

# ESSENDON TENNIS CLUB

## Annual General Meeting 2020 - Minutes



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<b><u>Date:</u></b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	<b><u>Meeting Location:</u></b>	Zoom Teleconference
<b><u>Meeting opened at:</u></b>	7.00pm		

<b><u>Attendees:</u></b>	Jenny King (Chairperson)	Ray King	<b><u>Apologies:</u></b>	Rex Cave
	Rhys Collins (Secretary)	Lise Govan		Leanne Lewis
	Lyndell Grech (Treasurer)	Graham Govan		Rosemarie Hemsworth
	Bev Plowman	Robert McDonald		Matt Conroy
	Carly Robinson	Ashleigh Richardson		
	Lyn Robinson	Eileen Langwell		
	Reg Arulappu	Peter Stevens		
	Bruno Alderuccio	Joanne Jelenic		
	Michael Downey	Jason Tran		

### **Minutes from Previous AGM**

<b><u>Presented By:</u></b>	Rhys Collins		
<b><u>Moved:</u></b>	Jenny King	<b><u>Seconded:</u></b>	Eileen Langwell

## Business Arising from Previous Minutes

	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Action With:</u>	<u>Due By:</u>
<b>Courts 7-10</b>	<p>Court 8 is currently closed due to a pothole located at the park end.</p> <p>Quote obtained to replace courts 7-10. Significant assistance will be required via grants to fund this project. Committee currently working through how to obtain funding via grants.</p>	Committee	Ongoing
<b>Telephone</b>	Phone issues will be resolved as part of NBN being implemented.	Michael Downey	Feb 2021
<b>Portable ATM terminal</b>	<p>Decided during the year that the benefits of the machine don't exceed the cost to purchase at this point.</p> <p>Review in the future.</p>	NFAR	N/A

## Chairperson's Report (Jenny King)

# Essendon Tennis Club - Presidents Report

## Report 2019 – 2020

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Essendon Tennis Club. This report will seek to highlight some of the clubs achievements over the past year, a year that can only be described as 'extraordinary'. A year of Covid-19.

I am sure our members have had many challenges to deal with during this time and hope things are returning to normal as we come out of these restrictions.

The Essendon Tennis Club has had to endure club closure, no competition, no socialisation, financial hardship and isolation.

We look forward to a better 2021.

### **The Past 12 Months**

As of March this year, we witnessed the clubs activities coming to a near standstill; Competition was cancelled, and but for few short periods, social tennis and Coaching ceased.

As a facility the committee have put in significant time to maintain our infrastructure at the highest standard.

Operations at the club for the last 6 months, when courts could be made available, were significantly enhanced by the use of the Book A Court system. Covid rules meant that members utilising the courts could be monitored, including numbers allowed and personal details maintained.

Prior to March this year there were significant plans in place to upgrade courts 7 – 10. Sadly these plans were delayed. The only positive to be found is that a lack of play for the last six months has bought us a bit more time.

Disappointingly, although several grant applications were made during the past year, but for one small payment, the club has failed in accessing major funds for court upgrades. Further applications will be put forward in the New Year.

Thanks to Grants received late 2019 from the Essendon Football Club our men's toilets were upgraded, a new sink and dishwasher installed in the Bar area and pathways next to courts 1-4 replaced.

### **Coaching**

Our Coaching team from Vida, headed by Ashleigh Richardson, had a great start to the year with summer camps, holiday programs and a full compliment of activities organised. Ashleigh has worked along side the Committee over the past six months to maintain the strictest Covid rules. A big thanks to Ashleigh for understanding the situation we have been in and to continue great communication with their students.

### **Membership**

Club membership over the past 12 months has remained steady. Only cessation of Covid rules and the New Year will allow us to give a sense of future membership numbers. In

<b><u>Presented By:</u></b>	Jenny King		
<b><u>Moved:</u></b>	Bev Plowman	<b><u>Seconded:</u></b>	Lise Govan

## **Treasurer's Report** (Lyndell Grech)

### **Essendon Tennis Club End of Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019-30 June 2020 Statement Presented**

The annual financial report has been emailed to all members this year which details the Profit & Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, Notes to Financial Statements & the Depreciation Schedule. The club's accounts were audited by Jones Louros Accountants. I thank Michael Louros and his team for all their support during the year with the club's accounts and providing support with the Xero accounting system that we use. Jones Louros Accountants also support the club by providing sponsorship to the junior members with the provision of club shirts for all players. Their support is much appreciated.

