



Tennis NT

Annual Report 2015 – 16



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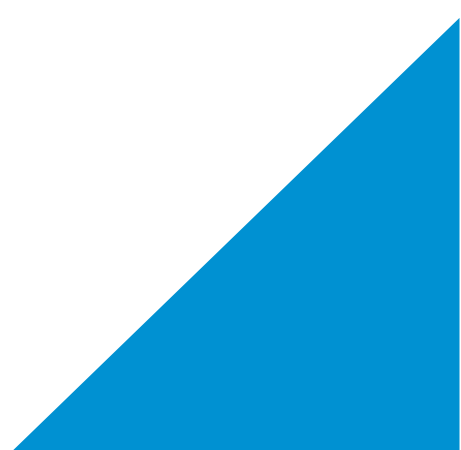
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Schools part of the National Schools Partnership Program

57

Athletes and twelve coaches participate in NT representative teams

6

NT Coaches complete their Club Professional Coach Qualification

27

Tennis Australia Coach Members

146

People attend the 2015 Annual Tennis NT Presentation Dinner

126

Athletes involved in Talent Camps held across the NT

294

Registered Tournament players in the NT, a 28.9% increase

4,209

Total registered participants, including Hot Shots and registered club participants

1,520

Tournament experiences accessed, an increase of 6% on 2014/15

2,988

Registered Club Participants, an increase of 9.6% compared to the previous year



2015-16 Key Highlights

- Darwin plays host to the NT's first ever Davis Cup tie, a World Group Quarter-Final between *Australia and Kazakhstan*. Lleyton Hewitt seals Australia's 3-2 win in the final rubber after being 0-2 down after day one
- Liam Franklin and former Territorian Michael Shepherd win the 14u doubles at the Rod Laver Championships in Brisbane



- Alice Springs Line Umpires Leanne Usher & Virginia Moore selected to officiate at the *Davis Cup Quarterfinal – Australia v Kazakhstan* in Darwin
- Long term Tennis NT employee Mark Pead moves to Melbourne to undertake a role with Tennis Australia
- Alice Springs wins the NT Premier League, defeating Gardens Tennis in the final



- Inter-school competition conducted on Groote Eylandt between Alyangula & Angurugu.
- First all international final at the Alice Springs Tennis International between winner Robin STANEK (CZE) and LI Zhe (CHN). Ten local line umpires officiate at the tournament.
- NT Team competes at Bruce Cup in Tasmania and finishes 7th overall.
- Five NT coaches awarded their *Club Professional Coaching Qualification*.
- AWO Sports' Liam Franklin wins the prestigious Austin Asche Trophy.



2015-16 Key Highlights

- Alice Springs Tennis Association wins Club of the Year for 2nd consecutive year
- Tennis Palmerston wins the 2015 Club Super Challenge
- Tennis NT send 24 players and four coaches in four teams to the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival in Brisbane with the NT finishing fourth overall.



- The NT enters into the Australian Made Foundation Cup for the first time. NT Boys Team finished 2nd overall, while the NT Girls Team finished 6th
- Tennis NT secures \$16m in NT Government funding, fully funding a \$16.7m facility to be constructed within the Marrara Sporting Complex
- Tennis NT conducts an Industry Leaders Workshop at Lake Bennett Resort
- Alice Springs Official Gary Bigg wins the *Minister for Sport and Recreation – Officials Award* at the NT Sports Awards



We are delighted to provide this report for the year ending 30 June 2016, another big year for Territory Tennis.

Late in 2015 Tennis NT adopted a new Strategic Plan for the 2016-2020 period. This plan encompasses six areas which form the basis of our reporting below.

Along with the adoption of a new Strategic Plan, tennis in the NT also experienced a number of notable highlights in 2015-16. This includes another increase in participation levels, the hosting of the NT's first Davis Cup tie and the announcement of a new \$16.7m facility in Darwin.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1: PARTICIPATION "Provide opportunity to participate in tennis as a sport for life"

In line with Tennis NT's vision: 'More people playing tennis', there was an active focus in 2015-16 on working with key stakeholders from across the NT to increase participation in tennis. Central to this focus is the Participation Leader position (formerly Community Tennis Officer). During the year both Erin Bormann and Sam Condon played crucial roles in the space, working with various stakeholders including schools and clubs.

Tennis NT's operates a calendar year reporting period for registered club participants and it is pleasing to note that tennis experienced a 9.6% increase in 2015, following a 10.5% increase in the previous year. It was also pleasing to see an increase in three out of four of Tennis NT's regions during the reporting period. As was the case in 2015, the Alice Springs Tennis Association topped the registered participants list with 1022.

Participation programs across the NT include a number of National, NT and club based initiatives. The ongoing success of ANZ Tennis Hot Shots and National Schools Programs continue to provide a great foundation for the development of tennis. It is pleasing that we are then able to compliment these programs within the NT through specific Tennis in Schools Programs and the Power and Water Regional Development Program which has been crucial in developing sustainability in regional areas of the NT.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: PLACES TO PLAY "Managed hierarchy of facilities"

In August 2015 Tennis NT formally adopted the NT Facilities Strategy, a Strategy formulated independently by Inside Edge Sport and Leisure Planning. The Strategy was devised following extensive consultation and provides the basis for development for the next 10 years.

The development of a major facility has long been the key strategic priority for the sport in the NT. Following years of work in developing business cases, assessing the needs of such a facility and engaging key stakeholders, Tennis NT was thrilled to announce the development of a \$16.7m facility to be constructed within the Marrara Sporting Complex. Having the President of Tennis Australia – Steve Healy, and Pat Rafter in Darwin to make the announcement with the NT Government was great for the sport. The hard work begins now to ensure that the facility is developed appropriately with the best interests of the sport in mind.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: COACHES "Increased capacity of coaches to develop tennis"

Coaches are crucial to the overall development of tennis in the NT and attracting and retaining quality coaches is one of the major challenges we face. It was pleasing to have six Territory coaches receive their Club Professional Coaching Certificate at the 2015 Presentation Dinner. The NT was also fortunate enough to begin a Junior Development Coaching Course in Darwin with six participants.

A key development opportunity for NT coaches continues to be the opportunity to travel interstate with NT selected teams. In 2015 coaches accompanied teams to the QLD Regional Teams Event, the December Showdown, the Super 10s National Finals and the Foundation Cup.

The development of a range of coaches across the NT will continue to be of strategic importance to Tennis NT and this development will continue to be a focus of the Coach and Talent Development Manager – Pat Coburn.



President and Manager's Report

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: TALENT DEVELOPMENT

"One National Champion that we are proud of"

Throughout 2015-16 Tennis NT has maintained a decentralised player development model underpinned by the Territory Academies Program.

Despite the challenges faced in the NT, the NT has achieved some positive results on the court. This included NT players Liam Franklin and Michael Shephard winning the 14u doubles at the Platinum Rod Laver Championships.

Also of particular note in 2015-16 were the results achieved by the NT in interstate tours, highlighted by a runner-up performance in the NT's first Foundation Cup, and a fourth place finish in the 2015 Queensland Junior Teams Carnival. Tennis NT will continue to focus on appropriate interstate opportunities for NT athletes.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 5: TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIONS

"Attract and retain highly engaged competitive players"

It was a strong year for participation in NT tournaments with a 6.2% increase in tournament experiences during the reporting period.

From an international point of view the NT had a big year through the hosting of the sixth Alice Springs Tennis International, along with the Davis Cup tie in Darwin. The great work that continues to be done by a passionate group of Alice Springs Officials was again a feature in these international events.

Locally the NT played host to the inaugural People's Choice NT Premier League, an inter-club competition for the NT's best players. Congratulations went to Alice Springs as the inaugural winner. Darwin also played host to the 90th NT Open Championships, one of the longest running annual sporting events in the NT.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 6: PROMOTION & ENGAGEMENT

"Greater awareness of tennis through strong relationships"

Both the hosting of the Davis Cup in July 2015, and the positive announcement surrounding the Marrara

development have helped the sport maintain a high level public profile. This, in addition to the great work done by our affiliated clubs, will ensure that tennis remains at the forefront in Territory sport.

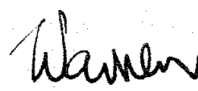
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Tennis in the NT benefits from the work of a number of key stakeholders that need acknowledgement. First of all a big thanks to Tennis NT's affiliated clubs who tirelessly drive the development of the sport. We look forward to continuing our work together.

We have also been the benefactor of great relationships with Tennis Australia and the Northern Territory Government. Without their support tennis wouldn't have the bright future we're planning for in the NT.

Tennis NT's sponsors, who are listed in this report, also need acknowledgement. The long standing partnerships we have with these organisations are of considerable benefit to the sport. The work of the Tennis NT Board has again been of a high level in 2015-16. We benefit from this hard work immensely and look forward to continued success at Board level.

Finally we would like to thank the Tennis NT staff who included Pat Coburn, Erin Bormann, Sam Condon and Mark Pead. Their great work throughout the year has tennis well placed moving forward.



Warren Martin



**President
Tennis NT**



Sam Gibson



**Manager
Tennis NT**



Innovate and grow



The innovative DNA that has long been infused into the organisation was realised in a very physical sense in the 2015-2016 financial year through our ongoing quest to innovate in all aspects of our business – not just for the sake of it,

but also for increased depth and connection with players, fans, partners and broadcasters alike. Significant quality and efficiency improvements also arise from the focus and effort injected into these concepts.

There are many varied examples of our willingness to explore new and different ideas. They range from a strong focus on Hot Shots growth (particularly in schools and competitions), major new facilities, groundbreaking digital and broadcast content, commercial partnerships that add content value as well as financial benefit, and to a holistic approach to athlete wellbeing in player development. These are reaping dividends through tennis participation, revenue, quality of our content and elite athlete performance.

A special highlight has been the work that Tennis NT did to deliver the Davis Cup quarterfinal tie against the Kazakhstan in July 2015. It was a great three-day tennis spectacle, held on a magnificent grass court in Darwin. Another highlight was the support secured for the development of the Marrara Sporting Complex.

Our sport

The ANZ Tennis Hot Shots program continues to provide the foundation for the successful growth of our sport. This entry program has become the envy of many, with much of its latest growth coming from an intensely

focused effort in primary schools aimed at honing the program to provide maximum ease of implementation for teachers, parents and students alike – ensuring it has a relevance to their lifestyle, educational needs and skill set.

A recent International Tennis Federation survey on tennis participation in France, German, India, Japan, Poland, Sweden, UK, USA and Australia found we had the highest percentage of our population playing tennis with 2.1 million people playing once a year and 1.2 million playing 10 or more times. The stand out statistic was that 290,000 people started playing in the last 12 months – Hot Shots is clearly doing its job.

It is more evidence that we are on the right track and we have further increased our resources in this space to continue this upward surge with the aim of delivering greater numbers of children from an initial Hot Shots experience into Hot Shots competitions and ongoing tennis experiences.

Nationally, an eight per cent increase in year-on-year Hot Shots numbers included 213,883 participants, that figure significantly boosted by the 1439 schools now delivering the program through a partnership with the Australian Sports Commission Sporting Schools Program. Additionally, 249 schools nationwide participated in a new School Play Program that was introduced to help support competition within schools.

