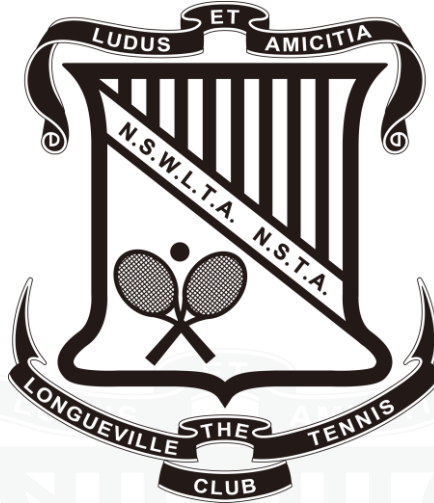


Longueville Tennis Club Inc.

Established 1921



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Office Bearers and General Committee

President: Margaret Bisley

Senior Vice President: Kellie Reid

Junior Vice President: Christine Butters

Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Ann Tulloh

Secretary: Judy Balint

Bookings Officer: Kellie Reid

Grants Officer: Margie Hughes

General Committee: Liz Brownie, Carol Campling, Judi Hipsley,
Patrick Leung, Claire Paisley, Margaret Potter,
Janice Sadler, Ross Speers, Tania Murphy

Public Officer: Ross Speers

Tennis NSW Delegate: Kellie Reid

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Club and facility management

The Club is managed by the Office Bearers and members of the General Committee elected each year at the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the Constitution. The Club's premises and facilities are part of Longueville Park Reserve, which is managed by Lane Cove Council ("the Council") and leased to the Club as outlined below.

Officers and Committee are voluntary positions that carry a range of compliance responsibilities and duties: duties to Club members, to Tennis Australia / Tennis NSW, to the Council, to Sydney Badge, to the Club's coaches and to members of the public, especially children. The Committee is charged with both managing Club operations and managing the facility, (including public court hire), on behalf of the Council. This means balancing the wide-ranging needs and desires of members, and keeping membership fees to an affordable level, and simultaneously fulfilling the conditions of the Lease. In particular, the condition of major capital expense items, such as tennis court fencing and court surface, are carefully monitored so that projects for replacing the court surface and replacing the court fencing can be carried out smoothly with reasonably minimal disruption to play.

The 2020 calendar year has required more than usual Committee time in order to address the two unforeseen challenges summarised below.

Lease from Lane Cove Council

The current Lease, (now a Real Property Act lease), was signed in January 2020 following negotiations aimed at achieving terms that are relevant to both the Club's status as a NFP incorporated association and the operations and location of the tennis facility at Longueville, adjacent to Kingsford Smith Oval.

The commencement date of the lease is 1/07/2019 and the termination date is 30/06/2024.

The conditions are more far reaching than previous leases and impose a broader range of responsibilities, which include (i) requirements that are generally part of Real Property Act leases; (ii) duties associated with delegated management of the premises and facilities, such as maintenance and improvement, security, public court hire, youth programs; and (iii) a range of imposts and acknowledgement of Council controls.

2020 Challenges

2020 saw two unanticipated challenges: the COVID-19 pandemic and the sudden resignation of the Club's primary coach.

COVID-19

COVID-19 meant that the Committee had to respond, often at short notice, to the recommendations of Tennis NSW, and to adjust to the dictates of the Council, and importantly to comply with the requirements of NSW Health. We managed first the closure of the complete facility, followed by the gradual reopening on a limited basis of

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court hire – singles, then doubles, then competition – and the careful opening of the changerooms with restricted access and extra cleaning. A Council compatible QR code system is now in place for users of the changerooms. The clubhouse proper remains closed, as we are not able to monitor COVID-safe use of the internal area nor commit the Club’s funds to the daily deep cleaning processes stipulated by NSW Health.

Throughout the period of gradual reopening of the tennis courts the Booking Officer, Kellie Reid, reviewed and managed court bookings daily and during the days. Kellie’s dedicated regulation and monitoring of the bookings enabled appropriate physically distanced court access (first singles, then doubles, then competition) by the maximum number of members. During the lockdown period members (including the 40 plus new members who joined during that period) had more time and more need for tennis, and Kellie was able to regulate limited court bookings to enable a greater number of players access to tennis.

Resignation of Jareth Magnus T/A *tennisense*

Unfortunately our popular coach, Jareth Magnus, received an offer from Voyager Tennis Academy which we were unable to match, although Kellie Reid and Margaret Bisley worked hard to entice him to stay coaching at LTC. Jareth sought an early release from the Licence Agreement he entered into with the Club so that he could work closer to home, and in a management capacity, with a guaranteed secure income with the usual holiday, sickness and bonus benefits.

We were fortunate to replace Jareth in a timely manner with an experienced and well-liked coach who had worked previously at LTC only two years prior, when employed by Inspire Tennis. Hayden Grayson now T/A Lead Tennis Academy has entered into a 3-year Licence Agreement with Club, commencing 01/10/20.

Club membership

Financial members at the end of the Club’s financial year (30/09/20) number 363, 80% of whom reside in the Lane Cove municipality.

Comparative end of year membership numbers for the past 5 years is shown in the following table:

Member Category	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Senior/Life	305	272	289	276	272
Junior	58	42	42	49	47
Total	363	314	331	325	319

Each year there is a turnover of members, but many more new memberships in 2020 than in recent decades.

