

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOOSA TENNIS CLUB, 28 FEBRUARY 2010

2009 was a year of consolidation for the club, with no major expenditure required.

NTA Coaching and Management Agreement with NTC

The agreement between Noosa Tennis Club and Noosa Tennis Academy has just concluded its third year. We are pleased to inform you that NTA has taken up the option of a further 3 years on the contract. Also, as part of the agreement NTC paid to NTA a bonus of \$8,260.87. This bonus was the result of NTA meeting their membership target during the year, as set out in the agreement. (Schedule B Payments, Membership Bonus (iv)).

Facilities and Maintenance

Frank Matus and his team of merry men have made many improvements to the Club over the past year and we would like to thank everyone who has spent time working on enhancing and maintaining the gardens, including the hard work of tree lopping.

Thanks to Greg Crittle's efforts in making a submission for a grant to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, we now have a gazebo between Courts 1 and 2 which is certainly well utilised, especially when we play Comp.

A considerable amount of time and effort has been put into repairing the fencing around the courts and a big thank you to Barry Herbert for his time in doing this. Also Len Steele is responsible for the lovely new garden beds alongside courts 1 and 2, so thanks to Len.

A new oven and hotplates has been installed in the kitchen, as our gas cooker didn't comply with safety standards. Bob Wood generously donated his time and I'm sure you'll agree with me that the end result looks great.

During the year the Club purchased a new ride on mower. Prior to this Quentin McCutcheon spent many, many hours making "running" repairs to the old mower. But the time came when it was no longer practical to keep repairing the mower, and I'm sure Quentin is very happy we purchased a new one!

Helen Nosedo came to the Club's rescue after we put out a call for a new motor mower and very kindly donated one. Wayne now has equipment in good condition with which to maintain the lawns, and many thanks to him for all the time and effort he puts into keeping them looking so good.

Just like our own homes, ongoing maintenance is always required to keep the club and grounds in good condition. Hopefully members will continue to offer their time to assist with this work.

Financial

The assistance of so many people with maintenance around the club, has contributed in no small part to the club ending the financial year with a healthy bank balance of more than \$70,000.

Membership

Club membership numbers are a continuing concern to your committee. At the conclusion of 2009 we had 225 adult members (of various types) and 59 juniors, giving a total of 284 members. This total number is an increase of 21 members

during the year over 2008. During the year the club actually acquired 101 new members, but as 80 members did not renew we had a net gain of only 21 new members.

To date, there is still a considerable number of members who have not renewed their membership. Most of those people have been contacted and there are many and various reasons why they are not renewing – relocation, injury and general loss of interest in tennis.

We will have to work hard during the year to gain new members just to maintain our membership levels. We are actively trying to find someone with PR and media experience to help us with this task, as the more exposure we can generate the more likely we are to attract new players. So if anyone has experience in this area, or knows someone who does, please let us know.

Grants

As mentioned in last year's report, we were successful in our application for a grant from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council for \$7,200. This funding has enabled us to construct the shade pergola with seating, located between courts 1 and 2.

Functions

In February we held an Open Day to encourage people to come and see our wonderful facility and hopefully play tennis and join the Club. I don't believe we gained any new members through this activity, but believe it was a very worthwhile exercise in promoting the club. Both Evonne Cawley and Pat Rafter were kind enough to spend some time and happily chatted to visitors and signed autographs. It was decided to make this an annual event.

Again, the main function held during the year was the Melbourne Cup, which as always was a great success, with all who attended having a thoroughly enjoyable time. This event raised \$1,755 for the Club, which is a fantastic result, and huge thanks go to Frank and Joy Matus for all their time and effort in organising this event. Special thanks to Barry Herbert for manning the bar and keeping the drinks flowing.

SGM

The Club held an SGM in September to add a new membership category of 'Intermediate' for those players between the age of 18 and 21, with the fee being 50% of the full adult rate. Also, Frank Matus was confirmed as a Life Member of the Club.

Lynne Morton
President
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