

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 27th April 2026 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 45

Clubs	24-Feb-25	28-Apr-25	AGM 2025	25-Aug-25	27-Oct-25	23-Feb-26	27-Apr-26
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	✓	✓			✓	
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:

- **Buckley Park**
- **Craigieburn**
- **Hume**
- **Parkville**
- **St Albans East**
- **St Christophers**
- **St Thereses**

2. Apologies
Parkville TC

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Ian Lyster (East Coburg) 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
 - Association Update February 2026
 - Grand Slam Ballot for 2026 Roland Garros
 - The Service Line newsletter for March 2026
 - Notice of Victorian Community Tennis Awards for 2026
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
 - State of Play newsletter
 - Notice of closing Sporting Club Grants
- Commission for Children and Young People
 - Message from new Principal Commissioner
- Glenroy Community TC advising change of club representatives
- Gladstone Park TC protest regarding forfeit
- Hume City Council advising completion of lighting upgrades to Greenvale TC
- Hume City Council acknowledging lighting issues at Hume Tennis and Community Centre
- Diggers Rest TC new delegates
- Social Services Regulator regarding Working with Children checks
- Greenvale TC advising works have commenced at the club so temporary facilities have been established

Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – minutes from February delegates meeting and agenda for April 2026 meeting
- All clubs – April Treasurers report
- Moomba Park TC regarding Appeal Outcome regarding a refusal of additional registration
- Gladstone Park TC regarding Protest Outcome
- East Coburg TC confirming declaration of a washout

6. President's Report

Larry reported that Robert would discuss the printer fixture and the New Results entry in his report

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 Ian Lyster (East Coburg) **Carried**.

- (b) Bills for payment:

These are listed in the Treasurers report

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston) **Carried.**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

New results system

- The new result system and predictive ladders continue to be working well
- We have seen a noticeable decrease in late results and results with incorrect information, which has been a great result
- This has also resulted in a reduction in fines for clubs
- Remember that if an emergency player has played in the NSNTA before, teams can search for their name. This helps ensure player names are spelt correctly and player history is correct.

Washouts

- We continue to have issues with washouts, particularly captains and players from away teams trying to initiate washouts
- The job of the Delegate becomes much harder if they are also dealing with players and captains.
- The washout procedures are on the NSNTA website. We have awarded several matches to the opposing teams when the washout procedures are not followed.
- To agree to a washout without attending the venue, there must be an agreement between both teams. Delegates should not advise their teams not to attend a venue until they have a confirmed agreement (exchanged texts of phone conversation) with the opposing club.
- There is no expectation that the home team will get to the courts early and try and dry courts.

Additional registrations

- Closing dates
 - Ladies Competition close 7.00 pm Tuesday, 28 April 2026
 - Mixed Competition close 7.00 pm Wednesday, 29 April 2026
 - Mens Competition close 7.00 pm Thursday, 30 April 2026
- No late additional registrations will be accepted.
- 172 additional registrations and 42 deregistrations have been submitted so far this season
 - Ladies - 22 additional registrations and 8 deregistrations
 - Mixed - 71 additional registrations 12 deregistrations
 - Mens - 79 additional registrations 22 deregistrations
- The Chairman will respond with confirmation that he has received each additional registration. This only means that it has been received, not accepted. Contact will only be made with the Club if an additional registration has been refused.
- **We usually wait for a player to have played three matches before accepting an additional registration.** When a player has no other history, we need to base our decision on the results of those three matches.
- Emergencies cannot play more than three matches in total, regardless of which grades they are played in (not three matches in one grade). Remember that washouts count as a match played. It is the responsibility of the Club to track how many times emergency players have played.
- Please ensure your team has enough registered, qualified players for finals. A player must be registered and have played three matches (washouts included) to be eligible to play finals.

Finals

- Results of Round 14 to be phoned through to Peter Olney by 11.00 p.m. on 9354 9019 or sent by text to 0478 505 647.
- If teams text results through, **they must include the grade, winning team, losing team and total scores** (e.g. A Grade Mixed – Essendon 35 def Buckley Park 24). Please also include the colour, if your club has two teams in the same grade. Incomplete results will be fined if further information is not provided on request.
- Do not phone through semi final and Grand Final results
- Aim to have finals draw up that night
- Clubs must advise by Wednesday 6 May 2026 if any courts are unavailable for finals, otherwise we assume courts are available.

Team entries for next season

- Close 8.00 pm on Friday, 5 June 2026
- Player lists will be provided to all clubs after Round 14. Please ensure player names are spelt correctly. You can copy and paste names from the player history lists into the team entry sheet.
- Please only list players that intend to play. Do not blindly copy all names between seasons. Clubs should be a commitment from players that they intend to play again.
- Please ensure an appropriate grade is applied for — particularly check on ability of new players and new teams.
- If there is a particular reason you are applying for a grade, such a player has left the team, please write this on the bottom of the team entry sheet so the Committee are aware when grading.
- Please ensure all players are listed. Additional registrations will be refused if strong players are left off the team entry even if the player has played in the team for many seasons.
- Some players on the lists may be marked as “Too Strong”. This means they played an emergency this season, but were deemed to be stronger than the other players in the team. We encourage you to register these players if they are going to play next season. If an emergency player has been deemed “Too Strong” this season and then they play as an emergency in the same team next season, the team will be automatically penalised with loss of games.
- If you know the player comes from another club, put that information on the bottom of the sheet
- Do not put in a team with only 4 players in it — register the players a team will use in the event of an injury or unavailability
- If there is a new player to your Club, check with the Coordinators or Chairman for previous history
- Please limit the number of special fixture requests as it makes it very difficult for the Committee to complete the draw. If too many clubs submit special requests, they cannot all be accommodated and some clubs will miss out

Team entry sheets

- There are new team entry sheets for all three competitions
- Please ensure you follow the instructions and include any fixture requests as Group A and Group B
- Team entries must be sent in Microsoft Excel format. We use a macro to assist with importing player statistics for grading, which will not work if team entries are sent in a different format.
- Instructions will be sent in relation to the Grade Contact Sheet – please fill it out correctly.
- In particular, please ensure club curfews are recorded correctly.

Spring 2026 dates

- Ladies – Tuesday, 4 August 2026
- Mixed – Wednesday, 5 August 2026
- Men's – Thursday, 6 August 2026
- The Ladies Competition will not play on Cup Day and the Mixed and Mens will not play the week leading up to the AFL Grand Final long weekend.
- The pickup for fixtures will be at the AGM on Monday 27 July 2026.

Printed fixtures

- Thank you to all the clubs who completed the printed fixture survey
- We have decided to discontinue the printed fixture for next season
- We will offer a downloadable document that clubs can instead print themselves

9. General Business

Meeting closed at 9:19 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

AGM – Monday, 27th July at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club