If members have any queries regarding the financial reporting for 01.07.2019 – 30.06.2020, please let me know.

2020 started out as usual with the club membership accounts sent out & competition resuming. However, since the pandemic hit and government restrictions came into force at the end of March, the club was been closed down for many months of this year. So accounts wise, it has been very quiet from April to November. The full financial effects to the club will be seen at the end of the next financial year.

Fees for 2021 will remain the same as 2020 with the provision that 2020 financial members are eligible for a discount (details have been emailed to all club members). If members are able to continue paying full fees, it would be appreciated.

We hope that 2021 will see everyone back on the courts with competition, social and coaching starting up again.

Thank you to the committee and all club members for your ongoing support.

<b><u>Presented By:</u></b>	Lyndell Grech		
<b><u>Moved:</u></b>	Bruno Alderuccio	<b><u>Seconded:</u></b>	Eileen Langwell

## **Reports**

<b><u>Report:</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter:</u></b>
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<p><b>Senior Men's Social Tennis</b></p>	<p>No Report</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>NSJTA</b></p>	<p>Junior Committee Report - Essendon TC AGM 23/11/2020</p> <p>Currently, the Junior Delegates remain myself and Matt Conroy. We have a wonderful group of team managers who assist us when needed. This includes, but not limited to, Michael Louros, Steve Landgren and Jason Tran.</p> <p>In season 1 2020, Essendon had 14 teams and approximately 70 competition juniors. One team was combined with Coburg, One with St Monicas, One with St John Bosco and Three with St Christophers. As a large club we believe it's important we continue to help other smaller clubs given many are restricted by the number of juniors or the number of courts they have available.</p> <p>Season 1 finished on 20th March 2020 due to Covid and Season 2 did not commence at all.</p> <p>We are now busy preparing for Season 1, 2021. Transfers closed on 14th November and we had 8 players decide to transfer to Essendon. The NSJTA have suggested this was a high number relative to other clubs. Although we have not finalised the teams, it would appear we will again have 14 teams and a slight increase in competition juniors to 75. We are expecting we will have two new beginner teams of 8 to 11 year old kids which is a great sign for the future.</p> <p>We understand this slight increase in competition junior members bucks the trend experienced by other clubs which have seen their numbers fall slightly for next season.</p> <p>Next season, in consultation with Lyndell, we have decided to charge an additional \$30 per competition junior membership to cover ball fees. We will exercise flexibility if a junior pays \$30 and does not play the entire season. This will ensure Team Managers are not chasing up ball fees which is a reason we have struggled to get parents to volunteer to be team managers or remain as team managers!</p> <p>A big thank you to Ash and the Vida team who are creating a positive &amp; inclusive culture at the club. We are continuing to see new junior members of all ages and all standards from beginners to the elite tournament playing juniors.</p> <p>Kind Regards Joanne Jelenic</p>	<p>Joanne Jelenic</p>

<p><b>NSLTA</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Selection Committee will stay the same as last year</li> <li>2. There has been no play since March 2020.</li> <li>3. Teams are currently being call for the Autumn 2021 Season&gt;</li> <li>4. Play to commence February 2021.</li> <li>5. AGM Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ol>	<p>Jenny on behalf of Leanne Lewis</p>
<p><b>NSNTA</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 6 matches were played before competition was cut short due to restriction from COVID.</li> <li>2. Unfortunately, although we registered new teams for the second season. This season was also cancelled.</li> <li>3. Teams now have to be selected by December 14 for Autumn 2021. We are hoping all teams will register.</li> <li>4. Thank you to Graeme and Bev for their Assistance.</li> </ol>	<p>Jenny King</p>
<p><b>Sections</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only managed to meet on one occasion face to face before COVID restrictions.</li> <li>2. Trustees had 4 Zoom meetings with Essendon Football Club from June onward following notification by the club that there would be no funding for the year 2020 due to COVID.</li> <li>3. Negotiations resulted in the following outcomes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EFC announced no funding available this year.</li> <li>• First live meeting resulted in EFC offering emergency funding to any section that could put together a case re their individual need.</li> <li>• Meeting with sections resulted in this offer being rejected.</li> <li>• Next meeting resulted in EFC offering \$50,000 to be shared by all Sections.</li> <li>• This offer rejected – new case put forward by Trustees re making 2020 a gap year – with funding to be extended by one year to 2023. (Note that the current Merger Agreement should have ended with EFC 2022)</li> <li>• EFC and Trustees in agreement re gap year. An amendment re same to be written.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Ray King</p>
<p><b>Tennis Victoria Pennant</b></p>	<p>No season in 2020.</p> <p>No information about 2021 season as yet.</p>	<p>Lyn Robinson</p>

