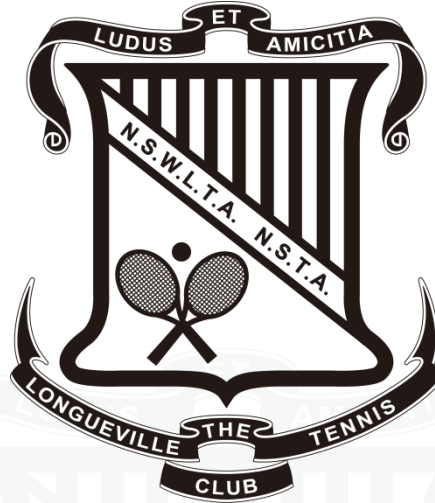


# Longueville Tennis Club Inc.

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

### General Committee:

Chris Butters, Norm Berry, Carol Campling, Christina Darwell, Judi Hipsley,  
Bruce Hogan, Claire Paisley, Margaret Potter, James Riley

**Public Officer:** Margaret Bisley

**Grants Officer:** Margie Hughes

**Tennis NSW Delegate:** Elise Taylor

**Child Protection Officers:** Bruce Hogan, Margaret Bisley

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### Introduction

This is my twelfth and final Annual Report as President of Longueville Tennis Club and I begin by referencing the Club's objects as stated in our Constitution. Our raison d'être is to promote the game of tennis and to do things for the betterment of the Club and its Members. These dual goals underpin Committee considerations and actions throughout this year and the achievements summarised in the Retrospective on pages 4 & 5.

Implementation of the Club's objects are carried out with due regard for the terms of the Lease from Lane Cove Council. The Lease imparts a range of responsibilities, including but not limited to the management, maintenance and improvement of the facility, the availability of public court hire and the availability of youth programs – all consistent with promoting the game of tennis and advancing the Club.

### 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. Managing Club operations and managing the facility on behalf of the Council involves balancing the wide-ranging needs and desires of members, ensuring equitable access to the courts, maintaining the widely recognized high standard of the LTC court surface, keeping membership fees to an affordable level, serving community needs, and catering for junior players.

### Club membership

The table below of comparative end-of-year membership numbers for the past 6 years shows a continuing growth in membership.

Member Category	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Senior/Life	362	316	305	272	289	276
Junior	108	75	58	42	42	49
Total	470	398	363	314	331	325

There is a turnover of members each year, however the trend of increased new applications for membership during COVID-19 has continued well beyond lockdown. New applications are processed by our Membership Secretary efficiently and with care so that new members have appropriate information and guidance to enjoy membership. Our Booking Officer monitors court bookings daily to assist with fairness to all.

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

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### Financials

An extract of the Financial Report FY2022 has been 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 **are** lease rental and court & clubhouse maintenance. Major capital expense items are carefully monitored and budgeted to enable capital works to be carried out in a timely manner, smoothly, and with reasonably minimal disruption to play.

Joining Fees (Senior and Junior) remain unchanged for the seventh successive year. This year, membership fees for both Senior and Junior members were increased by 10% and 6.25% respectively. Given court availability, LTC membership fees remain very competitive with similar clubs.

### Member activities

The Club offers Social Group Tennis on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and on Saturday afternoons.

The Club encourages Competition Tennis in the form of Saturday Badge, Ladies Thursday Badge and Northern Suburbs Tennis Association Ladies Midweek Competition, including at the "grass roots level", is an essential element in the promotion of any sport and our Booking Officer works each year to recruit and encourage comp players.

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).

### Badge Competition

While 2022 saw the fewest LTC Badge teams for some time, results remained strong: Saturday Ladies Division 1 lost in semi-finals; Saturday Ladies Division 2 won the final; and Thursday Ladies Division 1 won the final.

### Community commitment and youth programs

The Club continues to liaise with Tennis NSW and with Lane Cove Council, and the Committee works with LTC coaches, to promote child safety, to encourage family tennis, to offer programs for young players and to 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.

### School court hire

School court hire is usually conducted on Saturday mornings in Terms 1 and 4.

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### 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.

### Night tennis proposal

This year, following Committee member research, the Club announced a proposal for the expansion of outdoor recreational activities to benefit members and the community. The provision of night tennis on courts 4 and 5 would help meet the increased demand for tennis (and outdoor facilities) resulting from strong population growth and increased density in the LGA. An extension of tennis playing time, particularly in Autumn, Winter, and Spring beyond sunset, offers play at a time that best suits working people, high school and university students and parents of young families.

