

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 25th August 2025 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 32

Clubs	26-Aug-24	28-Oct-24	24-Feb-25	28-Apr-25	AGM 2025	25-Aug-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	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	
PEGS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princes Hill	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Albans East			✓		✓	
St. Christophers	✓			✓		
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 Delegate's meeting:

- **Aintree**
- **Ascot Vale**
- **Buckley Park**
- **Coburg**
- **Craigieburn**
- **Deer Park**
- **East Coburg**
- **Essendon**
- **Hillside**
- **Hume**
- **Keilor**
- **Moomba Park**
- **North Sunshine**
- **Parkville**
- **Princes Hill**
- **St Albans East**
- **St Christophers**
- **St Monicas**
- **St Thereses**
- **St Vincents**

2. Apologies

Steven Seinor (M&P), Charles Warwick (M&P), Belinda Gigson (PEGS), Joe Caruso (Taylors Lakes), Lachlan Steel (Strathmore)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Ron Morton (Merlynston) seconded Denise Beckett (Maribyrnong Park) 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 that Bronya Kondzior (Tennis Development Officer) was taking extended leave
 - Notice that Membership renewals are now open
 - Membership renewal completion
 - The Service Line newsletters for May, June, July and August
 - Safeguarding Online Education Forum reminder
 - Vic Metro Inner North West Future Leaders 2025 update
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
 - State of Play newsletter
- Commission for Children and Young People
 - Reflecting on Reconciliation Week 2025
 - Commission updates April
- Keilor East Bendigo Community Bank offering sponsorship of the NSNTA
- Discontinuation of Nonprofit licensing by Microsoft
- North Park TC query about maximum players per team
- Query from Tullamarine TC about the brightness of their new lights
- Complaint from St Vincents regarding poor conduct of players in an adjacent match for finals
- Brimbank City Council requesting exemption for Taylors Lakes TC from the lighting rules until 31st October 2025
- Brimbank City Council requesting exemption for Delehay TC courts 5 & 6 from the lighting rules until May 2026
- Request from Coburg TC for an lighting rule exemption for courts 3 and 4
- Code of Conduct complaint from Fawkner TC
- Query from Keilor TC if they could use Babolat Gold Championship (not all court) balls
- Consumer Affairs Victoria notification of annual statement to be lodged
- CAV receipt of annual statements

Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – notification of team withdrawals
- West Brunswick TC - Protest outcome
- Maribyrnong Park TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Greenvale TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Buckley Park TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Fawkner TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Buckley Park TC – notice of receipt of a Code of Conduct complaint from Fawkner

- Tullamarine TC – Response to lighting query
- Response to Brimbank City Council agreeing to both lighting rules exemption requests
- Response to Greenvale TC agreeing to a lighting rules exemption request until 30 November 2025
- Response to Coburg TC agreeing to a lighting rules exemption request until 30 November 2025
- Response to Merri-bek City Council agreeing to a lighting rules exemption request until 30 November 2025 for Glenroy Community TC
- Response to Keilor East Bendigo Bank thanking them for their sponsorship offer but notifying them that we will not be pursuing it.
- Response to Keilor TC that only balls that appear on the Approved list can be used.
- All clubs – Notice of AGM
- All clubs – minutes from April delegates meeting and agenda for August meeting
- All clubs – August Treasurers report

6. President's Report

Larry advised that Robert McDonald was re-elected as the Match & Permit committee Chairman.

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 Christine Smith (Green Gully) **Carried.**

- (b) Bills for payment:

These are listed in the Treasurers report

Note: 8 clubs were still outstanding for payments

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Glenn Ferris (Oak Park) **Carried.**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Finals last season

- We still had several requests to use unqualified or unregistered players in finals. The answer to all the requests was no.
- Please ensure your teams register and qualify players for this season's finals.

Team entries for Spring 2025

- Team entries for this season are up by 18 teams, which is very positive.
 - 138 teams in Ladies – up 4 teams and 1 grade
 - 138 teams in Mixed – up 8 teams and 1 grade
 - 282 teams in Men's – up 6 teams and 1 grade

Team withdrawals

- Regrettably, the following teams have withdrawn and been replaced with a Bye:
 - Ladies B Grade 1 — Gladstone Park
 - Men's A Grade — Hume
 - Men's B Grade 5 — Taylors Lakes
 - Men's B Reserve 1 — Gladstone Park
- As there was already a Bye, Ladies B Grade 1 now has two Byes.
- Clubs should ensure they confirm player availability before entering teams.

Defaults

- There have already been 16 defaults in the Men's competition in the first 3 rounds.
- We request clubs ensure team captains contact their Delegate to assist to find players and don't just contact the opposing club and forfeit

Spring 2025 team fees

- Spring 2025 invoice must be paid by no later than 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 9 September 2025.
- Late payment will result in loss of match points.

Match result sheets

- Clubs must supply match result sheets for their teams
- If a Competition Coordinator requests a copy of a match result sheet, and neither team can provide one as one was not filled out, both teams will be fined.

Fines

- We have had several queries about fines from last season.
- It is the responsibility of the winning team to ensure match results are correct and complete. The winning team must ensure all players' names, including opposition players' names, have been recorded fully (first name and surname) and are legible before the result is signed. If a match result is submitted with any missing information the winning team will be fined.
- If the losing team refuses to provide information when requested, the winning captain should note this in the comments so it can be followed up by the Association at the time.

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.
- 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.

Emergencies

- Please ensure you check the history of emergency players before they play.
- If you are unsure about the standard of a player, you can contact the Competition Coordinator or the Chairman for advice.
- 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.

Approved balls

- Please ensure that you check the list of approved balls each season.
- We have had some recent complaints about teams not having new balls or incorrectly using low-compression balls (for juniors)
- Teams must have new balls and be ready to play at 7.00 pm. If a match is delayed because balls aren't available, the same timelines apply as for a late player.
 - If balls aren't available by 7.15 pm, the away team can claim the first set.
 - If balls aren't available by 7.45 pm, the away team can claim the second set.
 - If balls aren't available by 8.00 pm, the away team can claim the whole match.

Light testing and policy

- The new NSNTA lighting policy has taken effect on 1 July 2025
- Thanks to all the clubs that have taken action to improve their lighting levels

- Three clubs took action to improve their lights between seasons and will be retested soon
- Six clubs have been granted extensions until 30 November 2025 only. One has works currently underway, four have works funded for this financial year and the final one has one court that the Council are investigating

Overseas

- Robert will be overseas from 29 August to 8 September
- He will still be contactable by email, but if you need to speak to someone, please call one of the coordinators

9. General Business

Meeting closed at 9:02 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

27th October at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club