This commitment to acquiring and retaining new participants in our sport was complemented by a coordinated effort across the nation involving many clubs, associations and Member Associations to improve the competitive and social tennis experience for current players – whether it be in reducing administration or piloting the new Book-a-Court initiative.



Facilities growth

Nationwide support for the construction and redevelopment of facilities included a funding commitment approaching \$2 million dollars in 2015-16. This contributed to a total stakeholder investment of \$34.4 million, allowing 327 new or resurfaced courts to be funded through the National Court Rebate. An additional 187 ANZ Tennis Hot Shots courts were also funded across the country.

Our team

The collective body of work completed by our dedicated team in the last 12 months has been nothing short of phenomenal. It is a credit to their professionalism and passion as we strive for constant improvement and reinvention.

Our work to improve Tennis Connect is continuing and has been supported by a new Project Management Office. This is one of the many actions being taken to improve the delivery, access to and tracking of our sport.

The co-operation between our tennis community and the commitment to keep putting our sport first has shone through. Players at all levels, coaches, volunteers, administrators, officials and fans continue to make tennis special in Australia. Thank you to all of you for your love of our sport and your efforts to keep making it so enjoyable and successful.

Our future

Our future looks bright but not without its challenges.

Our great sport suffered some severe hits this year such as the allegations of widespread match-fixing made to coincide with start of our premier event, the Australian Open. Rest assured the allegations were taken extremely seriously and any accusations were and will be followed up with intense rigour both domestically and internationally.

We always have and always will take the integrity of tennis seriously. That's why we are part of a global all-sport agreement to review integrity. As such we have made significant new investment in tennis integrity including our own Tennis Integrity Unit.

Financially we continue to build our reserves and plan to invest strongly in the protection of the Australian Open and intensify our investment in the sport with plans for greater funding to resource and deliver tennis across the nation.

We look forward to an exciting 12 months ahead.



Craig Tiley
Tennis Australia CEO



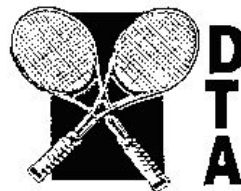
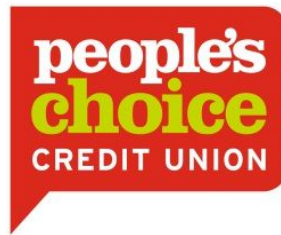
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Heritage

Tennis NT was established in 1980 under the incorporated name of the Northern Territory Tennis Council. The organisation changed its incorporated identity in 2005 to Tennis NT Incorporated and trades simply as Tennis NT. Its establishment was the shared vision of the founding President, Mr Max Horton OAM and a small group of interested tennis players. Their vision foresaw the need for a 'parent body' to assume a role of guidance along with the benefits of establishing relationships with the Northern Territory Government and Tennis Australia.

Tennis NT Strategic Plan: 2016 – 2020



At the end of 2015 Tennis NT adopted a new Strategic Plan, this followed consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. Tennis NT's Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2020 encompasses six areas and is underpinned by:

- Creating positive experiences
- Developing great places to be
- Establishing tennis as a sport for life

Our Vision: More people playing tennis

Participation

Provide opportunity to participate in tennis as a sport for life

- Support increased club capacity through the effective use of online systems
- Develop a Remote Community Engagement strategy through strong community partnerships
- Develop pathways and programs to ensure tennis is a sport for life
- Develop and implement targeted participation initiatives
- Establish tennis as a sport of choice for schools across the NT

Places to Play

Develop and support a managed hierarchy of facilities

- A Regional Tennis Centre in Darwin: Develop a central focus for all levels of tennis and its development in the Territory
- Improved Venue Management Outcomes: Create sustainable venue management models with increased service delivery capacity
- New Courts to Service Growth: Drive new venue initiatives with key partners that meet future needs of changing communities
- Life-cycle investment into existing venues: Support venues to grow their capacity and implement capital renewal initiatives
- Hot Shots Courts at Existing Venues: Improve access to and experience of Hot Shots and introductory programs for participants



Coach

Increased capacity of coaches to develop tennis

- Promote and provide coaches with an accessible education pathway and quality training and development opportunities



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- Develop the capacity of coaches to become Centre Managers
- Improve the quality and breadth of club coaching programs
- Provide young coaches and new entrants opportunities to start the coaching pathway
- Maintain and reward club engagement in the NT Academies program
- Support the development of environments that attract quality coaches

Talent Development

One National Champion that we are proud of

- Provide athletes of national interest appropriate opportunities to reach their potential
- Provide opportunities to participate in appropriate junior team tours
- Improve the capacity of clubs to develop talent
- Monitor club training regimes and supplement where necessary
- Maintain and reward club engagement in the NT Academies program



Pictured: Tennis Palmerston Talent Development Day with CTDM Pat Coburn.

Tournaments & Competitions

Attract and retain highly engaged competitive players

- Develop appropriate competitive pathways, including a Tennis NT Premier League

- Attract and retain players through best practice delivery of tournaments, competitions and events
- Provide participants with high quality first tournament and competition experiences
- Explore ways to provide greater access to competitive match play, including tournaments
- Increase the number and capacity of tournament directors and officials
- Explore options for innovative program delivery and alternative formats including FAST 4



Pictured: Tennis Alice Springs League players at Gardens Tennis, Darwin.

Promotion & Engagement

Greater awareness of tennis through strong relationships

- Develop and implement a comprehensive media & communications plan aimed at increasing the profile of tennis in the NT
- Align tennis development strategies with appropriate and complimentary Local and Territory Government strategies
- Develop and implement a Tennis NT Workforce Development Plan to meet the needs of the Tennis NT strategic plan
- Engage key stakeholders in the commercial development of tennis



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Our People

PRESIDENT

Mr Warren Martin

VICE PRESIDENT

Ms Kate Lee

DIRECTORS

Mr David De Silva

Mr Daniel Hall

Ms Alicia Boyle

Mr Matthew Campbell

Mr Paul Fitzsimons (to August 2015)

PATRON

The Hon Austin Asche AC

MANAGER

Mr Sam Gibson

PARTICIPATION LEADER

Mr Sam Condon

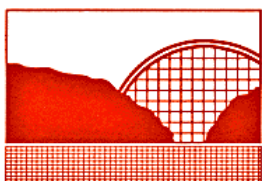
TENNIS OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Ms Erin Bormann

COACH & TALENT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Patrick Coburn

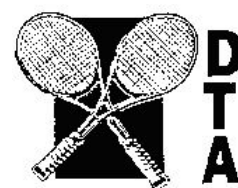
Tennis NT Affiliates



Alice Springs Tennis Association



AWOF Sports



Darwin Tennis Association



Gove Peninsula Tennis Club



Katherine Tennis Club



Tennis Palmerston



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Honour Roll

Warren Martin	2008 – current
Sandra Smiles	2001 – 2008
Max Horton OAM	1980 – 2001

Life Members

5 November 2011	Patrick Coburn
19 March 2006	Thelma Britton John Britton
5 March 2005	Lyle Lee
7 Nov 1992	Max Horton OAM

Special Service Awards

These Awards are presented in recognition of outstanding, significant, long-term service to tennis in the Northern Territory.

6 Nov 2010	Nicky Mayer
1 March 2008	Brendan Higgins
17 Feb 2007	Di MacDonald Brenton Milner
19 March 2006	Ivy Batten Stephen Brown Jaki Hill Connolly
28 Feb 2004	Warren Foote Mereme Hyde
1 March 2003	Maggie Burke Carl Black Patrick Coburn Paul Ngamoki
24 Feb 2001	Colin Keily
26 Feb 2000	Jan Horsfall Horry Kneebone (dec) Lyle Lee
13 Feb 1999	John Britton Betty Crabb Mike Geddes Julie Mortensen Geoff Vandendriesen (dec)

Austin Asche Trophy

Policy

The Austin Asche Trophy is awarded to a junior touring player recognising the following criteria: Performance against Interstate Competitors, Sportsmanship, Contribution to Tennis in the Northern Territory and Attitude on and off the court.

Austin Asche Trophy Winners

2014-15	Liam Franklin
2013-14	Caitlyn Mitchell
2012-13	Michael Shepherd
2011-12	Tom Zaleski
2010-11	Kassandra Dunser
2009-10	Kassandra Dunser
2008-09	Kassandra Dunser
2007	Kassandra Dunser
2006	Ashlee Brown
2005	Ashlee Brown
2004	Ashlee Brown
2003	Peter Parian
2002	Sarah Andrews
2001	Sarah Andrews
2000	Sarah Andrews
1999	Stephanie Lim
1998	Nicholas Bent



Pictured: 2014-15 Austin Asche recipient Liam Franklin with parents Terry (L) and Priscilla (R)





Pictured: 2014-15 Club of the Year winners Alice Springs Tennis Association

Club of the Year

2014-15	Alice Springs Tennis Association
2013-14	Alice Springs Tennis Association
2012-13	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2011-12	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2010-11	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2009-10	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2008-09	DTC Sports
2007	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2006	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2005	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2004	Alice Springs Tennis Association
2003	Katherine Tennis Club
2002	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2001	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

Club Volunteers of the Year

Alice Springs Tennis Association

2014-15	Julie Dawson
2013-14	Debbie Diemer
2012-13	Karen Brown
2011-12	Luke Horsfall
2010-11	Gary Bigg
2009-10	Tony Jennison
2008-09	Virginia Moore
2007	Bruce Scobie
2006	Craig Gallagher
2005	Chris Schultz
2004	Bruce Scobie
2003	Mark Baxter
2002	Andy Roberts
2001	Stephen Brown
2000	Geoff Hood

Darwin Tennis Association

2014-15	Natalie La Pira
2013-14	Kathy Hutt
2012-13	Dung Buckingham
2011-12	Des McLellan
2010-11	Gary McCulloch
2009-10	John Britton
2008-09	Nil Nomination

Darwin Tennis Association continued

2007	Ian Redmond
2006	Kevin Stephens
2005	John Britton
2004	Jo Bruce
2003	Mark Bruce
2002	Jo Bruce
2001	Jock Bremner
2000	Cas Fletcher

DTC Sports

2011-12	Lynda Valentine
2010-11	Andrew Moo
2009-10	Warren Martin
2008-09	Ranta Lye
2007	Peter Baden
2006	Leonie Stokes
2005	Paul Stevens
2004	Leanne Tilley-Dunser
2003	Deanne Coburn
2002	Richard Waterson
2001	Megan Brown

AWOF Sports

2014-15	Ewa Finch
2013-14	Terry Franklin
2012-13	Priscilla Franklin



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Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

2014-15	Billy Howes
2013-14	Ledua Gentle
2012-13	Eugene Venter
2011-12	Renae Lane
2010-11	Paul Mery
2009-10	Paul Mery
2008-09	Donna Banks
2007	Michael Higgins/ Garry Hinchcliffe
2006	Susan Guerini
2005	Garry Hinchcliffe
2004	Tracy Naughton
2003	Brendan Higgins
2002	Nicky Mayer
2001	Mereme Hyde
2000	Paul Ngamoki

