



Mountain District Ladies
Tennis Association Inc
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2013

During this term the Committee continued to focus on various initiatives to assure the effective management of the Association and to guarantee a fun and competitive season of competition for all. We have greatly valued the feedback and ideas provided by players/clubs to make these improvements possible.

Information dissemination and social interaction amongst players has been an important focus and we encourage clubs to continue to liaise with the Association to circulate information about tennis social events and functions within the region.

This year has been demanding for the Committee, especially with the added responsibility of updating our Rules of Incorporation to comply with the new Model Rules for Incorporated Associations by the end of this November. This provided an opportunity to fix inconsistencies and omissions from our old Rules, to enable the management of our Association into the future.

During this term we have:

- Taken a pro-active approach and updated the By-laws around Emergencies to minimise forfeits in our competition and introduced stricter penalties around forfeiting teams;
- Completely overhauled our Rules of Incorporation to comply with current regulations and also to reflect current practices of our Association;
- Reviewed how fixtures are set and the contentious issue of knockout finals. It was voted to maintain status quo;
- Hosted two successful Grand Final lunches providing opportunities for our ladies to socialise and celebrate the season together;
- Held an inaugural fundraising day for breast cancer research, "Pink Day". This day was well received by all and provided another opportunity for greater social interaction amongst players;
- Introduced trial Guidelines for Handling of Complaints. This year we have not had complaints to the Association.

These outcomes are in line with our Association's purposes. A positive of these is increased collaboration between tennis clubs and fostering social interaction amongst players of our Association. Accomplishing these tasks could not have been possible without the support of my incredible Executive:

- Our Fixture Secretary Marg Burns who makes the huge task of organising fixtures seem simple. Also, your support to all the Executive and Match & Permit Committee should be mentioned;
- Our Secretary Andrea Alford, who keeps us all informed including the huge responsibility of maintaining our meeting records;
- Our Ladder Secretary Ros Rodgers who has the immense task of managing all our match data and the online scoring system. I should also mention that it was Ros's great idea to introduce the "Pink Day" fundraiser;
- Our Vice President Leonie Barker who is responsible for our trophies and pennants and is always willing to help out, no matter what the task;

I wish to extend my gratitude also to:

- The 7 Match and Permit Committee members who not only assist in grading of our teams to assure a fair and competitive competition, but are on call to deal with requests for new emergencies; and,
- The Gisborne Tennis Club who host a social round robin for the MDLTA and willingly offer their clubrooms for various meetings of our Association; and,

- The players for their enthusiasm and making this competition what it is.

Lastly, I would like to thank our outgoing Treasurer, Heather Johnston for her wonderful support over the past two years. She has not only streamlined treasury, but has diligently helped out across many areas in the administration of our wonderful Association. Heather, you will be dearly missed!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my second term as your President and am eager to assist the Association for another term. There is still a lot of good work to be done and continuity with implementing and overseeing the changes to our Rules will be important. I would be honoured to continue in this role should I be given the opportunity.

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