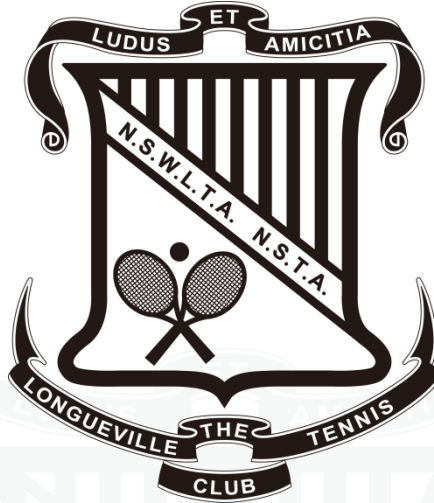


Longueville Tennis Club Inc.

Established 1921



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Office Bearers and General Committee

President: Margaret Bisley

Vice President & Booking Officer: Kellie Reid

Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Ann Tulloh

Secretary: Judy Balint

Grants Officer: Margie Hughes

General Committee: Chris Butters, Carol Campling, Christina Darwell, Mark Dent, Judi Hipsley, Bruce Hogan, Claire Paisley, Margaret Potter, Ross Speers

Public Officer: Ross Speers / Margaret Bisley

Tennis NSW Delegate: Elise Taylor

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Introduction

I begin this formal report by thanking members for their loyalty and support during this difficult year and, moreover, throughout the past eighteen months. Thank you for understanding and working with the sometimes sudden changes in the rules pertaining to use of the clubhouse and the tennis courts. These changes were largely dictated by the requirements of NSW Health and the local community's desire for outdoor exercise during the lockdown periods.

The Public Health Orders impacted members in varying degrees. Some members, including the Club's Treasurer & Membership Secretary live more than 10 kilometers from the courts and many members (including our Vice-President & Booking Officer) live more than 5 kilometers from the courts, and were unable to make use of their membership fees for some months of the financial year. Consideration was given to calculating a discount on future fees. Achieving a fair outcome for all members, regrettably, proved impossible: the task involved stages of calculations over two distinct periods for each distinct address outside the 2066 postcode. Another of the inequitable results of the pandemic.

Centenary: 1921-2021

The Club was founded in 1921 and this year the Club marked its 100-year anniversary, unfortunately somewhat quietly, given the circumstances of COVID-19.

Our Centenary Committee led by Chris Butters met regularly over 10 months to plan and to take steps towards implementing a Centenary Celebration at the Club on 9 October. It was disheartening to cancel hire arrangements and to advise our guests and speakers that the Public Health Orders led to cancellation of arrangements. Two results of the Centenary Committee's work remain: the first is an interesting and informative History of the Club booklet, published and available to members on request. And the second is a wonderful, historical display inside the clubhouse, which is available for members' viewing. The Club's centenary was noted in Federal Parliament by Trent Zimmerman and recognized by Tennis NSW with a delightful plaque.

Vale Ross Speers

Ross' wife, Lorraine Speers modestly noted "The Club was a big part of Ross's life". Ross served 35 years on the Committee and made a huge contribution of time and expertise for more than that. His expertise as an engineer and his diligence in the position of Honorary Secretary, together with his considered input and dry sense of humour made working with him on Committee a pleasure. Ross was made a Life Member in 2012. He died in July 2021 and is greatly missed.

Vale Pam Hodgson

Pam Hodgson (née Norris) joined the Club as a teenager in 1945. She won the Junior Girls Singles Championship in 1948 and 1949 and played comp for many years. Pam served on Committee for many years and was made a Life Member in 1979. Pam died in March 2021 after 76 years membership.

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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.

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 Lane Cove 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, 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 surfaces, 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.

Again this year, as in the 2020 calendar year, the Club was inundated with new membership applications and demands for court time during the lockdown periods. Ann Tulloh (Treasurer & Membership Secretary) processed xx applications to date this calendar year.

Kellie Reid (VP & Booking Officer) reviewed and managed court bookings daily and several times during the day to enable equitable access to and use of the courts by a maximum number of players.

Judy Balint (Secretary) produced a Council compatible QR code system and prepared and registered the Club's COVID-19 Safety Plan to enable compliant use of areas of the facility in line with NSW Health requirements.