**Coaching**

**January Events:**

Ashleigh took 11 kids to Albury for a Tournament Camp for 5 days. This included 7 kids from Essendon. Some of the players won their first ever points tournament matches during the camp, we travelled as a team on the train to Albury, played lots of matches on grass courts and included mixed doubles with other team players and had lots of fun.

Summer Camps/Holiday Programs had over 30 kids.

Kids on Court at the Australian Open - 10 Kids player on Margaret Court Arena prior to matches starting and Layla Seyis got to do the Coin toss for the first match on straight after.

Hotshots Match Play Showcase - 15 Kids from Orange and Green Ball attending the Aus Open to play some doubles matches against kids from other clubs across Victoria. We played on the outside courts at the Australian Open on the day of the Mens final. We also got a photo with the Australian Open Mens Trophy and the kids and parents got to stay at the AO for the remainder of the day.

**Term 1**

We have built a partnership with Sam the PE teacher from Aberfeldie Primary School, we did a PE class with every class in the school during Term 1. This will be an on-going relationship with us already booked in for Term 1 in 2021.

**Term 2 & 3**

During Covid Restrictions we created an online group on facebook called Hotshots from Home. Where coaches created 30min lessons for our hotshots kids to be able to play from home 3 times a week. We also started a zoom fitness program which ran 3 times a week for 40minutes for Junior Development and Junior Performance level players.

**Term 4**

With the support from everyone at the club we have made a smooth transition into coaching again. We have had a wonderful response from our coaching participants in returning, as to be expected we have not got back to our numbers from term 1 but are still sitting at approximately 220 at the moment in term 1 we were at approximately 280-290. We have seen a large increase in enquiries for Adults classes and kids aged 4-5years old.

Nick Opasinov completed his Level 2 Club Professional Coaching Qualification from Tennis Australia. This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the hard work that Nick has put in.

I was very fortunate to win the Tennis Victoria Rising Star Coach of the Year Award for 2019-2020. It was a huge

Ashleigh  
Richardson

## Election of Office Bearers

<b>Chairperson</b>	Jenny King
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lyndell Grech
<b>Secretary</b>	Rhys Collins
<b>Pennant Secretary</b>	Lyn Robinson
<b>General Committee</b>	Bev Plowman Lisa Govan Ray King Rosemarie Hemsworth Joanne Jelenic Bruno Alderuccio Michael Downey Michael Louros

## Ratification of NSLTA Selection Committee

**Co-ordinator:** Marita McLeod

**Secretary:** Leanne Lewis

**Selection Committee Members:** Linda Deasy, Karen McAllion, Denise Finn, Annette Troup

**Moved:**

Lise Govan

**Seconded:**

Jenny King



## General & New Business

	<b><u>Business Item:</u></b>	<b><u>Action With:</u></b>	<b><u>Due By:</u></b>
<b>2021 Membership Fees</b>	Fees for 2021 will remain the same as 2020 with the provision that 2020 financial members are eligible for a discount (details have been emailed to all club members). If members are able to continue paying full fees, it would be appreciated.  Ratified by General Committee.	Lyndell Grech	December 2020
<b>Clubroom Access</b>	Reg Arulappu asked for an update on when members will be able to access the clubhouse: Intention is to re-open the clubhouse by the end of this week once the following have been confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cleaning arrangements are finalised with new cleaner</li><li>• Determine maximum person limitation allowed inside at any one time.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Signage to be displayed.</li></ul></li></ul>	Jenny King	27 November 2020
<b>Supper &amp; Opening Bar for Night Tennis</b>	Graham Govan asked what the plans were for having supper and opening the bar for night competition.  No plans in place as yet. Still to be confirmed once there's more visibility of the level of restrictions when the season is scheduled to start in February 2021.  Robert McDonald advised that the NSNTA haven't made any decisions on this either.	Committee	January 2020

**Meeting closed at:**

7.40pm