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All the up to date information you need on
The Australian Tennis Museum straight
from the Curator's Desk

Museum's 30th Birthday - 1983-2013



This year the Museum celebrates 30 years of operation. The recent Ken Rosewall Luncheon provided a backdrop to kick off the celebrations. Each table was adorned with a trophy from the Museum's collection. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of these special artefacts.

Party balloons, a special memento bookmark and a fantastic full-sized Slazenger racquet cake were added touches.

Volunteers enjoyed cutting the cake the following week and you will be pleased to know that the signed handle went home with Ken and Wilma Rosewall.



The cake was iced with marzipan with a head of fruit cake, a handle of chocolate mud cake and strings made of spaghetti!



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Ken Rosewall Luncheon 2013



Another successful luncheon was held on Monday 6th May with our Patron, Ken Rosewall, and his guest speaker, Neale Fraser, ably interviewed by Garry Wilkinson. Ken provided confirmation of dates from the floor as the interview progressed but Neale was in fine form with his wit and humour, retelling his pep talks to Pat Rafter when he was down in a Davis Cup match against France and off his game. Neale told him he was playing brilliantly and to keep doing what he was doing. Pat regained his confidence and with his talent and belief won the match in five sets!

Over 200 guests arrived at the museum for pre-lunch drinks and entrée to celebrate the Museum's 30th birthday and to mingle with Ken Rosewall and Neale Fraser. Guests then proceeded upstairs to the function room for an entertaining afternoon and a lovely lunch.

Thank you to everybody who completed our survey. Some of you received more than one invitation to the Luncheon, so we will streamline and cross check for next year. It was a very tight lead-in this year, so it was a bit rushed with the mail outs and cross checks.

We will also take up your suggestions about providing two microphones for the interview format next year.



- A: Final set-up of the Ken Rosewall Luncheon function room.
B: Ken Rosewall & Neale Fraser in the Museum ready to meet guests.
C: Guests at the Ken Rosewall Luncheon.
D: Tennis NSW staff, Parneet and Andrea, serving up a feast.
E: Ken and Wilma Rosewall enjoying the day.

Congratulations to the Luncheon Raffle Winners

Congratulations to all our winners in the raffle and to the eight lucky door prize winners too. Many thanks also to our sponsors who supplied all the wonderful prizes and for their continuing support of the Museum.

1st Prize	2014 Apia International 2 Men's Final tickets	Michael Fitzgerald
2nd Prize	2014 Apia International 2 Women's Final tickets	Julie Machin
3rd Prize	Harvey Norman Gift Voucher \$250	Cliff Sproule
4th Prize	Lindt Chocolate Cafe Certificate	Robin Paul
5th Prize	Harvey Norman Gift Voucher \$150	John Doyle
6th Prize	Lindt Chocolate Cafe Certificate	David Overett
7th Prize	Harvey Norman Gift Voucher \$100	Belinda Nixon
8th Prize	Australian Made Hamper	Steve Draper
9th Prize	Lindt Chocolate Basket	Warren Bowden
10th Prize	Signed copy of <i>Muscles: The Story of Ken Rosewall</i>	Garry Burling



F: Garry Wilkinson interviewing Neale Fraser.

G: Display of Neale Fraser's Davis Cup Blazer from the 1950s, photograph of Neale as Coach and a mini-Davis Cup trophy from the Australian Tennis Museum collection.

H: Ken welcoming guests to the 2013 Luncheon.

I: Ken presenting Neale with a small gift in appreciation of his visit.

New Donations

We have recently been offered a beautiful photograph of the Hopmans-to-be by John Yates. It was taken by John's father when they were playing socially at a court near Abbotsford.

For the Museum it is a great find as it shows the couple before they married in a social tennis setting and provides a record of the tennis clothing styles of the time.

If you have any photographs of tennis in Australia, particularly early tennis, please consider donating them or allowing the Museum to copy them to enhance our wonderful photographic collection.

