NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)

Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 26th October 2026 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club

1. Attendances — Clubs Present 39

Clubs	AGM 2025	25-Aug-25	27-Oct-25	23-Feb-26	27-Apr-26	24-Aug-26	26-Oct-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	✓			✓			✓
PEGS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princes Hill	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

St Albans East	✓	✓		✓		✓	
St. Christophers						✓	✓
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Monicas				✓	✓		✓
St. Thereses	✓		✓			✓	
St. Vincents	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

2. Apologies

Jessica Muscat (Secretary), Russel Baldry (Match & Permit), Hume, Princes Hill, Greg Cook (St. Vincents) & Marcus Tierney (Hillside)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Ian Lyster (East Coburg), seconded Takie Christofides (West Brunswick) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - **Carried**.

Moved Christopher Tenace (President), seconded John Costin (Sunbury) that the omitted correspondence between the 27th April 2026 and 24th August 2026 meetings be accepted as part of the updated minutes for the 24th August 2026 meeting - **Carried**

4. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil.

5. Correspondence

Inwards correspondence:

- Payment received – Consumer Affairs Victoria
- Annual statement submitted – Consumer Affairs Victoria
- Code of conduct complaint – Sunbury
- Reply to Complaint – Taylors Lakes
- Appeal for player ban - Hadfield
- Complaint - West Brunswick
- Complaint - Sunbury
- Withdrawal – Ladies B Reserve 2 - West Brunswick
- Contact / Delegate update - Keilor Tennis Club
- Affiliation enquiry – Maidstone Tennis Club
- Code of Conduct Complaint – Merlynston
- Contact / Delegate update – Moomba Park

- Acknowledgement of complaint – East Coburg
- Response to code of conduct complaint - East Coburg
- Player registration enquiry - Hume
- Membership certificate - Tennis Victoria
- Reminder: Working with Children Connect and mandatory training in effect from 19 October 2026 - social services regulator
- Cancellation of Golf Day – Diva (Moomba Park)
- Code of Conduct Complaint – East Coburg
- Response to code of conduct complaint – Bulla Village
- Code of Conduct Complaint - Strathmore

Outwards correspondence:

- Reminder for October Meeting - All Clubs
- Response to Appeal - Hadfield
- Response to Code of conduct complaint – West Brunswick
- Player restrictions - B Reserve Ladies – Ascot Vale
- Response to Wet Weather Policy Enquiry – Diggers Rest
- Notification of team withdrawal – Ladies B Reserve 2 - All Clubs
- Response to affiliation enquiry – Maidstone Tennis Club
- Response to appeal for player ban - Hadfield
- Notice to update contacts - all clubs
- Reminder of additional registration deadlines - all clubs
- Copy of Code of Conduct Complaint to East Coburg requesting response
- Copy of Code of Conduct Complaint to Bulla Village requesting response

6. President's Report

Thank You
First, a massive thank you to all our delegates, committee members, and team captains. The behind-the-scenes work you do to organize teams and manage fixtures keeps our competition thriving. We truly appreciate your hard work!

Lighting Policy
A huge shout-out to every single club for your incredible work on the 250 lux lighting transition. We know it wasn't an easy process, but we've reached the tail end of it with almost every club now fully completed and compliant across the majority of their courts. Thank you for investing in safer, higher-quality facilities for our players.

Contact Audits & Team Entries
A quick administrative reminder: Jessica recently sent out an email regarding our Club Contacts & Delegates Audit, and we've had about 25% of clubs respond so far.

- As you submit your team entries for next season, please check that email, complete the table, and send it back to secretary@nsnta.org.
- Remember to keep your public Fixture Contacts (for match-day matters like washouts) separate from your formal Delegates (for governance and voting).

Sportsmanship & Code of Conduct

We've noticed an increasing number of code of conduct complaints lately. Ultimately, we all want everyone to have fun and enjoy an amazing game of tennis.