Groote Eylandt Tennis Club

2004	Alan McVicar
2003	Gerry McLennan
2002	Gerry McLennan
2001	Michelle Wallace
2000	Sharon Currie

Kakadu Tennis Club

2002	Richard Hutton
2001	Guy Boggs
2000	Peter Hurst

Katherine Tennis Club

2014-15	David Brummitt
2013-14	Kathy Brummitt / Amanda Kingdon
2012-13	Lisa Alexander
2011-12	Michelle Kealy
2010-11	Kathy Brummitt
2009-10	Nil Nomination
2008-09	Steven Budarick
2007	Lisa Alexander
2006	Nil Nomination
2005	Greg Henschke
2004	Kathy Brummitt
2003	Fiona Upstill/ Fiona Walker
2002	Jan Henschke
2001	Ruth Murphy
2000	Maggie Burke

Tennis Palmerston

2014-15	Ethan Prosser
2013-14	Karyn Gossow
2012-13	Angelique Bos
2011-12	Robyn Woods

Palmerston Tennis Pro

2008-09	Jessica Kendall
2007	Michael Kelley Cheryl Kelley
2006	Judith Schneider
2005	Donna Johnson
2004	Nil Nomination

Sanderson Tennis Club

2004	Sam Giess
2003	Tim Nixon
2002	Oscar Parian
2001	Oscar Parian
2000	Oscar Parian

Tennis Borroloola

2006	Delia Farlam
2005	Tania Mackay
2004	Delia Farlam

TCA - NT

2005	Robyn Woods
2004	Ryan Popovsky
2003	Robyn Woods
2002	Jaki Hill Connolly
2001	Jaki Hill Connolly
2000	Milo Bradley

Tennis Seniors NT

2009-10	Thelma Britton
2008-09	Pam Long
2007	Nil Nomination
2006	Norm Hawthorne
2005	Sally Thomas
2004	Nil Nomination
2003	Nil Nomination
2002	John Britton
2001	Thelma Britton
2000	Marie Le Cornu



USA College Scholarships

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>University</i>
Caitlyn Mitchell	2014	Sam Houston State University
Matthew Delsar	2013	Goshen College Indiana
Hrehan Hakeem	2009	Mississippi State University
Ashlee Brown	2007	Arizona State University
Sarah Andrews	2004	Michigan State University
Benita Bittner	2000	University of North Texas
George Dubrava	2000	University of Tennessee and University of Alabama/Birmingham
Dominic Hall	1997	Austin Peay State University Tennessee
Priya Jayaraman	1993	University of Memphis
Ken Phillips	?	?

National Champions

SINGLES

<i>Name</i>	<i>National Title</i>	<i>Location</i>
Kassandra Dunser	2010 14s Grasscourt Nationals	Mildura VIC
Kassandra Dunser	2008 14s Claycourt Nationals	Perth WA
Ashlee Brown	2006 16s Winter Nationals	Bendigo VIC

DOUBLES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Platinum Event/ National Title</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Partner</i>
Liam Franklin	2015 14s Rod Laver Platinum	Brisbane QLD	Michael Shepherd (NT)
Kassandra Dunser	2010 14s Grasscourt Nationals	Mildura VIC	Brooke Rischbieth SA
Kassandra Dunser	2009 14s Spring Nationals	Perth WA	Brooke Rischbieth SA
Emily Webb	2009 14s Winter Nationals	Brisbane QLD	Brooke Rischbieth SA
Emily Moo	2009 12s Autumn Nationals	Mildura VIC	Olivia Tjandramulia QLD
Kassandra Dunser	2008 14s Spring Nationals	Perth WA	Lyann Hoang QLD
Kassandra Dunser	2008 12s Autumn Nationals	Mildura VIC	Brooke Rischbieth SA
Ashlee Brown	2006 16s Hardcourt Nationals	Bendigo VIC	Anna Wishink TAS
Hrehan Hakeem	2005 14s Hardcourt Nationals	Gosford NSW	Matt Reid NSW

NT Rankings as at 30 June 2016

<i>Men (Open)</i>	<i>Boys' 16/u (up to BY 1999)</i>	<i>Boys' 14/u (up to BY 2001)</i>	<i>Boys' 12/u (up to BY 2003)</i>
1. Daniel Parker	1. Liam Franklin	1. Liam Franklin	1. Jett Leong
2. Liam Franklin	2. Kyle O'Donoghue-Ellis	2. K Odonoghue-Ellis	2. Peter Politis
3. Kyle O'Donoghue-Ellis	3. Kenneth Prete	3. Kenneth Prete	3. Patrick Findlay
4. Kenneth Prete	4. Kylan Bishop	4. Matt Walsh	4. Nicolas Tremblay
5. Kylan Bishop	5. Oscar Ferdinands	5. Jett Leong	5. Thomas Van Haaren
6. Ethan Scobie	6. Matt Walsh	6. Peter Politis	6. Taj Cannard
7. Nick Whyte	7. Jett Leong	7. Patrick Findlay	7. Nandan Kumar
8. Oscar Ferdinands	8. Joel Van Haaren	8. Tyson Usher	8. Mason Peek

<i>Women (Open)</i>	<i>Girls' 16/u (up to BY 1999)</i>	<i>Girls' 14/u (up to BY 2001)</i>	<i>Girls' 12/u (up to BY 2003)</i>
1. Ilse Huiskes	1. Rosie Henderson	1. Eilis Kruger	1. Jemma Gossow
2. Rosie Henderson	2. Eilis Kruger	2. Amelia Findlay	2. Maya Kruger
3. Eilis Kruger	3. Sigrid Smith	3. Jemma Gossow	3. Sidni Finch
4. Caitlyn Mitchell	4. Amelia Findlay	4. Maya Kruger	4. Anna Kruger
5. Sigrid Smith	5. Jemma Gossow	5. Stephanie Rayner	5. Trepina Campbell
6. Amelia Findlay	6. Lowitja Knight	6. Serena Adams	6. Julia Van Den Berg
7. Tanya Gallow	7. Maya Kruger	7. Brianna Smith	7. Keely Bishop
8. Ashley Diemer	8. Stephanie Rayner	8. Sidni Finch	8. Tegan Genockey



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Presentation Dinner

The Annual Presentation dinner remains a highlight on the Tennis NT calendar. The 2015 Dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom at SKYCITY Darwin on Saturday 07 November. 146 guests experienced an evening of entertainment, which included special guest Milo Bradley and celebrations acknowledging the achievements of the tennis community, both on and off-court.

Congratulations to the award winners on the night and all who work hard across the year to make tennis a great sport across the Territory.



Alice Springs Tennis Association celebrated once again clinching victory in the Club of the Year award, managing to back up their win from the previous year marking their fourth overall win since the establishment of this recognition in 2001. The award is the culmination of another remarkable year of high levels of engagement across all areas of tennis in Alice Springs.



Liam Franklin, winner of the Austin Asche Trophy alongside proud parents Terry & Priscilla.



Awards Category Winners were:

*Austin Asche Trophy
Club of the Year*

Liam Franklin
Alice Springs Tennis Assoc.

Club Volunteers of the Year

Alice Springs Tennis Ass
Darwin Tennis Ass
AWOF Sports
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
Katherine Tennis Club
Tennis Palmerston

Julie Dawson
Natalie La Pira
Ewa Finch
Billy Howes
David Brummitt
Ethan Prosser

Senior Points Circuit

Men
Women

Daniel Parker
Bonnie Usher

Junior Incentive Awards

Male
Female

Kylan Bishop
Bonnie Usher



Participation Report

Tennis Australia's Participation Leaders

One of the many resources utilised in the Northern Territory in order to drive promotional activities is the Participation Leader position (previously referred to as Community Tennis Officers). The provision of this role also assists in the creation of necessary relationships within all areas, such as schools, clubs and communities in order to achieve the stable and sustainable growth witnessed from year to year.

The Participation Leader is the first point of call for Territory Clubs when it comes to programs and initiatives centred around participation in tennis. This includes but is not limited to ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, Fitbit Cardio Tennis, Schools Programs, the Power and Water Regional Development Program and Community Play.

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots (ANZTHS) is tennis especially for children. It incorporates smaller courts, smaller racquets and low-compression tennis balls that don't bounce too high. All of this makes learning tennis easy and best of all, fun. There are three stages – Red, Orange and Green – all of which help develop children's skills and confidence.

In 2015-16 there were seven registered ANZTHS deliverers in the Northern Territory providing programs participants. The ANZTHS deliverers were:

- Benita Bittner
- Sam Giess
- Harrison Lee-Schell
- Sam Murch
- Daniel Parker
- Matt Roberts
- Dennis Scrutton



Tennis Australia, gives all Partnership Program schools the opportunity to apply for a Tennis Hot Shots shirt for each participant if their details are registered online. 1789 Territorians took advantage of this offer, which first required their school to be registered in the partnership program, to receive a Tennis Hot Shots shirt during the year.

At the beginning of each calendar year Partnership schools are encouraged to apply for the free transition tennis racquets. Berry Springs received 88 free junior racquets for their new transition students during the 15/16 financial year.

ANZTHS also continues to be used as the community engagement program attached to major events such as the Pro Tour.



Participation Report

Community Play

Community Play is all about enjoying tennis with friends and being a good sport. Parents (or guardians) are empowered to assist on court with scoring and reinforcing the “Be a good sport” messages.

The Gove Peninsula Tennis Club (GPTC) continued on as a Community Play venue during 2015-16 through the work of enthusiastic, hard-working committee members who give up their time to run coaching sessions and match play throughout the week.

School Programs

Forty different schools had a minimum of four tennis sessions during the financial year – this equates to approximately twenty percent of all NT schools.

Tennis Australia’s Partnership and Play School Tennis Programs

During 2015-16 the Australian Government implemented its Sporting Schools program. This program was put in place to have more children active through school organised activities. The Schools would apply for funding through the program, and then select its sport of choice. For schools that selected Tennis the local coach would then be put in contact with the school, create a timetable, and facilitate the tennis sessions. Schools that signed up to these programs were offered a free equipment pack from Tennis Australia which included nets, racquets, balls, line markers, and a carry bag. Schools can then use the provided resources to deliver the program on their own, or further use the funding to pay for the club coach to take the sessions.

Tennis Australia offers two programs as part of the Sporting Schools initiative, based on the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots program. The Partnership and Play programs are made up of fun tennis activities which support skill acquisition and movement all whilst ‘playing the game’ in a meaningful way. Through both programs, students will become confident and competent which is important when trying new sports. Both the Partnership and Play programs facilitate active play and are inclusive. Tennis can be participated in by both boys and girls of all ages and abilities. The aims of the programs are to support schools with sustainable health and physical education programs whilst also increasing the participation and activity levels of students.

Tennis Australia’s National Schools Partnership Program (NSPP) continued strongly this year, through the quality connections formed by the clubs & coaches. There was also an increase in NSPP numbers to seventeen with many schools renewing their memberships from the previous year.



