

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2012

A year ago I was pleasantly surprised by the nomination of President for this wonderful Association and have thoroughly enjoyed the responsibilities and challenges of this role. Over the past year the relatively new committee has worked enthusiastically and endeavoured to build upon the already good work of previous committees.

The intention of this committee was to provide easily accessible and current information to all players. We also planned for an easy and seamless transition in future to new committee members. Within a year we have:

- Introduced an online scoring system, Tennisscores, thus reducing the laborious task of manually entering data and keeping track of player statistics.
- > Created a revamped website, thus creating readily accessible and current information to all members.
- > Made payment of fees and fines easier by introduction of a range of payment methods.
- Hosted two successful Grand Final lunches providing the opportunity for over 150 ladies to socialise and celebrate together.
- Introduced the Most Valuable Player award for each section which celebrates individual player achievements.
- > Created a bye for Country Week which allows players to attend this popular event.

Behind the scenes the executive has also been working hard on proposed changes to the By-laws which were circulated to you for discussion and will be voted upon at the Special General Meeting following the AGM.

I'd like to extend my thank you to our outgoing Secretary Julie Samson. She has been a wonderful support base to the members of the executive over the past five years and has provided me and the association with a wealth of information and knowledge. You will be missed

Of course all of these achievements could not have been accomplished without the support of my wonderful executive, namely

- Our Treasurer Heather Johnston and Ladder Secretary Ros Rodgers who have taken on these positions last year and both proved to be enthusiastic and diligent in all areas.
- Fixture Secretary Marg Burns who has the huge task of organising fixtures. Also, your wealth of knowledge has been invaluable.
- Our Vice President Danielle Borle who has organised our trophies and pennants and provided knowledge around online tennis data collection systems
- The 7 members of the Match and Permit Committee who make themselves available to deal with requests for new emergencies and for your input during grading meetings.
- And not forgetting the players, without your support, feedback and opinions we the executive would be unaware of pertinent issues. So keep talking to us.
- Thank you also to Gisborne Tennis Club who continues to host a round robin competition for the MDLTA. It's a great opportunity to play tennis with other players from different clubs.

The year has passed quickly and I have thoroughly enjoyed representing you as President of this wonderful, small and intimate Association. There is more that can be done and with your support I would be honoured to continue in this role for another year.

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