Club and facility premises

The Club's premises and facilities are part of Longueville Park Reserve, which is managed by Lane Cove Council and leased to the Club. The current Lease for 5 years commenced on 1/07/2019 and runs until 30/06/2024. The Lease imposes a range of responsibilities, including management, maintenance and improvement of the infrastructure, availability of public court hire and youth programs, and a range of imposts of Council controls.

Club membership

Financial members at the end of the Club's financial year (30/09/21) number 398, 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	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Senior/Life	316	305	272	289	276
Junior	75	58	42	42	49
Total	398	363	314	331	325

Each year there is a turnover of members, however, as in 2020, there is again a surge of new members seeking permissible outdoor exercise during the restrictions imposed

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by the COVID-19 Public Health Orders. We have a Waitlist of 58 applicants to be processed in order of receipt post 30/11/2021.

Ann Tulloh processed new applications for membership speedily and efficiently so that new members could enjoy the benefits of outdoor exercise sooner.

Honorary Life Members are: G.N. Pollard, A. Leask, M. Leask, M. Boyle, R. Shorter, 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.

As disclosed in the Profit & Loss Statement, the Club's main sources of income are membership fees and public court hire fees, followed by coaching court hire fees. The main non-capital expense items in FY2021 were lease rental and court & clubhouse monthly maintenance.

Joining Fees (Senior and Junior) remain unchanged for the sixth successive year. Membership fees for both Senior and Junior members were increased for FY 2022. Members are reminded that, if their ability to play tennis is affected by personal exceptional circumstance (such as illness, accident or extended travel) they apply to the Committee for Leave of Absence. If granted, Leave of Absence entitles the member to a 75% rebate for the period of the leave.

Infrastructure upgrade & Government sports grants

Through the diligent efforts of our Grants Officer, Margie Hughes, the Club was awarded a NSW ATP Legacy Fund Grant of \$36,670.00 for court resurfacing costs. The remaining cost will be met from the Club's Capital Works Fund, established to meet the Club's maintenance and upgrade responsibilities under the Lease. The court resurfacing works will be undertaken in 2 stages, the first commencing on 13/12/2021 and the second stage commencing on 10/01/2022.

The fencing upgrade project commenced on 7/12/2020 and was completed on 30/01/2021. It was paid for using \$15,000.00 of the NSW Local Sports Grant Program awarded for this purpose and the balance (\$37,690.00) from the Club's Capital Works Fund.

Member activities

Both Social Group tennis and competition tennis were severely affected by NSW Public Health Orders. In fact, all tennis was affected as only singles play was available for a period of months. As mentioned in my introduction, there were a number of rule changes around court bookings and court usage in order to comply with Health Orders and to enable fair access to the courts by a maximum number of members.

Social Group Tennis

Club-organised tennis has resumed under COVID safe conditions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and on Saturday afternoons.

Competition Tennis

The Club entered 4 teams in Saturday Badge and 2 teams in Ladies Thursday Badge. At most one or two rounds were completed this year, without spectators.

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Northern Suburbs Tennis Association Ladies Midweek competition was also suspended during the lockdown.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome at the Club and the member is responsible for payment of Visitors Fees: \$12 per adult and \$6 per junior, 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 mailbox).

Community commitment and youth programs

The Committee continues to liaise with Tennis NSW and with Lane Cove Council to respect child safety, to meet youth program commitments, and to grow and improve the facility for members and for the local community.

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.

The Club's primary coach is Lead Tennis Academy, owned and operated by Hayden Grayson.

Jenny de Vivo continues to offer private coaching during after-school hours.

School court hire

School court hire is usually conducted on Saturday mornings in Terms 1 and 4. School hire in Term 4 was not required, as schools were affected by Public Health Orders.

Public Court Hire

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

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.

The Committee benefitted from the fresh energy and various, additional skills of 3 new Committee members elected at the 2020 AGM.

I thank Committee members for the extensive time and diligent effort they devoted to manage the Club and the facility, to keep it safely operating, and to have it sparkling for a planned Centenary Celebration during a challenging 2021.

I thank members for being part of our community of tennis lovers and for ongoing support of the Club

For the Committee

Marg Bisley

President 2021