one grade). It is the responsibility of the Club to keep track of how many matches emergencies have played. Please ensure that additional registrations are submitted before players play a fourth match, otherwise teams will lose games.
- We have already received 73 additional registrations and 20 deregistrations this season.
- Please remember that the purpose of additional registrations is to replace injured or unavailable players. All are scrutinised to ensure they are not strengthening the team. Clubs should not expect players to be accepted just because they wanted to join a team late or a club doesn't have another team for them.
- Please remember that we do not accept additional registrations if it would result in a Ladies or Mens team having more than 8 players or a Mixed team having more than six men or six ladies. Please check the number of registered players before submitting an additional registration, otherwise the Chairman will request a deregistration.

### **Deregistrations**

- We have had some confusion with some clubs about deregistrations.
- Once teams have been graded, players cannot change clubs.
- Deregistering a player means:
  - (a) The player concerned cannot play for that particular team for the remainder of the season.
  - (b) The player remains "locked" into the club concerned for the remainder of the season. The player cannot play for another club.

(c) The player concerned can, however, be additionally registered in a higher team or play in a higher team under the emergency rule.

(d) The player concerned cannot play in a lower team.

· Once submitted, a de-registration cannot be cancelled. Penalty for playing in that particular team after de-registration is a loss of games.

#### **Emergencies**

· Please ensure you check the history of emergency players before they play.

· All emergency players are scrutinised, and we do not wait until a complaint is received from the opposition.

· If players are deemed too strong, clubs will be warned that if they play again loss of games will be imposed. In clear cases, loss of games has been imposed without a warning being given.

· When there is known and recent history on a player that shows a significant discrepancy between the level they are playing and the level of the registered players in the team, loss of games will be imposed.

#### **Played up players**

· A played up player is someone who is registered in a lower team for the club in the same competition (Ladies, Mixed and Mens are separate competitions).

· Played up players are not emergencies. A team can only play two emergencies without prior permission from the Match and Permit Committee, but can play as many played up players as they need.

#### **Court management**

· We have had some matches this season finish quite late, and concerns raised about courts being left vacant.

· Please ensure matches start on time and teams keep sets moving, particularly if they are playing on one court or sharing courts.

· Please ensure your court rostering ensures all matches can finish by the club's curfew time.

#### **Book a court lighting systems**

· Clubs with a Book a Court system are required to book courts used in competition matches until the relevant curfew time and/or provide their teams with access to turn the lights on manually. For the purposes of By-law 26, these actions are considered to be within the control of the club.

· It is therefore very important that clubs notify the Association of the correct curfew. We rely on the curfew that clubs submit on their Grade Contact Sheet being accurate.

· If the court lights go out during a match, the following applies:

o The home team must take immediate action to turn the lights back on. If the lights only go out on certain courts, teams are required to relocate to other courts at the same venue of the same surface (including during a set) if they are available in order to complete the match. Teams can also move to courts of a different surface at the same venue if both teams agree.

o If alternative courts of the same surface are not available at the venue and/or the two teams do not agree to change surface, the home team has 30 minutes to turn the lights back on. If the lights cannot be turned back on within 30 minutes, the away team can claim the remaining games of any sets in progress and any sets that have not commenced.

o If time is lost due to lights going out and the match is not completed before the curfew, the remaining games of any sets in progress and any sets that have not commenced will be forfeited by the home team.

· The only exception is if the home team can demonstrate that the cause of the lighting failure was beyond the control of their club (e.g. suburb-wide power outage or electrical fault).

#### **Result sheets**

· Please encourage teams to complete a match result sheet. There is a fine if a match result sheet cannot be provided on request.

· It is very hard for the Match and Permit Committee to resolve disputes about the score if a match result sheet has not been completed.

#### **Washouts**

· Washout procedures are on the NSNTA website.

· Please ensure all teams follow this process and decisions are made by authorised club representatives, not team captains.

· Going forward, if a captain contacts the opposition without authorisation from their club, the match will be forfeited.

#### **Extreme weather**

· As NSNTA matches are played at night, the Association does not have a specific heat policy. Instead, we follow the guidance in the Tennis Australia Extreme Weather policy for open age competitions.

· We have added a page to the NSNTA website under “Rulings” with a link to the policy and some guidance around extreme heat.

#### **Light testing and policy**

· The new NSNTA lighting policy takes effect on 1 July 2025.

· We previously sent letters to most clubs likely to be affected by the new lighting policy which takes effect on 1 July 2025. If your club has received a letter, please ensure it starts taking action now, so it is ready by 1 July 2025.

· If your club has taken action to improve its lighting, please let us know so the lights can be retested.

#### **Essendon TC court works**

· Essendon TC will be commencing an upgrade of four of its courts on 19 March 2025.

· They will be contacting clubs to advise of any matches that need to be relocated to new venues.

- A notice will also go up on the NSNTA website.

## 9. General Business

- Tennis Victoria Report
  - Reminder about eligibility for TV league
  - Pennant entries close this Friday
- Application for Affiliation by Parkville TC
  - Moved by Tom Karamzalis (Glenroy), seconded Carol Munro (Buckley Park) – **Carried.**

**Meeting closed at 9:31 pm**

### **Next Delegates' Meeting**

28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club