The ongoing support of Tennis Australia allowed for schools to continue receiving equipment packs and manuals which allows any teacher to confidently run sessions within their schools. The Playback rebate, which began in 2013, saw schools most schools once again awarded \$100+ to spend on tennis equipment of their choosing once they re-signed for the new financial year.

Participation Report

Tennis NT Partnership Program Schools as at 30 June 2016

Metro	Northern	Central	Southern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Nakara Primary•Nightcliff Primary•St Paul's Primary•Essington School Darwin•Rosebery Primary•Humpty Doo Primary•St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary•Berry Springs Primary•Girraween Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Nhulunbuy Christian College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•MacFarlane Primary•Katherine South Primary•Casuarina Street Primary•Mataranka School•Timber Creek School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•OLSH College (Traeger)•Ross Park Primary

Tennis NT Play Program Schools as at 30 June 2016

Metro	Northern	Central	Southern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Nightcliff Primary School•Berry Springs Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Dundee Beach Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Mataranka School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Ross Park Primary

Free Tennis sessions

Building on the previous year's ANZTHS six free lunch time sessions, schools were again offered the opportunity for six free tennis lessons to be delivered by a club coach during class. Tennis NT's Participation Leader facilitated the relationship between a school and their closest local club. Coaches then attended the school for six sessions within class time. This has provided greater opportunity for the students to experience tennis and has shown a higher cross-over from school sessions to club sessions than the lunch time only sessions. All Primary Schools based in Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, Katherine, Groote Eylandt and Gove were all contacted and given the opportunity to take part. A total of 31 schools took advantage of this introductory program, with an additional nine schools already signed up to the Partnership Program, informing Tennis NT they were facilitating their own sessions.

Interschool's Tennis Competition

This year saw 9 teams with a total of 36 players compete in Tennis NT's Interschool competition. The Northern Suburbs and Palmerston had schools take part with Good Shepherd Lutheran College narrowly winning the competition ahead of Nightcliff Primary. Unfortunately Good Shepherd was unable to take its spot at the national event and Nightcliff Primary took this opportunity after being the second placed team. Nightcliff then finished 8th, beating the teams from Tasmania and New South Wales. The students were also lucky enough to meet Alicia Molik and Thanasi Kokkinakis.



Participation Report

Tennis 360

A new data collection method was implemented towards the end of the 2015-16 financial year – Tennis 360. The three clubs who chose to participate record their participation stats over the course of a chosen week. The data is then put into a table creating an easy and assessable way to evaluate how each club is doing in different participation areas. The data was split into different age groups, sex, and coaching types and occurred roughly every four weeks.

Building a solid base of historic data will assist the clubs work strategically towards achieving their goals and creating a sustainable business plan for 16/17. The three clubs that nominated to take part in this data collection in 2015-16 were AWOOF Sports, Gardens Tennis, and Tennis Palmerston.

Book A Court

Book a Court is an online court booking and payment platform for affiliated tennis clubs. It's easy to use for both players and club administrators, which means more time on court for everyone! When players book a court online they're sent a PIN for direct access to their court, or if there is no connected pin pad available, the player is provided with alternative instructions to access the court.

Benefits of Book a Court

- Make it easy to access tennis
- Revenue growth for tennis clubs
- Free up volunteers and operators
- Meet modern consumer expectations

As part of Tennis Australia's Book a Court pilot program Tennis Palmerston was identified as the ideal venue for the first Northern Territory Book a Court Program.

Player Registrations

An increase in registrations was once again reported across the Southern Region. With further growth witnessed in the Central Region. It is also pleasing to see a 24.4% increase in player registrations across the Metropolitan Region. Overall growth was seen within the Northern Territory with a 9.6% increase following on from an increase of 10.54% in 2014/15. Tennis NT will continue to work with all regions in an effort to continue growth trends across the Territory.

	Registered @ 31 Dec 2015	Registered @ 31 Dec 2014	% change
Metropolitan	1,427	1,147	24.4% increase
Northern	182	374	-51.3% decrease
Central	357	288	23.9% increase
Southern	1022	910	12.3% increase
TOTAL	2,988	2,725	9.6% increase



Participation Report

Power and Water Regional Development Program

In order for our coaches to continue to provide considerable investment into regional tennis development outside of the metropolitan area, Tennis NT continued its successful partnership with Power and Water. This partnership is appreciatively acknowledged.



The partnership is managed by identified program objectives documented in separate Memorandum of Understandings (MOU).

An MOU is a crucial part of ensuring that there is a strong focus on Regional and Remote tennis. As such, the MOU for the Southern (Tennis Alice Springs – Matt Roberts) Region was renegotiated with the Regional Development Officers at the beginning of 2015-16. Tennis NT also worked with the Central (Katherine Tennis Club – Sam Murch) Region in order to develop a quality MOU to help drive growth within the region.

As previously reported both The Central and Southern Regions demonstrated increases in total player registrations. There was another decrease in the Northern Region, however with no centre operator the club was able to maintain a solid membership.



Tennis NT has continued to support Tennis Gove, and the outlying areas of the Northern Region, including Groote Eylandt. During May, Sam Condon (Participation Leader) from Tennis NT hosted the 2016 Groote Eylandt Inter-Schools Challenge. This trip involved a variety of school-based clinics across the three schools (Alyangula, Angurugu and Umbakumba) as well as hosting the Schools based tournament in Alyangula. The eventual winners Alyangula also proudly represented the Northern Region in the School Sport NT Tennis Championships, in which they won the Team Spirit Sportsmanship award.

During June 2016, Sam Condon also travelled across to the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club to work within the club, parents and committee members alike. Sam delivered an 'Intro to ANZ Hot Shots Coaching Course'. This course introduced and broadened the eight participant's perspectives of activities, based around the four stages of Hot Shots to build each child's tactical and technical skills. Along with this course, Sam also did an array of school clinics with schools around the area. Tennis NT would like to recognise Les Mitchell for his help and continued support of running the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club.



Participation Report

Tennis Industry Leaders Workshop

Tennis NT hosted its annual Tennis Industry Leaders Workshop offsite at Lake Bennett Resort on 2-3 March 2016. The workshop is convened to provide a forum specifically for Northern Territory tennis centre managers. Three of the NT's four regions were represented as thirteen participants made the trip for the first ever offsite Workshop.



David Phillips, Tennis Australia's Professional Development Coordinator (Coach Education) once again made the trip up in order to facilitate a variety of discussions building upon the various areas the delved into last year. This included a range of topics across the six areas of Tennis NT's Strategic Plan.

Workshop attendees also discussed an array of topics aimed at guiding operations in the Northern Territory through the upcoming year. Topics included the Tournaments, Officials, the Intra-Territory Travel Grant Program and Top End Competitions.

The continuation of these workshops is crucial in order for Tennis NT to ensure a committed and united approach to the delivery of tennis across the Territory.



A Club Centred Approach

During the 2015-16 reporting year Tennis NT had a club centred approach to player development monitored through the NT Academies program. Due to divergent philosophies and coach changes only Tennis Palmerston and AWO Sports were in a position to complete their end of calendar year Academy report.

Camps and Talent Days

Tennis NT CTDM delivered camps or talent days at each of its affiliated clubs with a qualified coach. In all 44 players and 8 coaches were impacted by these camps.

Four selected camps were also held throughout the reporting period. These were the NT Davis Cup Camp in July 2015 attended by 6 players. The Super 10s Selection Camp held in September 2015 and attended by 16 players and 4 coaches, the Bruce Cup Camp held in October 2015 and attended by 14 players and the "Girl Power" camp in March 2016 attended by 16 female players and a female coach.



Super 10s

Super 10s was again a highlight of the talent year. Darwin (26 participants) Palmerston (20 participants) and Alice Springs (20 players) all hosted Super 10s seasons. This was followed by the Super 10s camp where players (16 players and 4 coaches) from these regions were joined by players from Katherine. From the camp 8 players and two coaches were selected to form the NT teams that participated in the 2016 Super 10s National Finals.





Athlete Tournament Support

Tennis NT supported individuals on tour to Platinum events by sending the Tennis NT CTD. In the reporting year this included the 2015 Rod Laver Championships (12 players and one private coach), the October 2015 Bruce Cup Individual event (14 Players and one Private Coach), the Australian Hard court Championships during the December 2015 Showdown (4 players) and the Australian Grass Court Championships in Adelaide during April 2016 (7 players and one Private Coach). The best result during these Platinum events was Liam Franklin and Michael Shepherd winning the boys 14 doubles at the 2015 Rod Laver Championships.



Athlete Training Support

Tennis NT conducted the Club Extension program and the Girls Performance Training Program throughout school terms.



Athlete Development Report

The Club Extension Program comprised the requirement for private coaches to provide Athlete Improvement Plans, for Clubs to provide continuing access to suitable squad sessions and for the players to commit to strength and conditioning sessions run by the NTIS. The program offered two 90 minute squad sessions per week, was run from weeks 2 to 9 each term and involved 8 players. A term fee of \$150 was charged refunded to the player if they accepted selection into an NT representative team at the end of the year.

The Girls Performance Training Program was an attempt to attract female players that had participated at a representative level in the past back onto the court. The only requirement for the program was previous State representation. The program ran one hour per week.



Parent Information Sessions

Tennis NT CTDM ran two formal parent sessions during the year. One in Alice Springs (6 Parents) during November and one in Darwin (12 Parents) during September. Multiple meetings with individual parents were also held.

Looking Forward

Tennis NT's obligation to its major supporters, the NT Government and Tennis Australia, is to implement a development pathway along which Territory juniors are given every chance to reach their playing potential. We also have an obligation to provide an environment where our coaches and business operators can grow, develop and prosper. It is within these confines that athlete development finds itself bound.

In recent years a decentralised approach to player development as requested by the clubs has been governed through the Tennis NT Academies Program (NTAP). While this approach received initial support from club operators its success relied on each individual club coach remaining passionate and committed to achieving player development outcomes within the guidelines provided as part of the NTAP. This suitability of this approach is monitored by Tennis NT's Athlete Development Committee, and in turn by the Tennis NT Board.



Acknowledgements

The continuing support of the centre managers in the Athlete Development space needs to be acknowledged. Without exception they have generously and enthusiastically provided their facilities whenever asked.

Tennis NT would also like to acknowledge the support of those Territory Coaches who are going above and beyond expectations to enhance the development of our next group of nationally competitive players and ultimately our next National Champion.



Athlete Development Report

Coach Education

During the 2015-16 year five Territory coaches completed their Tennis Australia Club Professional qualification and six candidates started their Tennis Australia Junior Development Coaching qualification. In total there were 27 TA Coach Members registered in the NT.



Introduction to ANZ Hot Shots course were held in both Alyangula (4 candidates) and Gove (4 candidates).



Coach Development

Tennis NT provided 49 unique coach development opportunities. These ranged from group workshops to reports on individual players through to individual coach mentor sessions encompassing both their coaching and business practices. The individual nature of many of these coach development opportunities allowed messages to be tailored specifically to the challenges each coach faces.

2016 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference

Six coaches from the Northern Territory tennis coaching fraternity travelled to the 2016 Australian Grand Slam Coaches



Australian Grand Slam
Coaches' Conference



Athlete Development Report

Conference held in Melbourne just prior to the Australian Open.