An Information Evening was held in August, and approximately 60 people attended. The presentation, the feedback and views expressed at the Evening, are valuable and informative and will inform the Committee's future considerations.

### **Committee appreciation**

For 12 years I've worked with Committee members who selflessly devote time and thoughtful effort to run the Club smoothly for members, to manage and maintain the facilities smoothly for the Council, and to support health and promote the game of tennis.

From time to time various Committee members, some no longer LTC members, have taken on extra tasks, often donating substantial time to important maintenance and capital works projects. The list is too long to include in this Report. Among those Committee members who have served the Club and the community so generously are two officers who have supported me throughout my presidency: Kellie Reid, in the capacity of Vice President & Booking Officer, and Ann Tulloh as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Both Kellie and Ann work every day for LTC and have my admiration and appreciation.

It is worthwhile reviewing a brief summary of what has been achieved over the past 12 years in the Retrospective below.

### **Retrospective**

- *Improved working relationship with Council*  
The Council required "donation" to Council's general fund (2011-2012) was disputed, both in principle, and in quantity, and involved the Club obtaining legal advice and investing numerous hours in face-to-face meetings and documentation. The sudden announcement by Council in 2013 that the premises were going to tender in order to increase utilization of the facility was also contested and involved detailed negotiation. Little Council support was available for the betterment of the facility until more recently. We now enjoy a communicative, cooperative working relationship where Council listens to our requests in respect of Lease renewal, supports our applications for capital works grants, and discusses and assists with landscaping and forward planning.

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- *Continuing to encourage tennis in the community, especially junior health and fitness through tennis*

In 2012 and 2013 we supported the Neighbourhood Watch Open Day on Kingsford Smith Oval, where we provided a BBQ and power, and operated a “stall”.

We held a Family Tennis Open Day in 2015 and again in 2019: free and open to members and the public, with coaching and catering available.

In 2009 we established and sponsored a Junior Program, open to junior members and to junior tennis players who are not Club members. The program was conducted under the supervision of two of our Committee members in conjunction with one of the Club’s coaches, Jenny de Vivo. Initially, it was free of charge, and then in 2012 at a cost of \$5.00 per session.

We continue to arrange Saturday morning school court hire: initially for Riverview, for Loretto Kirribilli, and Kambala.

We have supported tennis coaching, by negotiating and working with 5 different primary coaches: SCCoaching, Inspire Tennis, (formerly Sydney Tennis Group), Tennisense and Lead Tennis Academy (under two ownerships). We continue to work with our long-standing secondary coach.

- *Infrastructure upgrades*

From minor items such as wall heaters, cold water dispenser, smart TV, to additional Clubhouse lockers and cupboards, to complete renovation of the Mens and Ladies changerooms, to installation of the electronic gate opening system, tennis court resurfacing, and fencing upgrade, we funded and managed these projects to enable continued use of the facilities during the works periods.

We pursued grants to support the major capital works, including NSW Government Community Building Partnerships Grant, Commonwealth Community Infrastructure Grant, NSW Government Local Sports Grant Program, NSW ATP Cup Legacy Fund Grant.

The recent addition of Coach’s Kiosk is the responsibility of the Coach following Committee approval of his detailed submission.

- *Digitalisation*

We progressed from hard copy newsletters and postal notification to members to electronic notice to members.

We established the Website and Online Booking System with its integrated court gate opening system.

Digitalisation projects resulted in the facilities being more accessible to members and more convenient to public court hirers. A beneficial consequence is the minimization of unauthorized, unpaid use of the courts, to the detriment of members.

- *Managing play through COVID 19 lockdowns and extended WFH*

Our Booking Officer reviewed and managed court bookings several times during each day to enable equitable access to and use of the courts by a maximum number of players. Our Secretary produced a Council compatible QR code system and prepared and registered the Club’s COVID-19 Safety Plan to

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enable compliant use of areas of the facility in line with NSW Health requirements.

- *Centenary: 1921 - 2021*

A milestone that was acknowledged in Federal Parliament and recognized by Tennis NSW, but in spite of 10 months of planning by the Centenary Committee could not be celebrated at the Club because of Public Health Orders to curb the spread of COVID-19

I thank 2022 Committee members for the extensive time and diligent effort they devoted to manage both the Club and the facility, to help grow and advance the Club and to promote the game of tennis.

I thank members for courteous and responsible play at LTC and for ongoing support of the Club.

For the Committee  
Marg Bisley  
President 2022