- We kindly ask that team captains review our Code of Conduct and dispute resolution procedures.
- Most minor issues are best resolved amicably between club reps on the spot. Let's work together to keep our nights respectful, fair, and fun.

Team Nominations & Special Requests

As we look ahead to next season's grading and team entries, please remember to keep special requests strictly tied to genuine operational requirements at your club. The more special requests we receive, the harder it is for our voluntary committee to balance court allocations fairly. Keeping requests to an absolute minimum makes a world of difference!

7. Treasurer's Report

(a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ian Lyster (East Coburg) – **Carried.**

(b) Bills for payment:

Ladies Co-ordinator	$ 700.00
Mixed Co-ordinator	$ 665.00
Mens Co-ordinator	$1,225.00
Light Hire	$3,240.00
Spring 2026 season Pennants	$3,850.00
Spring 2026 season Glasses	$2,740.00
Total	$12,420.00

Moved: Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Gail Riddell (Tullamarine) - **Carried**

(c) Unfinancial clubs:
NIL

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Team withdrawal

- Since the last meeting, one more team has withdrawn — Ascot Vale B Reserve 2

Reminders

- Lights must be booked until the relevant curfew time. Clubs risk losing sets if time is lost due to lights being out and the match is not finished by curfew.
- Players can only play in one match on the one night. We had an example where a player played three sets in their own team and then played another set replacing an injured player in another match. This is not permitted.
- Home clubs are only required to supply one court. We encourage teams to be offered a second court or share court, but away clubs cannot demand or expect a second court

- Players can return faults if the serve is close. However, the Tennis Australia Procedures for matches played without a chair umpire state: *The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault – let it go by or ground it*.

Code of Conduct matters

- We have had reports of several issues involving player and spectator behaviour recently
- We encourage club representatives to resolve minor Code of Conduct violations should be resolved between representatives of the two clubs concerned.
- If the matter cannot be resolved by the two clubs, or if the breach is serious, it must be reported in writing to the Association Secretary using the form on the NSNTA website.
- The sanctions available to the Match and Permit Committee are limited to warnings and suspensions. If clubs seek other outcomes, such as apologies or that particular players do not play in future matches, that should be discussed directly between the two clubs.

Additional registrations

- Closing dates
  - Ladies Competition — closed
  - Mixed Competition close 7.00 pm Wednesday, 28 October 2026
  - Mens Competition close 7.00 pm Thursday, 29 October 2026
- No late additional registrations will be accepted.
- 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). 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 4 November 2026 if any courts are unavailable for finals, otherwise we assume courts are available.
- Players must be **registered** and have played three matches to be qualified for finals. Each competition (Ladies, Mixed and Mens) is a separate competition, and qualification for one does not count towards qualification for the other. No exceptions will be made to this rule, so please ensure teams have enough registered, qualified players and don't have to forfeit a final.
- In finals, registered qualified players can play up into a higher team for the same club in the same competition. Players cannot play up between competitions (e.g. between a Tuesday ladies team and a Wednesday mixed team).
- **Both competing teams should bring balls. Under By-law 43 each team technically supplies balls. However, teams often toss a coin to decide whose balls to use.**

Team entries for next season

- Close 8.00 pm on Friday, 4 December 2026
- 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 such as PDF or pages.
- Clubs must also send a Grade Contact Sheet.
- 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 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.**

Autumn 2027 dates

- Ladies – Tuesday, 2 February 2027
- Mixed – Wednesday, 3 February 2027
- Men's – Thursday, 4 February 2027

9. General Business

- Golf Day has been cancelled
- Glasses survey
- Spare glasses

Clubs that did not attend (13)

- Aintree
- Coburg
- Craigieburn
- Deer Park
- Glencairn
- Hillside
- Hume
- Keilor Park
- North Sunshine
- Princes Hill
- St. Albans East
- St. Thereses
- St. Vincents

Meeting Closed – 9.19 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday 22nd February 2027 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club