The Northern Territory continues to have great representation from its small tennis community and Tennis NT acknowledges these coaches for their personal commitment and their desire for knowledge.



Talent Development Coaches

Tennis Australia has continued to invest in this selected network of coaches who specialise in the development of athletes under the age of fourteen. This group of coaches who are recognised for their proven ability to develop young players continue to be provided with additional professional development opportunities including travel grants.

Ultimately the purpose of this engagement is to build stronger relationships and partnerships with private coaches to improve the quality and quantity of athletes.

Benita Bittner (Gardens Tennis) Matt Dudley (AWOF Sports) and Matt Roberts (Tennis Alice Springs) all enjoyed the benefits of being a Tennis Australia Talent Development Coaches during the reporting year.



Athlete Development Report

2015 Australian Teams Championships

Tennis NT fielded teams in the boys 12 and 14 age groups. The boys 12's finished 12th of 14 teams while the boys 14s finished 8th of 12 teams.



2015 Queensland Regional Junior Teams Carnival

Tennis NT was represented in all divisions of the 2015 Queensland Regional Teams Carnival. The event held in December 2015 comprised mixed teams of 6 players in the 11s, 13s, 15s, and 17s age groups.

The 11s placed 6 of 16, the 13s 15 of 16, the 15s, 8 of 16 and the 17s 5 of 14. Participation in the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival proved a great success with players and coaches finding the competition to be challenging while still appropriate. Being able to provide some of our older athletes with the opportunity to represent the Territory was a particular bonus.



2015 School Sport Australia Bruce Cup

The Northern Territory travelled to Hobart for the 2015 Bruce Cup. The team finished seventh out of the eight teams participating. Liam Franklin finished third in the individual singles event. The Team was supported by *Manager* Megan Politis *Coach* Helen Lamech and Assistant Coach Tennis NT CTDM Pat Coburn.

Tennis NT continued to support school sport in trials, skill sessions, gala days and the 12 and under school sport exchange. For the third consecutive year Tennis NT's CTDM Pat Coburn took on the formal role of Assistant Coach to the Bruce Cup team. Along with being heavily involved in the lead up training Pat was able to provide specific tennis advice and support to both the team and support staff while benefitting from experiencing firsthand the student management strategies and practices employed by the school sport teachers.





2016 Australia Made Foundation Cup

2015 was the first year that Tennis NT entered teams in the Australia Made Foundation Cup. The Foundation Cup is a team's event for boys and girls from regional Australia. Teams of 4 compete in separate male and female divisions. The NT and Tasmania compete against regional teams from NSW, Vic, Queensland, SA and WA. The NT boys team finished runners up to a strong Qld team while the NT girls finished 6th. It was a real thrill for the boy's team to make a National final. The stand out was the doubles pairing of Liam Franklin and Kenneth Prete that finished the event undefeated.



Athlete Development Report

2016 Super 10s National Finals

The Northern Territory sent male and female teams of 4 players and a coach to the Super 10s Australian State finals played at Melbourne Park during the last 5 days of the Australian Open. The boy's team finished 7th and the girl's team 6th in the eight team competition.



Tournaments & Competitions Report

People's Choice NT Premier League



Pictured: Premier League champions Ethan Scobie, Melanie Usher, Bonnie Usher & Andrew Schubert.

The inaugural People's Choice NT Premier League included five teams from across the Territory, with teams from the Metropolitan & Central regions battling it out on a weekly basis for 6 rounds. The Southern Region (ASTA) representative team arrived in Darwin for the Finals weekend, competing in the Semi-Finals against the League's 2nd ranked team, AWOFF Sports, in order to secure their spot in the Grand Final where they would take on & inevitably defeat top-ranked team Gardens Tennis.

Each team consisted of 4 players, 2 male & 2 females, with players having to compete in 1 singles & 1 doubles match per round.

People's Choice Credit Union has continued to partner with Tennis NT in the running of the Premier League; this support is invaluable and is gratefully acknowledged by Tennis NT.

Senior Points Circuit

The *Senior Points Circuit* (SPC) is comprised of seven tournaments conducted across the Northern Territory. This circuit provides individuals with the opportunity to compete for SPC points as well as a cash bonus of \$500 for the winning Male and winning Female at the end of the circuit. This bonus is awarded at the Annual Presentation Dinner. The SPC tournaments and winners are:

2016 Tennis Palmerston Open

Daniel Parker TP & Ilse Huiskes DTA

2016 Scope Building NT Carnival

Daniel Parker TP & Lily Clements-Markham QLD*

2016 Schweppes AWOFF Sports Open

Liam Franklin AWOFF & Eilis Kruger AWOFF

2016 Katherine Open Carnival

Daniel Parker TP & Rosie Henderson DTA

2016 SKYCITY Darwin Open

Darren Polkinghorne SA* & Alicia Smith QLD*

2016 90th SKYCITY NT Open Championships

Darren Polkinghorne SA* & Michaela Haet NSW*

2016 Lasseters Alice Springs Twilight Open

Taylor Witt USA* & Olivia Symons VIC*

259 players competed during this year's Circuit, with 164 Male and 95 Female players.



Pictured: People's Choice Premier League Champions, Division 1 winners & Premier League Runners-up.



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Senior Points Circuit Honour Roll

Men	1st		2nd		3rd	
2015-16	Daniel Parker	TP	Liam Franklin	AWOF	Kyle O'Donoghue-Ellis	GT
2014-15	Daniel Parker	TP	Jake Woods	ASTA	Nick Whyte	ASTA
2013-14	Nick Whyte	ASTA	Ethan Scobie	ASTA	Matt Dudley	AWOF
2012-13	Daniel Parker	TP	Nick Whyte	ASTA	Nathan Hawke	DTA
2011-12	Ryan Palfrey	DTC	Kacy Brennan	DTC	Nicholas Munro	DTC
2010-11	Ryan Palfrey	DTC	George Shepheard	TNT	Kaelan Bates	DTC
2009-10	Ryan Palfrey	DTC	Nathan Hawke	TNT	Nicholas Munro	DTA
2008-09	Ryan Palfrey	DTC	Daniel Parker	PTP	Mark Pead	DTA
2008	Daniel Parker	PTP	Luke Bosio	DTC	Nicholas Munro	DTA
2007	Adil Hakeem	DTA	Jarron Kretschmann	ASTA	Nicholas Munro	DTA
2006	Jed Stanford	DTA	Chris Letcher	ASTA	Adil Hakeem	DTA
2005	Ben Howen	ASTA	Dominic Hall	DTC	Nicholas Munro	DTA
2004	Dominic Hall	DTC	Adil Hakeem	DTC	Isaac Wardle	DTC
2003	Tony Rehn	DTA	Dominic Hall	DTC	Adam Gromadzki	DTA
2002	Brett McLellan	DTC	Bruce Mclver	DTC	Adam Gromadzki	DTA

Women	1st		2nd		3rd	
2015-16	Ilse Huiskes	GT	Rosie Henderson	GT	Eilis Kruger	AWOF
2014-15	Bonnie Usher	ASTA	Rebecca Rayner	AWOF	Ashley Diemer	ASTA
2013-14	Bonnie Usher	ASTA	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC	Katherine Campbell	ASTA
2012-13	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC	Katherine Campbell	ASTA	Bonnie Usher	ASTA
2011-12	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC	Bonnie Usher	ASTA	Emily Moo	DTC
2010-11	Emily Moo	DTC	Madeleine Murray	DTC	Matilda Hurst	DTC
2009-10	Tarlina Tipungwuti	DTA	Emily Moo	DTC	Kassandra Dunser	DTC
2008-09	Emily Webb	DTC	Madeleine Murray	DTC	Kassandra Dunser	DTC
2008	Matilda Hurst	DTA	Emma Labessa	DTC	Emily Webb	DTC
2007	Tarlina Tipungwuti	DTA	Matilda Hurst	DTA	Kassandra Dunser	DTC
2006	Amanda Grahame	TNT	Nancy Ferguson	DTA	Kassandra Dunser	DTC
2005	Ashlee Brown	DTC	Samantha Lim	DTA	Jennifer Woerner	DTC
2004	Jayne Robinson	DTC	Ashlee Brown	DTC	Nicole Baxter	DTC
2003	Jayne Robinson	DTC	Nicole Baxter	DTC	Sarah Andrews	DTC
2002	Sarah Andrews	DTC	Suzie Dubrava	DTC	Khia De Silva	DTC



2016 Senior Points Circuit
Winners Daniel Parker TP & Ilse Huiskes GT



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Events Calendar

The Northern Territory had another busy tournament schedule with 1 Australian Pro Tour tournament, 9 Australian Money Tournaments, 11 Junior Tour tournaments and 10 Junior Development Series tournaments.

Australian Pro Tour

The Pro Tour is a series of professional tennis events that act as a bridge between junior events and the ATP/WTA Tour. These events provide an opportunity for players to earn their first World Ranking Points.

Pro Tour events are staged predominantly in regional areas across Australia. The Northern Territory held a single Men's only event in Alice Springs that saw 68 competitors compete, a 23.64% increase on the previous year.

Australian Money Tournaments (AMTs)

AMTs are semi-professional tournaments introduced by Tennis Australia in 2006. They are designed to create quality match play opportunities and help with the transition of post junior athletes.

The Northern Territory conducted 1 Platinum; 2 Gold; 1 Silver; 3 Bronze and 2 White AMTs.

Of the 9 AMT tournaments, 18 events offered Australian Ranking Points and prize money. 346 competitors entered which is an increase of 28.15% over the previous reporting period.

Junior Tournament (JT)

The JT is an umbrella tour that provides a competition pathway for aspiring junior players. These tournaments offer Australian Ranking points across the 12/U, 14/U and 16/U age groups.

The Northern Territory conducted 1 Gold; 1 Silver; 2 Bronze and 7 White JT tournaments during the reporting period.

Of these 11 JT tournaments, 57 events offered Australian Ranking Points for both boys and girls across the three age groups. 916 competitors entered which was an increase of 10.76% over the previous reporting period.

Junior Development Series (JDS)

The JDS sits under the JT in the Competition Pathway and is designed for beginner to intermediate players, giving them their first tournament experience. These tournaments are conducted around Australia.

Now in its fourth year the JDS attracted 612 competitors over the 10 tournaments that were on offer across the Northern Territory. This is a massive 50.37% increase compared to the previous reporting period.



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Competitor Analysis

The following table identifies the number of competitors at each level of tournament. A total of 1,942 Australian Ranking Point opportunities were accessed. This was an increase of 24.57% over the previous reporting period.

<i>Level</i>	<i>Pro Tour</i>	<i>AMT</i>	<i>JT</i>	<i>JDS</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
ATP	68				
Platinum		50			
Gold		95	145		
Silver		49	72		
Bronze		96	221		
White		56	478		
JDS				612	
<i>Totals</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>916</i>	<i>612</i>	<i>1,942</i>



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Australian Pro Tour

The *Alice Springs Tennis International* was held from 28 September – 04 October 2015 for the sixth time at Tennis Alice Springs. The tournament is the first leg of the Northern Circuit on the ITF Futures calendar (Alice Springs, Toowoomba and Cairns) on the Australian Pro Tour.

