



Heathmont Tennis Club

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HTC Committee

Following the AGM which was attended by a select and might I say good looking group of members, the following positions were filled.

President	Carl Cant	9870 0627
Vice President	Loraine Allender	
Treasurer	Sue Edmonds	
Secretary	Rebecca Walsh	9729 1230
Maintenance	Peter Thomas	

Committee members:

- Jan Crapper
- Phil Jay
- Chris Sheehan
- Nick Sheehan

Thanks to the committee for all the time they devote to the club.

Friday Night Social Tennis

Started Friday 10th October and will continue on the first Friday night of the month starting at 6.30pm.

However there won't be one in January.

Upcoming dates are November 7

December 5

For the first week we had around twenty members come along and have some enjoyable tennis. Cost is \$2 members, \$5 non members and \$5 family members. This covers the cost of the lights and balls. Junior members to be accompanied by an adult please.



Watering

Courts 1 and 2 and 4 and 5 are now attached to tank water. The water taps will be painted to identify them. The other courts remain on mains water, so restrictions still apply and watering is limited to at the end of each set but not at the end of play.

Competition News

The Eastern Region Winter season is now done & dusted.

We had several teams make Grand finals & walked away with two flags.

In the junior sections, Heathmont was again successful in the Mixed 1 section. This was the highest Junior section for the season & the team of Matt Munro, Logan Whitaker, Amy Munro & Lisa Bradley should be applauded for their efforts. The contributions of Jay Croucher & Chloe Sinnat should also not be underestimated.

Among the Senior teams, Talia Fellers team in Opens Sets 10 took out the premiership for the second season in a row. Tali, with her team mates Steph Molk, Meredith Jay, Mike Trucano, Andy Poon & Ben Fuller did themselves & the club proud.

I would also like to congratulate our girls in Section 6 of the Victorian Pennant Competition (all of whom have been coached by Rob). They prevailed to win the first female Pennant title Heathmont has won since 1964. The captain Krissy Bradley has written the following report.

Carl Cant

Womens Pennant Grade 6 – Heathmont Premieres!

Coming in last place on the ladder for the first three weeks of our pennant season, we never thought we could make the final, let alone win it. But our season soon picked up and before we knew it we had finished third on the sectional ladder, with a chance to progress to the grade final.

Our semi-final proved very tough; we had lost three out of four singles rubbers, and needed to win all of our doubles rubbers convincingly to progress to the final. After six hours of play, we managed to scrape through, winning the match by just two games.

We had made it to the final, and with the determination to 'beast!' (in the words of Amy Munro), we won all four of our singles rubbers. Winning just one doubles rubber was all that was needed to be crowned premiers of the grade, and it came easily. We had done it!

Congratulations to all the girls in the team – Amy Munro, Krissy Bradley, Lisa Bradley, Katherine Cole, Kelly Goodwin, Olivia Cant and Claire Moyle – and many thanks to our loyal emergency players – Diana Moyle and Jenna Bateup. Thanks also to David Scott for his assistance in organising the season. We feel very proud to be the first womens team in decades to win a pennant flag for Heathmont.



Tuesday midweek ladies have won 2 flags. Section A6 was given a forfeit – unbelievable in a grand final and Section A9 won theirs the hard way by 22 games. Congratulations girls. The new season started late August. Keep winning and have fun. FTG competition on Wednesdays has two weeks to go before the end of the season.



If anyone is interested in forming a night tennis team, especially a mens team on Tuesday nights or a mixed team on a Wednesday, please contact Rebecca Walsh. The season doesn't start until Feb but we need to put the teams into the association by 27 October. Our new womens team the Hungry Wombats won their premiership in their first season.



Congratulations to the junior teams that made the finals in the winter season. Boys 7, Boys 23 and Mixed 12 finished runners up in their sections. Whilst Mixed 1 were premiers.

The Saturday junior summer season commenced on Saturday 11th October. There are 18 teams comprising Presidents shield, 4 mixed teams, 9 boys teams and 4 girls teams.

As it is the start of a new season a reminder of parent's duties has been included:

Junior Tennis Duty

Just a reminder that each week a parent from each team is required to be on duty for both home and away matches. The home duty parent helps out in the canteen, which is a service to parents and children, as well as being a fundraiser for the club. It is important that every team is represented - once you're on duty, you can negotiate with other parents if you need to leave early etc.