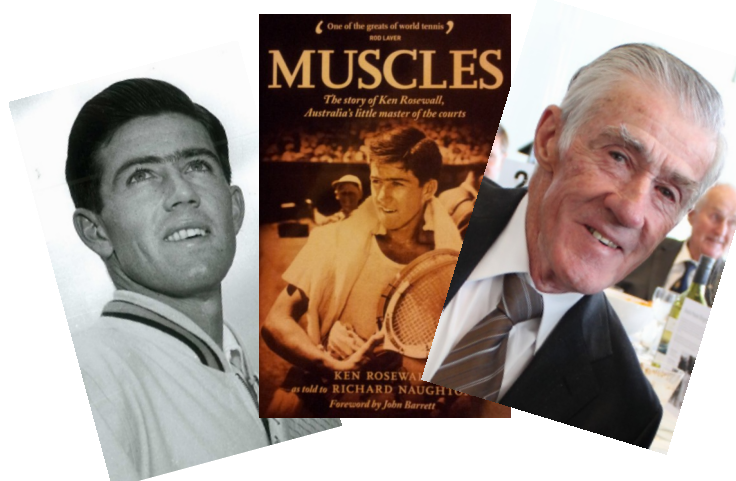
In recent months we have also received a rare 1920s Alexander racquet from a donor in Western Australia.

Our racquet collection from the 1950s onwards is very comprehensive but if you know of any older racquets in good condition that need a home, the Museum would consider them for our collection.



“MUSCLES”

The Australian Tennis Museum still has copies of *Muscles* for sale so please drop into the Museum or contact us if you would like to purchase a book.



Shop Merchandise

Our merchandise is being updated in the next 6 months in readiness for our main sales during the Apia International tournament.

We have the perfect gift for any tennis enthusiast and have just purchased more items for our jewellery range. So, if you are looking for tennis themed cuff links, bracelets, earrings, brooches or tennis watches, drop in on a Tuesday or Thursday... or see you at the Apia International in 2014.

One item we are trying to source is magnetic salt and pepper shakers with a tennis couple kissing. Keep an eye out in our shop or ring Joanne if you are interested in these items.



Friends Membership Renewal

Membership forms for Friends of the Australian Tennis Museum have been sent out with this Newsletter.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in membership please copy the form or direct them to call the Museum and we will post out a membership form to them.

Join up a new Friend and Win!

If you do join up a new Friend for our membership, write your name on their sheet and you will go into the draw to win a tennis jewellery gift package of cufflinks and bracelet from our gift shop.

In Memory of John Hayes

John Hayes recently passed away in Sydney. John was involved from the very early days with The Friends of NSW Tennis Association when the Australian Tennis Museum started out at White City. John was the first librarian at the Museum and made a significant contribution to assembling one of the most comprehensive collections of tennis books in Australia. The Australian Tennis Museum community offer their condolences to the Hayes family at this sad time.



Short Questionnaire

The Australian Tennis Museum is considering a breakfast event for the US Open men's finals in September 2013. A light breakfast would be supplied as the match streamed live from **7.00am AEST on Tuesday 10th September**.

Another possible event could be a "White Ball". People were reminiscing about these social tennis events at the Luncheon so the Museum might consider running a trial of a revamped evening event.

Please circle answers below and return with your membership renewal.

Would you attend a breakfast event for the finals of the US Open? YES/NO

Would you attend a "White Ball" evening event including trivia and musical entertainment? YES/NO

Do you have any suggestions for possible events in the future? _____

Recently the Australian Tennis Museum was listed as one of the top ten free museums to visit in Sydney:

www.weekendnotes.com/free-museums-sydney/

The site lists fun and interesting things to do in your city. Other museums on the list were the Australian National Maritime Museum, the Sydney Jewish Museum, Nicholson Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, the Mint Museum and others.

New Curator at the Australian Tennis Museum

On Tuesday 2nd April, the old Curator (that's a double entendre!), Joanne Sippel, returned to the Australian Tennis Museum. Joanne replaces Ada Klinkhamer who left to further her academic studies. We wish Ada all the best and Joanne would like to thank her for an excellent handover, that brought her up-to-date with all the Museum projects and systems.

Joanne worked as the inaugural Curator at the Museum in 2006 and then left to have a baby. Lucas is now 6 years old and you will be pleased to know plays tennis—being coached in his local Hot Shots program on the Central Coast. He visited the Museum in the April school holidays and left a few comments on the wall

Joanne is a keen tennis player and very happy to be back at the Australian Tennis Museum working with the wonderful volunteers and the great staff of Tennis NSW. This year she will be working on increasing visitors to the Museum through school visits and social clubs.

Tennis Tea Party Tours

Do you belong to a View, Probus or Lantern Club? Why not tell them about our Tennis Tea Party Tours.

This group tour includes the current exhibition and a tour of the site, including a visit to Centre Court via the Player's Tunnel. Visitors can hit up with racquets from our collection.



Try out an old wooden Dunlop Maxply, the Wilson T2000 as used by Jimmy Connors or the latest Head racquets.

The cost per person is \$20 and it is a great half-day trip with morning tea or light lunch provided. Call **9024 7629** to book.

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