At the end of 2019, 30 members did not renew their subscriptions.

From 25/03/20 to 30/09/20, 79 new members joined the Club. Our Membership Secretary, Ann Tulloh, processed these applications for membership, speedily and efficiently so that new members could enjoy the benefits of socially distanced tennis sooner.

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Honorary Life Members are: D. Newgreen, G.N. Pollard, A. Leask, P. Hodgson, J.P. King, M.E. Leask, M. Boyle, R. Shorter, R. Speers, C. Butters, M. Bisley.

Financials

An extract of the Financial Report FY2020, comprising Profit & Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and overview is sent to senior members by separate email.

The two special purpose funds for capital expenditure are topped up annually. We have Capital Works Fund currently running and Court Fencing Fund which was closed just prior to Y/E in preparation for fencing work in December 2020 and January 2021. This fencing work is part funded by the Local Sports Grant listed below.

As disclosed in the Profit & Loss Statement, the Club's main sources of income are membership fees and coaching court hire fees, followed by public court hire fees. The main non-capital expense items in FY2020 were lease rental and court & clubhouse monthly maintenance.

Joining Fees (Senior and Junior) and Junior Membership Fees FY2020 remain unchanged for the fifth successive year. There is no increase in Senior Membership Fees for FY2020; these fees were increased by 6% in FY2019. There has been no increase in Junior Membership fees for some years.

Members are reminded that, if through illness, accident or travel, they will not be playing tennis for any one or more years, they can apply to the Committee for Leave of Absence, paying \$45 per annum as a non-playing member instead of the annual membership fee of \$175.

Government sports grants

Our Grants Officer, Margie Hughes, works tirelessly to source appropriate sports grants and sports infrastructure grants to assist with the facility replacement and upgrade costs, which costs are the Club's obligation under the lease.

This year we have received two grants:

NSW Government: Tennis NSW Sports Grant Program: \$1000 for administration costs as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown;

NSW Local Sports Grant Program: \$15,000 for fencing upgrade.

Margie also submitted two other grant applications:

NSW ATP Legacy Fund Grant for court resurfacing costs (the grant offers a maximum of 25% of the cost of the Works);

NSW Community Building Partnership Grant for solar power system.

Member activities

Social Group Tennis

Club-organised tennis continues Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings and Saturday afternoons.

Competition Tennis

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Competition play was suspended during the COVID-19 lockdown and was resumed in an abbreviated format without spectators or post-match socialising.

2020 Sydney Badge teams:

- Ladies Longueville 1 – Saturday Badge, Div 1
- Ladies Longueville 2 – Saturday Badge, Div 1
- Ladies Longueville 3 – Saturday Badge, Div 1
- Ladies Longueville 4 – Saturday Badge, Div 2
- Ladies Longueville 5 – Saturday Badge, Div 3
- Ladies Longueville 1 Thursday Badge, Div 1
- Ladies Longueville 2 Thursday Badge, Div 1
- Ladies Longueville 3 Thursday Badge, Div 2

Northern Suburbs Tennis Association Ladies Midweek

Three Longueville teams: No Lobs, Phoenix, and Mosman, played in Divisions 1 and Slammers played in Division 2.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome at the Club.

Visitors Fees at \$12 per adult and \$6 per junior have not changed for over 5 years and are payable at the time of booking (using the online payment facility) or at the time of play (by depositing cash into the Club's internal mailboxes).

Community commitment and youth programs

Professional Coaching

Coaching in the form of private or group lessons is available to adults as well as juniors, and to non-members as well as members.

tennisense conducted by Jareth Magnus concluded operations at the Club on 20/09/20.

Lead Tennis Academy operated by Hayden Grayson commenced coaching on 1/10/20. Jenny de Vivo has had a long-standing relationship with the Club and continues to offer private coaching on a limited basis.

School court hire

Loretto Kirribilli hires courts on Saturday mornings in Term 4 for school competitions.

Public Court Hire

Courts 4 and 5 are available for public hire at the hourly rate of \$20 per court. Courts 4 and 5 are also available for member bookings.

The Committee continues to liaise with the Council to work towards goals, which include: improving and growing the facility for members and for the local community, meet youth program commitments, maintaining quality coaching, and maintaining revenue through coaching and public court hire.

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Committee appreciation

As President, I am fortunate to work with a group of volunteers who willingly participate as a team, to run the Club smoothly for members, to manage and maintain the facilities smoothly for the Council, and to support health, tennis and tennis coaching for the local community.

It is tricky to make individual mention of members of a team. However, there are three Officers who, over a period of years, continue to give an enormous amount of time and energy to the Club.

Our Grants Officer, Margie Hughes, donates hours to completing detailed grant application forms which require precise evidence, quotes and referees, and, when successful, arranging for the Works to be carried out in accordance with the grant conditions.

Ann Tulloch has been our Treasurer and Membership Secretary since February 2010. Ann diligently attends to LTC financial and membership matters, as well as a range of admin matters, seven days a week.

Kellie Reid has been Senior Vice-President for over seven years, the Secretary for some of that time, and Booking Officer since September 2015, attending to admin and competition matters as well as constantly monitoring court bookings and gate locks.

I thank Committee members for their thoughtful diligence and support.

For the Committee
Marg Bisley
President 2020