The parent on duty of an away team is responsible for transporting children both to and from Heathmont Tennis Club. It is expected that the parent (not a learner driver or P-plater unless they have the express permission of all families) drives the players to the away venue and waits at the venue until the completion of play. This latter is particularly important in the case of younger players. Host clubs cannot be responsible for visiting juniors. The supervising parent is then required to drive all players back to either their homes (if they don't live too far from HTC) or back to the clubhouse to meet a parent.

Under no circumstances should juniors be left to find their own way home from away venues. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



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Heathmont Tennis Club Senior Club Championships coming soon!

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President's Report - 2008 Annual General Meeting.

On any criteria, any review of the past year would have to conclude that it has been an interesting, challenging, but successful period for the Heathmont Tennis Club.

On the court we have seen the continued development and improvement of our junior members, with a number of our teams making finals. With many teams poised for finals action in the current season, I wish them all the best.

Our senior teams continue not only to enjoy their tennis, but be successful, with 3 of these teams tasting premiership success in the last Eastern Region season. We again are in line for finals action in seniors and I extend my best wishes to these teams also.

We also have numerous night tennis teams playing during the week and whilst the number of our teams has fallen slightly, the dedicated souls who continue are flying the flag for Heathmont with success and much enjoyment.

Off the court it has been a challenging but also rewarding year for the club. The ongoing issue of water (or lack of it) has seen restrictions on its use and the search for solutions become the key issue for most tennis clubs.

After considering all options, we decided to go down the path of water tanks and the treatment of our courts with Magnesium Chloride. We were grateful to be able to obtain a grant of \$10,000.00 from Maroondah Council to assist us to put our plans in place, and we were able to obtain a further grant from Tennis Victoria which helped with the cost of using the Magnesium Chloride.

Our tanks are now full after being installed and connected to both our clubrooms and the neighbouring baseball pavilion.

A special thanks must go to Steve Bateup for his work on this project, and also to all the members who have put in time and effort to help Steve get everything up and running.

As a result of having the tanks installed and the courts treated, we are able to continue to use (and water if necessary) all courts. We must lodge water usage figures regularly with Yarra Valley Water, and provided we are within the usage ceilings they have set for us, we will be able to continue to use all courts. This will be our biggest challenge in the upcoming year and with the continued support of our members it is a challenge I am confident we will meet.

I would like to extend special thanks to Loraine and Sheylene who run our canteen brilliantly. With the help of all the duty parents on game days, our canteen has

become one of the best in the Eastern Region. It is also a valuable source of income for the club, so keep up the good work ladies.

Once again, Rob Peterson has proved himself to be one of the best coaches around. The continued success and improvement of our juniors is testament to his coaching, but his work ethic and loyalty to the Heathmont Tennis Club is unquestionable. Rob's efforts are admired and greatly appreciated by not only his pupils, but also their parents and by the Committee. Thanks Rob.

On a personal note it has been an interesting and at times demanding 12 months, but I would like to thank the other committee members who have helped and contributed so much during the year. In particular I'd like to thank our Secretary Rebecca Walsh who has not only been of great support but has brought a much appreciated level of order and organisation to the committee. I'd also like to give special thanks to our Treasurer Sue Edmunds who has done a great job looking after our finances.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing committee members for their contributions. In particular I would like to acknowledge Dan Sly, who has spent many years on the committee, most recently as Vice President.

In addition, I would also like to again pay tribute to Jan Crapper. One of the highlights of the off court year of the club was the naming of our clubrooms after Jan. It was not only a great day for our club, but more importantly, a fitting tribute to Jan in recognition of her contribution to our club. Her continued work on the committee is greatly appreciated.

Participation and community spirit are two of the hallmarks of the Heathmont Tennis Club. I believe we can all be proud of what we have achieved and the way we are prepared to help and assist other community groups within the Heathmont area and the Eastern Region tennis community.

Early this year we were chosen to be a host club for the Optus Junior Rankings Tournament, and we have also been chosen to be a venue for the Eastern Region teams in the upcoming junior pennant competition. I believe these decisions are proof of the positive way we are now being viewed by Eastern Region and are a feather in the cap of our club.

Many challenges lie ahead, but I am confident that with the continued support of members the club is well placed to meet these challenges.

Carl Cant

President.

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