

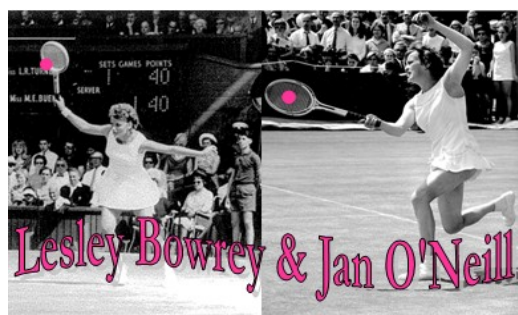
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Ken Rosewall Luncheon 2014

The double bill of Jan O'Neill and Lesley Bowrey at this year's Ken Rosewall Luncheon was a big hit.

Guests were entertained and enlightened with stories of the women's tennis circuit during their careers.



Like the story of doing their own washing during tournaments in their hotel bathrooms and hanging it over the bath to drip dry.

The red clay of Roland Garros proving a particular challenge and resulting in very

sore knuckles after a lot of scrubbing. A far cry from the pro-circuit of today.



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The event was attended by 175 guests and raised over \$4,000 for the Museum. This included over \$900 raised via the 'tennis ball can' donations on each table that will kick start a programme to copy some of our significant films to digital format in the future. Thank you to all members and their friends for your support through the purchase of Luncheon and raffle tickets and donations on the day.



Garry Wilkinson interviewing Jan O'Neill (left) and Lesley Bowrey (right).



Ken and Wilma Rosewall enjoying the 2014 Ken Rosewall

Congratulations to all our Luncheon Raffle Prize Winners

1st Prize	2015 Australian Open Women's Singles Semi-Final tickets (then auctioned and bid won by Ronald Cardwell)	Harry Beck
2nd Prize	2015 Apia International Men's Singles Final tickets	Peter Pavlakis
3rd Prize	2015 Apia International Women's Singles Final tickets	Stephen Whitfield
4th Prize	Harvey Norman Gift Voucher \$250	Wendy Burke
5th Prize	Harvey Norman Gift Voucher \$150	Jan O'Neill
6th Prize	Lindt Chocolate Cafe Creations Class valued at \$110	Scott Newport
7th Prize	Lindt Chocolate Cafe Creations Class valued at \$110	Les Hockley
8th Prize	Harvey Norman Gift Voucher \$100	Gloria Brien
9th Prize	Australian Made Hamper valued at \$100	Wilma Rosewall
10th Prize	Lindt Chocolate Basket	Debbie Spillane*



*Debbie Spillane arrived by bicycle and said she would be doing a lot more cycling after winning the Lindt Chocolate Basket in our raffle.

Thank you to all our sponsors who provided the raffle prizes for this year - as listed above. And also congratulations to our 8 Lucky Door Prize winners who won a pack full of goodies from the Australian Tennis Museum, Apia International, Tennis Australia and the Australian Tennis Magazine.

Behind the scenes....

A big thank you to all the wonderful museum volunteers and the Tennis NSW staff who help out during the Luncheon to create a wonderful event.



ABOVE: Catering staff add final touches to the table dressing with a pink chair sash.

LEFT: Museum volunteer, Barbara Worthington, decorating tables.

RIGHT/BELOW: Museum volunteers, Wendy Burke, David Burke, and Barbara Worthington, finished the tables the Friday before the Luncheon.



Museum volunteers, David Burke and Wendy Burke, preparing the trophies for the tables and the packs for the lucky door prizes in the weeks leading up to the Luncheon.



Spot your table at the Ken Rosewall Luncheon 2014



Museum Volunteers

This year the Australian Volunteering Association is celebrating 25 years. The Australian Tennis Museum has a fantastic group of core volunteers who assist in various tasks throughout the year and our APIA volunteers who help the Museum attract visitors during the NSW tournament in January. The contribution of all our volunteers keeps the Museum running smoothly and allows us to accomplish so much more than would be possible with one paid staff member. They often joke that we should double their wages soon!

Increase in research enquiries at the Museum

This Australian Tennis Museum has a constant stream of enquiries from the public and professional sectors. We are experiencing an increase in enquiries which I hope indicates an increase in our profile through our internet and Facebook posts. If you haven't looked us up go to www.tennisnsw.com.au/museum or like Australian Tennis Museum on Facebook.

In the last few months our enquiries have ranged from people wanting to know the age/value of their old wooden racquets, to where to donate racquets for ongoing use, to where has the memorabilia from White City Club gone, to do we have any props for the new Bonds commercial featuring two Australian tennis heroes—Pat Rafter and Nick Kyrgios.

History of White City

We recently made a visit to the White City venue with Ken Rosewall and Jan O'Neill. In 2015 the Australian Tennis Museum exhibition will examine the history of White City. If you have any old photographs or memorabilia from the site that you would like to share, please contact Joanne at the Museum.

White City was the longest running venue for the NSW Championships, in use from 1922 to 1999. The original clubhouse was located on New South Head Road until the Eastern Suburbs railway was built and the clubhouse demolished to make way for the rail line.

Prior to its tennis history, the White City site was utilised for market gardens and as White City amusement park—where the name originates.



Jan O'Neill and Ken Rosewall visiting centre court at White City.



Earlier NSW Tennis Association building on New South Head Road, built ?.....TBA!



Later Tennis NSW Association & White City club house, off Alma Street, opened in 1970.



Gates to White City amusement park.

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