Tennis NT would like to acknowledge the continued sponsorship of the Northern Territory Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation, together with Alice Springs Town Council and local sponsors, the *ibis Styles Alice Springs Oasis* as the official hotel, *Emu Runs Tours* for providing tournament incidentals, together with the significant investment of Tennis Australia.



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Seven countries were represented at the *Alice Springs Tennis International* including Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United States of America, China, Malaysia & the Czech Republic. A record seven Northern Territory players entered into the qualifying draw to in 2015; they included Ethan Scobie, Nicholas Whyte, Jingjo Brown, Kylan Bishop, Jesse Russell, Joel Van Haaren & Evan Di Maria.

In a match that ensured the local talent would win a round of Qualifying, Alice Springs players Ethan Scobie and Nicholas Whyte met in the first round. It was a fight to the end, but eventually Whyte made it through after downing Scobie 6-4 7-5. Unfortunately the winning-streak didn't continue, with Whyte getting knocked out by fellow Australian Vuk Skadarka 6-3 6-2 in the second round.

Many thanks are extended to the small but hard working team of local volunteers and officials in Alice Springs. Special mention to the line officials, who managed to fully staff the event using local line umpires. They included: Gary Bigg, Kitty Brak, Mike Heyburn, Virginia Moore, Tarun Soni, Leanne Usher, Gus Maturazzo, Roger Ahwah, Dave Neville, Julie Dawson and of course thanks to the many ball kids who assisted throughout the finals.

Tennis NT appreciatively acknowledges the host venue, Alice Springs Tennis Association and Tennis Alice Springs. Special thanks are also extended to Gary Bigg for loaning his personal vehicle to facilitate a range of Community Activations.

Pro Tour Honour Roll

Darwin Tennis International

	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2011	Isaac Frost AUS	Casey Dellacqua AUS
2010	John Millman AUS	Olivia Rogowska AUS
2009	Dayne Kelly AUS	Alicia Molik AUS

Alice Springs Tennis International

	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2015	Robin Stanek CZE	
2014	Brydan Klein GBR	
2013	Jordan Thompson AUS	
2012	Matthew Barton AUS	
2011	Michael Look AUS	Olivia Rogowska AUS
2010	Colin Ebelthite AUS	Sacha Jones AUS
2009*	Jamie Baker GBR	Sacha Jones AUS

*The tournament was played in Darwin in a 'caretaker' role until the facility upgrade in Alice Springs was completed.



Pictured: Robin Stanek (CZE), winner 2015 Alice Springs Tennis International



Pictured: Zhe LI (CHN) & Zin GAO (CHN), Doubles Champions 2015 Alice Springs Tennis International



Tournaments & Competitions Report

SKYCITY Darwin Open

The SKYCITY Darwin Open, after seven years under the directorship of Tennis NT, was handed back to the Darwin Tennis Association. It continued to hold a JDS, JT White and AMT Gold as its events and remained back-to-back with the SKYCITY NT Open Championships to allow higher level AMT competitors the opportunity to play the AMT Gold and AMT Platinum with minimal 'downtime' between tournaments.



2016 Winners Darren Polkinghorne & Alicia Smith

The SKYCITY Darwin Open, an AMT Gold, JT White and JDS event, attracted 236 entries across twenty events. Overall, this event showed a 26% increase from the previous year's entries.

Gardens Tennis player Ilse Huiskes was the standout for the NT, making both the Women's Singles & Doubles finals, unfortunately going down to Alicia Smith (QLD) in both.



2016 Doubles Champions Alicia Smith & Alexandra Taylor with Runners up Ilse Huiskes & Ellis Kruger

As always, these events couldn't run without the group of dedicated officials who helped make the SKYCITY Darwin Open such a success.

Referee Warren Martin

Court Supervisors Sue Bormann
Jenny Roe

Darwin Open Honour Roll

Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2016	D. Polkinghorne	A. Smith
2015	V. Crivoi	Z. Zlochova
2014	M. Robins	Z. Zlochova
2013	D. Polkinghorne	D. Hollands
2012	D. Polkinghorne	T. Tipungwuti
2011	D. Polkinghorne	T. Tipungwuti
2010	R. Palfrey	A. Hadzic
2009	R. Palfrey	J. Swift
2008	H. Hakeem	S. Lim
2007	E. Bouchier	N. Ferguson
2006	S. Robertson	A. Graham
2005	B. Howen	A. Brown
2004	B. Howen	A. Hubacek
2003	D. Fernandez	K. Condon
2002	C. Ebelthite	S. Andrews

SKYCITY NT Open Championships

The 90th NT Open Championships, which was an AMT Platinum, JT Silver and JDS event, attracted 232 entries across nineteen events. Overall event entries increased 24%.

2016 saw two new NT Open Champions claim the title to have their names etched into the Parap Cup (Men's Trophy) and Barden Trophy (Women's Trophy).

It was a replay of the Darwin Open finals with Darren Polkinghorne (SA) taking on doubles partner Mitchell Robins (QLD) and claiming back to back titles, beating Robins 6-4 4-6 6-3.

The Women's draw also saw top seed Alicia Smith (QLD) make back to back finals, however she was unable to pull off back to back wins, going down to second seed Michaela Haet (NSW) 6-2 6-4.

Gardens Tennis local Ilse Huiskes again performed well, making the semi-finals before being defeated by the eventual champion, Michaela Haet 6-1 6-1.



Tournaments & Competitions Report



2016 Women's Singles Champion Michaela Haet with Runner up Alicia Smith



2016 Men's Singles Champion Darren Polkinghorne with Runner up Mitchell Robins

Tennis NT acknowledges the generous support of SKYCITY Darwin, the naming rights sponsor of the Darwin Open and NT Open Championships. Tennis NT also acknowledges the City of Darwin for their ongoing sponsorship of both tournaments.

Tennis NT would also like to thank the dedicated group of volunteers and officials who continue to help make the SKYCITY NT Open Championships such a success.

<i>Referee</i>	Warren Martin
<i>Court Supervisors</i>	Sue Bormann Jenny Roe
<i>Chair Umpires</i>	Madeline Ilic (QLD) Leanne Usher (NT)
<i>Lines Umpires</i>	Gary Bigg Virginia Moore Kitty Brak
<i>Physio</i>	Tarun Soni Rhys Janes



Tournaments & Competitions Report

NT Open Honour Roll

Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2016	D. Polkinghorne	M. Haet	1970	W. Ravenswood	L. Young
2015	V. Crivoi	Z. Zlochova	1969	W. Ravenswood	Y. Cosgrove
2014	D. Polkinghorne	Z. Zlochova	1968	W. Ravenswood	Y. Cosgrove
2013	K. Hensel	I. Holland	1967	R. Berry	Y. Cosgrove
2012	R. Palfrey	E. Burns	1966	W. Ravenswood	A. May
2011	J. James	T. Tipungwuti	1965	K. Chin	M. Callier
2010	E. Bourchier	A. Hadzic	1964	K. Chin	C. McConaghy
2009	E. Bourchier	J. Swift	1963	K. Chin	J. Calvert
2008	C. Marsland	A. Hadzic	1962	R. Forscutt	J. Calvert
2007	E. Bourchier	N. Ferguson	1961	E. Hamilton	J. Calvert
2006	C. Letcher	N. Ferguson	1960	E. Hamilton	J. Koehne
2005	S. Robertson	A. Brown	1959	E. Hamilton	V. Clarke
2004	B. Howen	M. Sorbello	1958	R. Forscutt	V. Clarke
2003	M. Leong	K. Condon	1957	K. Chin	V. Clarke
2002	B. McLennan	D. McIntyre	1956	J. Casson	S. Robertson
2001	B. McLennan	N. T. K. Trang	1955	J. Faull	V. Clarke
2000	M. MacMahon	D. Blackwell	1954	J. Trama	Miss Radford
1999	S. Martin	D. McIntyre	1953	A. Alle	Unknown
1998	J. Gould	N. Sewell	1952	N. Belle	Mrs. Hart
1997	J. Gould	D. Blackwell	1951	H. Chia	Not Conducted
1996	M. MacMahon	D. Blackwell	1950	E. Davies	Not Conducted
1995	D. Culley	R. Balodis	1949	J. Falk	Not Conducted
1994	D. Culley	D. Blackwell	1948	A. Swan	Not Conducted
1993	D. Culley	D. Blackwell	1947	E. Hargreaves	Not Conducted
1992	M. Hill	R. Tucker	1940-46	Not Conducted	Not Conducted
1991	P. Davis	R. Tucker	1939	H. Foster	Not Conducted
1990	B. Tucker	R. Walker	1938	K. Fuller	D. Abott
1989	W. Foote	C. Biurra	1937	A. Dawson	D. Abbott
1988	W. Foote	C. Finnegan	1936	K. Fuller	Mrs. Smythe
1987	W. Foote	M. Lonergan	1935	A. Bush	Unknown
1986	A. Evans	L. Weetaseke	1934	C. Webb	Unknown
1985	A. Evans	K. Ballard	1933	C. Webb	Mrs. Forster
1984	N. Coltos	S. Duigan	1932	R. Edwards	M. Lord
1983	K. Robinson	C. Miller	1931	C. Webb	L. James
1982	A. Lane	N. Leipus	1930	K. Curry	L. James
1981	A. Lane	J. Brimson	1929	G. Webb	Unknown
1980	R. Berry	J. Brimson	1928	R. Edwards	Ms. Blesser
1979	R. Berry	J. Brimson	1927	R. Edwards	Not Conducted
1978	R. Staines	J. Brimson	1926	H. Naylor	Not Conducted
1977	R. Berry	L. Horton	1925	A. Brown	Not Conducted
1976	R. Staines	K. Clothier	1924	A. Brown	Not Conducted
1975	I. Bidmeade	L. Horton	1923	G. Feakes	Not Conducted
1974	W. Ravenswood	R. Theiss	1922	J. MacKenzie	Not Conducted
1973	W. Ravenswood	J. Brimson	1921	E. Dennis	Not Conducted
1972	W. Ravenswood	S. Klose	1920	E. Dennis	Not Conducted
1971	W. Ravenswood	S. Klose			



Tournaments & Competitions Report

NT Age Championships & Darwin Age Titles

The NT Age Championships JT Gold and Darwin Age Titles JT Bronze were conducted back to back and attracted 216 competitors (a decrease of 18.5% compared to last year). The decrease in numbers was likely impacted by the Rod Laver lead-in and Rod Laver tournaments in Queensland clashing with the Darwin Age Titles for the first time.

With Tennis Australia restructuring the four National Championships to eight State / Territory Championships, each State and Territory had to promote a prominent JT tournament to the Championship status. The NT Age Titles, now in its fourth year as a JT Gold seemed the appropriate tournament due to its attraction to interstate travellers, NT school holidays and its association with the Darwin Age Titles following it. The Darwin Age tournament was downgraded to JT Bronze to reflect the clash with the JT Gold Rod Laver Lead in.



