

Gardens Tennis is a community tennis facility offering a range of coaching, competitions, court hire and event services for young and old, cost-effective membership packages, and a Proshop selling tennis requirements, drinks and snacks.

WELCOME COACH CODIE

We would like to welcome our new coach Codie George to the Gardens Tennis team. Beginning her tennis in the Northern Territory as a junior, Codie found her passion in coaching after moving to Adelaide and working under former Gardens manager Ben Milner for the past five years. Codie's coaching highlight includes working with three athletes who recently represented South Australia at the National Super 10's final. Please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

NEWS FROM THE DARWIN TENNIS ASSOCIATION (DTA) COMMITTEE

Welcome to an exciting 2016!

We hope everyone has had a great Christmas and New Year and, like the DTA Committee, you are excited about tennis at Gardens in 2016 which we see as a year of positive development for our Club.

New Service Provider

DTA has signed a contract with Jordyn Howarth and Benjamin McLachlan, the principals of *Top End Tennis*, to operate Gardens Tennis and to work together with DTA to achieve the following club objectives:

1. To encourage, promote and support increased participation in tennis at the Club in line with the Tennis NT Strategic Plan
2. To co-operate and affiliate with other relevant organisations, including Tennis NT, for the betterment of tennis in the NT
3. In line with the Tennis NT Facilities Strategy, to further develop and promote the Club as a large community facility
4. To develop and implement a Facilities Master Plan with defined annual items and costs
5. To increase the programs and services offered to the community, through general tennis, tournaments, school and corporate participation and to enhance junior development
6. To increase membership by 10 per cent per annum
7. To increase annual sponsorship.

Service Provider arrangements are increasingly in place at tennis and other sporting clubs across Australia and are the recommended model for management of tennis clubs by Tennis Australia. In Jordyn and Ben we have a young, enthusiastic and committed team with a great skill set for running the Club for the benefit of members and other clients. A major advantage of re-instating a service provider arrangement at Gardens Tennis is a guaranteed income stream that can contribute to both the development of a junior development fund and to a sinking fund to assist infrastructure repair and refresh. The service contract allows the DTA Committee to focus much more on strategic issues of importance for Gardens Tennis including junior development, sponsorship, media and marketing, infrastructure renewal and grant writing. Committee subgroups have been established to progress these areas.

Successful grant application

Towards the end of last year DTA made an application to NTG Department of Sport and Recreation's 2015-2016 Facilities and Capital Equipment grant program to support facility master planning for Gardens Tennis, and Minister Higgins has advised us that DTA has been awarded a FACE grant of **\$18,000** to conduct a geotechnical survey of the Gardens site and to develop a comprehensive facility master plan for Gardens Tennis.

The geotechnical survey, to be undertaken *Cardno UNG*, will start soon and will involve drilling bore holes and construction of groundwater monitoring wells to provide a geological and engineering assessment of subsurface conditions across the Gardens Tennis complex. It will advise on causes of court degradation and failure, and recommend possible remedial works. We do not anticipate the work will interfere with play at Gardens.

The geotechnical survey will feed into the development of a Facility master plan - to be steered by *SportDev* - Australia's leading architectural master planning and sporting facility design provider. The plan will address optimal court configurations, improved court access and useability, lighting upgrades and drainage improvements as well as preliminary cost estimates and suggested staging for court and other upgrading work. The Facility master plan will help DTA identify support mechanisms for the major infrastructure upgrades so that Gardens Tennis can continue as a vibrant and sustainable community-focused tennis venue. The master planning project will get underway later this year and will include a visit to Darwin by *SportDev* for consultations with Gardens Tennis stakeholders.



[Additional funding from Tennis Australia](#)

With the support of Tennis NT, we have made a successful submission to Tennis Australia for **\$3,400** to cover the gap in funding applied for and awarded through the FACE grant program. This additional funding will allow a repair of court 2 and marking out of courts 1 and 2 with permanent Hot Shot lines. This work was included in the original FACE grant application and is planned to be carried out by *NT Sports & Playground Surfacing*, who have advised it would be best undertaken at the end of the wet season.

[Support needed for next Working Bee](#)

A working bee is scheduled for 8am –noon on Sunday 28th February at Gardens Tennis - free breakfast will be provided.

[Membership renewals](#)

2015 memberships have now expired and are due for renewal no later than 14 February 2016. Please note, after this date, former members who have not re-joined will be charged non-member rates for court hire and other services.

[Contacting the Committee](#)

Should you need to contact the Committee for any reason, please email Secretary Paul Kelly at dta_secretary@aapt.net.au

TENNIS NT TOURNAMENTS FOR 2016

Date	Tournament	Venue	Type	Classification
25-28 March	Tennis Palmerston Open	Palmerston	AMT Junior Tour (12s & 14s)	Bronze White
2-5 April	Scope Building NT Junior Carnival	Alice Springs	AMT Junior Tour (12s & 16s)	Bronze White
6-9 April	Security & Technology Services Classic	Alice Springs	Junior Tour (12s, 14s & 16s)	Bronze
22-25 April	Schweppes AWOFF Sports Open	AWOFF	AMT Junior Tour (12s & 16s)	White White
30 April – 2 May	Katherine Open	Katherine	AMT Junior Tour (12s & 14s)	White White
3-8 June	Skycity Darwin Open	Gardens Tennis	AMT Junior Tour (12s & 14s)	Gold White
9-13 June	90 th Skycity Open Championships	Gardens Tennis	AMT Junior Tour (12s, 14's & 16s)	Platinum Silver
25-29 June	NT Age Championships	Gardens Tennis	Junior Tour (12s, 14s & 16s)	Gold
30-3 July	Darwin Age Titles	Gardens Tennis	Junior Tour (12s, 14s & 16s)	Bronze
1-3 October	Alice Springs	Lasseters Alice Springs Open	AMT	Silver
4-7 October	Alice Springs	Electrecon Junior Open	Junior Tour (12s, 14s & 16s)	White

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