Pictured: Winners 12/U Girls Doubles Sidni Finch (AWOF) & Emily Ryan (QLD) with Runners Up Ashlee Shields (SA) & Meeka Marshall (SA).

Junior Development Series events were also conducted alongside these tournaments. 93 beginner to intermediate players (an increase of 17.72% compared to 2014-15) took part in a variety of events including: Red Ball singles and Orange / Green Ball singles and doubles. Having these events conducted at the same venue and at the same time allowed these younger players to experience the culture of a tournament, the fun that can be had, and perhaps aspire to becoming a future tennis star. Along with allowing older juniors to give back to the tennis community by scoring and assisting the JDS players where necessary.



Pictured: 16/U Boys Singles Runner Up Kylan Bishop with Winner Liam Franklin

Tennis NT would like to thank the group of dedicated volunteers and officials without whom, the NT Age Championships and Darwin Age Titles would not be such a success.

Referee

Warren Martin

Court Supervisors

Sue Bormann

Julie Dawson

Jenny Roe

Di Rayner

Helen Lamech

Gardens Tennis

Venue



Intra-Territory Travel Grant

Throughout 2015-16 a total of \$4,850.00 was distributed to tournament competitors and coaches traveling to Territory tournaments.

The travel grant is currently under review in order to ascertain the best way to distribute funds in order to encourage participation in Northern Territory Australian Ranking point's tournaments that are sanctioned on the Tennis NT Events Calendar.



Tennis NT acknowledges People's Choice Credit Union for their valuable support.



Tournaments & Competitions Report

Officials Development

Two officials' development session was conducted during the reporting period. These were conducted at the Alice Springs Tennis International in the Southern Region, with 9 officials in attendance and in the Metropolitan Region with 6 people in attendance.

Whilst the Northern Territory faces challenges in officials to tennis in some regions, it must be noted that the group of officials in Alice Springs continues to grow both in number and confidence as they take advantage of all development opportunities offered.

During the 2015 Alice Springs Tennis International, the Alice Springs officiating team provided all ten of the ten line umpires necessary for the six days of competition. This is an incredible feat on the Australian Pro Tour circuit, with the majority of venues having to fly in line umpires. This is a tribute to the great work of a close knit community in developing and supporting their network of officials.



Pictured: Local Alice Springs Officials provided ten of the ten line umpires needed for a Pro Tour event

Alice Springs Officials, Gary Bigg, Kitty Brak, Virginia Moore and Leanne Usher were once again selected to call lines at the Australian Open for 2016 and were joined by fellow Alice Springs official Tarun Soni. It was another exciting open for the NT community to play "spot the official" during the televised matches, but it was certainly made easy when local officials Leanne and Virginia were selected out of a pool of 400 umpires for a Weekend Sunrise interview on Channel 7.

Another highlight came for Leanne when she was given her first opportunity to call serve. Gary had some late, but exciting nights, including when he was able to officiate during the Quad

Doubles Finals and just missed out on selection for the Women's Singles finals.

Our Alice Springs officials continue to lead the way within the NT with their eagerness not only to work world class events such as the Davis Cup & Australia Open, but in their dedication to supporting the local Alice Springs and Darwin tournaments as lines people, court supervisors & referees. They remain an inspiration to their officiating peers, going from strength to strength with each passing year.



Pictured: Davis Cup Ball kids with local Alice Springs Line Officials, Leanne Usher & Virginia Moore



Pictured: Gary Bigg (far right) with the team of officials at the AUS vs USA Davis Cup tie March 4 - 6, 2016

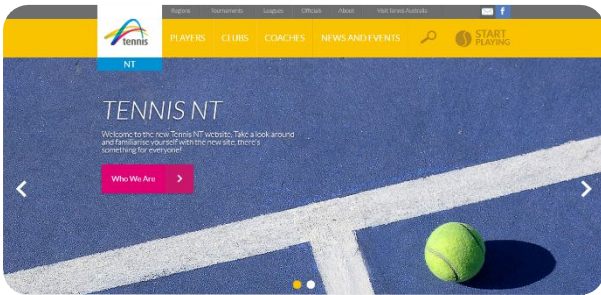


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Tennis NT's website continues to be used as a means of publishing specific information about Tennis NT and its services, along with the promotion of programs and events.

2015-16 saw a 45.71% decrease in website 'hits' compared to the previous reporting period, which could be attributed to the growth in the prominence of social media across the sport.

	2014-15	2015-16
Hits	14,740	8,003



Social Media

Tennis NT continues to successfully use social media to engage with and provide information to its members, along with engaging with the various clubs Facebook pages through upcoming events, tournaments and news stories.

This instant information has been crucial to keep fans engaged, while appealing to a wider audience with constant and relevant updates.

Tennis NT's Facebook likes rose by 51% this financial year coming from 28 different countries. 57% of Tennis NT's followers are females with the most popular demographic following Tennis NT being Females aged between 35 – 44 years old (16%).

Throughout the year Tennis NT's posts reached a total of 45 different countries, this is done via shares and likes, and will continue to grow as the total number of likes keeps increasing. Tennis NT now also has a Twitter handle, @TennisNT, which had 85 followers at the end of the reporting period.



Media

Regular and event specific circulation of media releases to Territory media outlets proved to be beneficial in gaining exposure for tennis, particularly during tournaments.

237 articles were accounted for during the 2015-16 period, an increase of 152.13% from the previous year. They were extracted from the pages of the *NT News*, *Sunday Territorian*, *Darwin & Palmerston Sun*, *Katherine Times*, *Centralian Advocate* and *Arafura Times*.

Local and international tournaments, particularly the 2015 Davis Cup tie in Darwin and Pro Tour Event in Alice Springs, provided the highest exposure opportunities within the print media.

Radio stations, *Hot 100*, *Mix 104.9* and *ABC Radio* provide consistent coverage in their local sports reports when briefed with media releases. Radio interviews were also conducted with ABC's *Grandstand*, *Darwin Mornings* and *Saturday Breakfast*.



Governance

Constitution & Annual General Meeting

Tennis NT is a not-for-profit incorporated association registered in the Northern Territory. The association's purpose is to:

- Support the growth and development of tennis in the NT
- Make a positive contribution to the national and international community
- Provide progressive opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate
- Develop and improve infrastructure
- Ensure access is available and appealing to consumers' via media outlets

Tennis NT's Constitution was last modified and adopted at Tennis NT's Special General Meeting held 20 February 2014.

Tennis NT's 2015 AGM was held on Sunday 8 November 2015 with 24 people in attendance, including twelve delegates with voting rights. Elections for the President position and two Director positions were held with Warren Martin (President), David De Silva (Director) and Alicia Boyle (Director) all elected.

Board of Directors

The Tennis NT Board comprises five Directors including a President and a Vice-President. In accordance with the Constitution the election of positions is rotational to ensure continuity of corporate knowledge. The Constitution also allows for the appointment of up to two independent Directors, appointed by the Board.

The Board of Directors is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the association and monitoring management's performance against the targets and priorities set.

Six meetings were conducted during the reporting period. Attendances are recorded as follows.

	Eligible	Attended
Warren Martin	6	6
Kate Lee	6	6
David De Silva	6	3

Matthew Campbell	6	3
Alicia Boyle	6	6
Paul Fitzsimons (to August 2015)	1	0
Paul Fitzsimons	5	4

Annual Industry Workshop

As part of its engagement with stakeholders, Tennis NT conducts a Workshop on the weekend of the Presentation Dinner / AGM, seeking feedback as well as engaging stakeholders in discussions around the key issues impacting on tennis in the Northern Territory.

The 2015 Workshop contained a diverse range of topics, with a specific focus on Tennis NT's Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. Travis Atkinson, Manager of Clubs at Tennis Australia, presented on Tennis Connect and online systems and also discussed with attendees Tennis Australia's plan in the space.

The Annual Industry Workshop agenda also included the following areas of discussion:

- Tennis NT's Tournaments Vision
- The NT Facilities Strategy
- Developing Talent in the Territory
- Tennis NT Strategic Plan Overview
- Club Presentations



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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF TENNIS NT INCORPORATED****Scope**

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report of Tennis NT Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2016. The Association's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report, and the information contained therein, and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the entity's Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of Tennis NT Incorporated on its preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board of Directors financial reporting requirements under the Association's Constitution and the *Associations Act*. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial report and the requirements of the *Associations Act*. These do not require the application of all Accounting Standards.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

The Association only records amount received for fundraising, donations and function receipts when these amounts are banked, as it is not practical to establish control over such income prior to its initial entry. My audit relating to such income was therefore limited to ensuring that the amounts banked are properly recorded in the accounts.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the matters referred to in the above qualification paragraph, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report and the *Associations Act*, the financial position of Tennis NT Incorporated at 30 June 2016 and the results of its operations for the period then ended.



SUSANNE LEE, FCPA
DATED 04/08/2016

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Statement by the Board

TENNIS NT INCORPORATED Year ended 30 June 2016

In our opinion –

- (a) the financial report, as set out on the following pages, being a special purpose financial statement, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2016 and the results of the Association for the year ended on that date;
- (b) the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

We confirm as follows:

- (a) The names of each Board Member of the Association during the relevant financial year were:

President	Warren Martin
Vice President	Kate Lee
Director	David De Silva
Director	Matthew Campbell
Director	Alicia Boyle
Director	Daniel Hall (since September 2015)
Director	Paul Fitzsimons (resigned September 2015)

- (b) The principal activities of the association during the relevant financial period were to promote, develop and manage the sport of tennis in the Northern Territory.
- (c) The net surplus of the association for the relevant financial period was: \$33,624.

Signed at Darwin on 24 August 2016

Warren Martin.



President

Vice President



Financial Statements

TENNIS NT INCORPORATED	Notes	30 June 2016	30 June 2015 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		1,632,270	8,516
Cash Management Account		71,722	16,803
Investment	2	699,596	712,496
Darwin Regional Tennis Centre Construction Funds	3	16,000,000	0
Petty Cash		200	200
Prepaid Expenses	4	7,538	7,744
Receivables		31,716	80,508
GST Paid on Purchases		6,806	6,500
Accrued Income	5	14,013	12,050
Total Current Assets		18,463,861	844,817
Non-Current Assets			
Loan Receivable	6	0	15,000
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	47,677	47,677
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(47,465)	(45,840)
Total Non-Current Assets		212	16,837
Total ASSETS		18,464,073	861,654
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors		14,038	42,779
Accrued Expenses		13,464	10,785
Income Received in Advance	8	7,656	1,520
Income Received in Advance – Govt Grants	9	16,000,000	0
Officials Development Fund	10	10,000	10,000
TCA-NT Scholarship Fund	11	19,900	20,200
Staff Entitlements		27,504	39,332
GST Collected from Sales		1,615,040	14,191
Total LIABILITIES		17,707,602	138,807
Net ASSETS		756,471	722,847
EQUITY			
Retained Profits at beginning of Period		546,082	541,047
Facility Development Fund Reserve	12	175,972	176,765
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)		34,417	5,035
Total EQUITY	13	756,471	\$722,847



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Income

	Notes	30 June 2016	30 June 2015
Tennis Australia Grants			
Administration		113,879	110,525
Athlete Development		16,186	19,494
Participation		45,000	42,585
Events		10,000	16,962
Total		185,065	189,566
Government Grants			
Business Development		186,000	186,000
Total		186,000	186,000
Administration			
Affiliation fees	14	11,436	11,436
Insurance		4,560	4,577
Bank Income		21,055	25,828
Premises		26,617	28,500
Total		63,668	70,341
Athlete Development			
Sponsorship		0	1,700
National Teams Tour		15,604	14,817
Total		15,604	16,517
Participation			
Presentation Dinner		5,849	6,343
Regional Development Program		9,091	10,000
Total		14,940	16,343
Operations and Events			
Sponsorship		4,000	0
Ball Sales		91	310
Competitor Sanction Fees		6,180	6,586
Intra-Territory Travel Grant		3,000	3,000
Metro League		7,147	3,218
Darwin and NT Age Titles		9,256	9,165
NT Open Championships		16,665	16,411
Darwin Open		11,016	10,672
Senior Points Circuit		0	500
Tournament Development		1,278	1,556
Total		58,633	51,418
Total Income		523,910	530,185

Expenditure

Athlete Development

Coach Development	15	0	14,334
National Teams Tour		34,939	32,672
Player Travel Grants		4,584	5,890
Total		39,523	52,896

Centre Managers Workshop		5,103	2,595
Presentation Dinner		9,709	9,568
Indigenous Tennis Program		2,048	787
Regional Development Program		22,948	27,138



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Tennis in Schools	6,381	6,936
Club Grants	3,000	4,715
Total	49,189	51,739

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<i>Expenditure (cont'd)</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>30 June 2016</i>	<i>30 June 2015</i>
Operations and Events			
Intra-Territory Travel Grant		4,850	4,845
Metro League		5,449	1,806
Darwin and NT Age Titles		11,405	13,166
NT Open Championships		25,859	24,990
Darwin Open		13,535	12,586
Senior Points Circuit		1,500	1,500
Pro Tour		9,249	9,591
Officials Development	10	0	7,154
Tournament Development		4,699	3,803
Total		76,546	79,441
Staff			
Salaries		182,325	205,504
Superannuation		16,976	19,175
Workers Compensation		3,008	3,376
Staff Amenities & Uniforms		332	341
Professional Development		2,765	246
Total		205,406	228,642
Administration			
AGM		2,234	2,111
Audit Fees		2,310	2,200
Annual Industry Workshop		5,383	6,768
Bank Charges		371	314
Depreciation		1,624	6,184
Equipment		892	725
FBT		822	2,389
Insurance		3,578	3,588
Motor Vehicle		1,573	1,472
Marketing Costs		12,736	3,977
Petty Cash		1,658	187
Meetings		903	440
Postage		102	155
Premises		62,046	62,732
Printing and Stationery		1,694	2,279
Telephone		4,626	6,906
Travel		16,277	9,915
Bad & Doubtful Debts		0	90
Strategic Facility	16	793	23,235
Total		119,622	135,667
Total Expenditure		490,286	548,385
Net SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		33,624	(\$18,200)



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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 1

Summary of Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted by the Association are stated in order to assist in a general understanding of the Financial Statements. These policies have been consistently applied except as otherwise indicated.

Reporting entity

The Association is not a reporting entity because in the Board's opinion there are likely to exist users who are able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy all of their information needs, and these accounts are therefore "special purpose accounts" that have been prepared solely to meet the requirements of the Constitution and the Associations Act.

Accounting policies

The Financial Report has been prepared under the historical cost conventions and does not take into account changing money values except to the extent that they are reflected in the revaluation of certain assets.

In order for the Financial Report to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association and the results of the Association for the year, Australian Accounting Standards have been adopted to the extent disclosed in this note.

Government Grants

Government Grants are brought to account as income when the Association receives them. Unspent Grants are transferred to an appropriate liability account.

Assets

Asset purchases that have a life of greater than one year are capitalised and depreciated over the period of the estimated useful life of the asset. The estimated useful life for the assets purchased is three years for computer and IT equipment and five years for plant and equipment.

Employee Entitlements

The amounts expected to be paid to employees for their pro rata entitlement to annual leave and long service leave are accrued annually at current pay rates.

Income tax

The Association is of the opinion that it is not subject to income tax.

Note 2

Investment

The investment is currently held at People's Choice Credit Union, previously named Australian Central Savings & Loans.

Note 3

Darwin Regional Tennis Centre Construction Funds

This is capital grant funding received from the Northern Territory Government for construction of the Darwin Regional Tennis Centre. The funding is to be used solely for the project and in accordance with the agreement made between the Government and Tennis NT.

Note 4

Prepaid Expenses

This is made up of insurance allocations to the next financial year – both Workers Compensation insurance and the National Insurance Program, and the monthly office rent paid in June for the period covers from 1 July to 31 July 2016.

Note 5

Accrued Income

This is made up of Interest to June 2016 on People's Choice Credit Union Investment and Entry fees for NT & Darwin Age collected by Active Network however not received in the bank as at 30 June 2016.

Note 6

Loan Receivable

Alice Springs Tennis Association Incorporated received a loan of \$15,000 to assist its facility upgrade that was undertaken in 2010. A Loan Agreement has been exchanged. The Loan was repaid in full in September 2015.



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Note 7

Property, Plant and Equipment

There was no Property, Plant and Equipment purchased in 2015-16.

Note 8

Income Received in Advance

National Insurance Program receipts from Affiliates to be allocated to the next financial year in line with the related cost. An Officiating Scholarship grant received from the Department of Sport and Recreation, to be utilised in 2016-17 financial year.

Note 9

Income Received in Advance – Govt Grants

This is to be brought into Government Grants income as the Darwin Regional Tennis Centre Construction funding is spent. (Refer to Note 3)

Note 10

Officials Development Fund

In 2010, Tennis NT was successful in securing \$2,845.60 of 'unclaimed monies' from the dissolved *Northern Territory Tennis Umpires Association*. This group ceased to function during the period 1996-97 and the remaining funds held in their bank account were surrendered by the bank in 2004 to the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission*. The money is held in trust for Officials Development.

An additional amount of \$7,154.40 has been raised and endorsed by the board in September 2014.

Note 11

TCA-NT Scholarship Fund

In 2006, TCA-NT dissolved and instructed that its residual funds be given to Tennis NT on the provision that the funds be held in trust as a scholarship fund, specifically for coach education and development.

This has been increased to \$20,200 endorsed by the board in September 2014.

Note 12

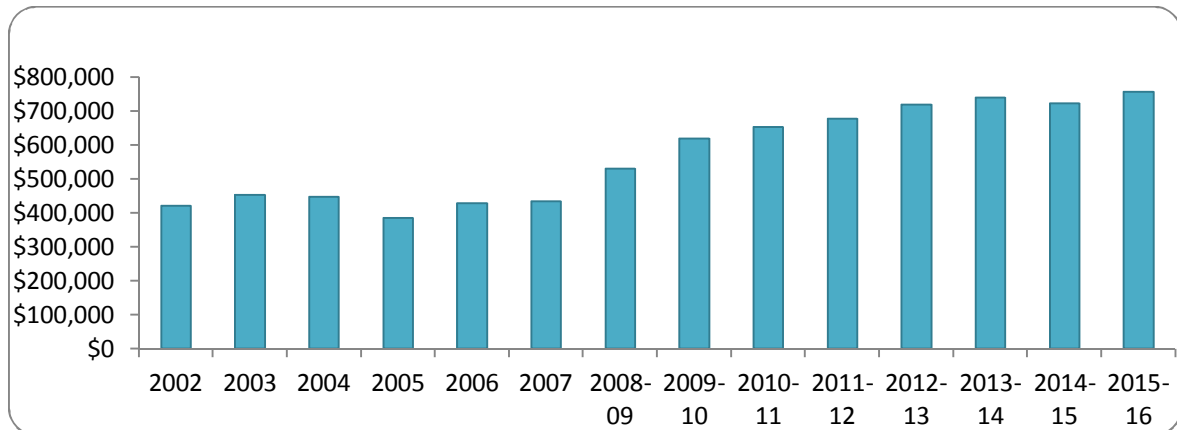
Facility Development Fund Reserve

In 2014, Tennis NT Board endorsed and committed \$200,000 to the Facility Development Fund for the development of facilities throughout Northern Territory. \$24,028 has been spent to the end of this reporting period.

Note 13

Equity

The following graph demonstrates the trend from 2002 to the end of this reporting period.



Note 14

Affiliation fees

Alice Springs Tennis Association	2015-16 2,690.90
Darwin Tennis Association	2,909.08
AWOF Sports	2,254.54
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	1,327.27
Katherine Tennis Club	2,254.54



TOTAL

\$11,436.33

Note 15

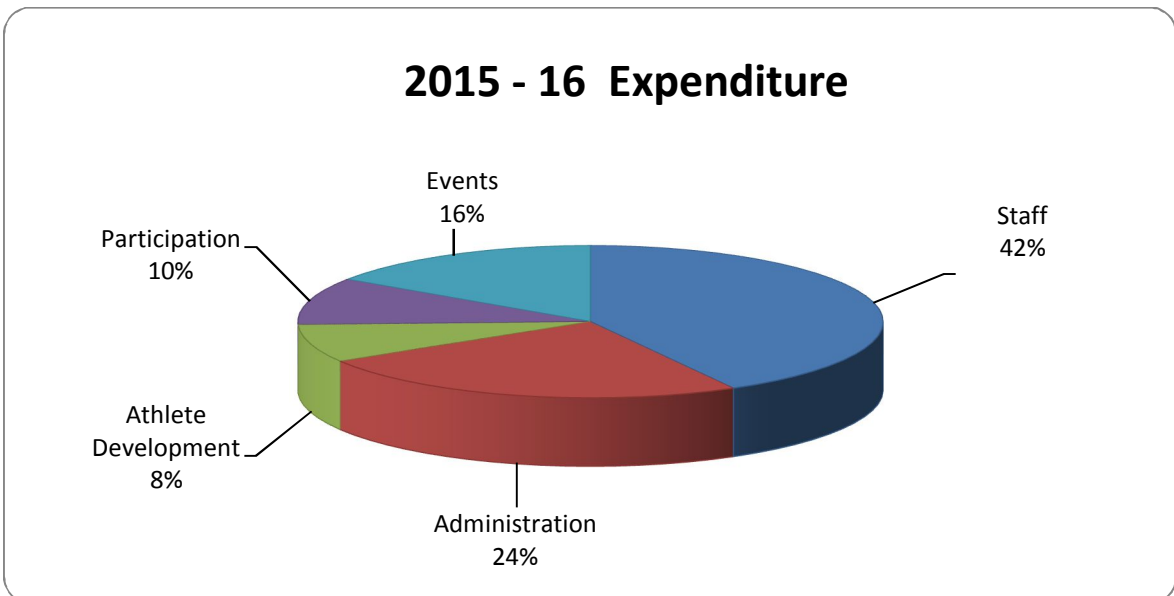
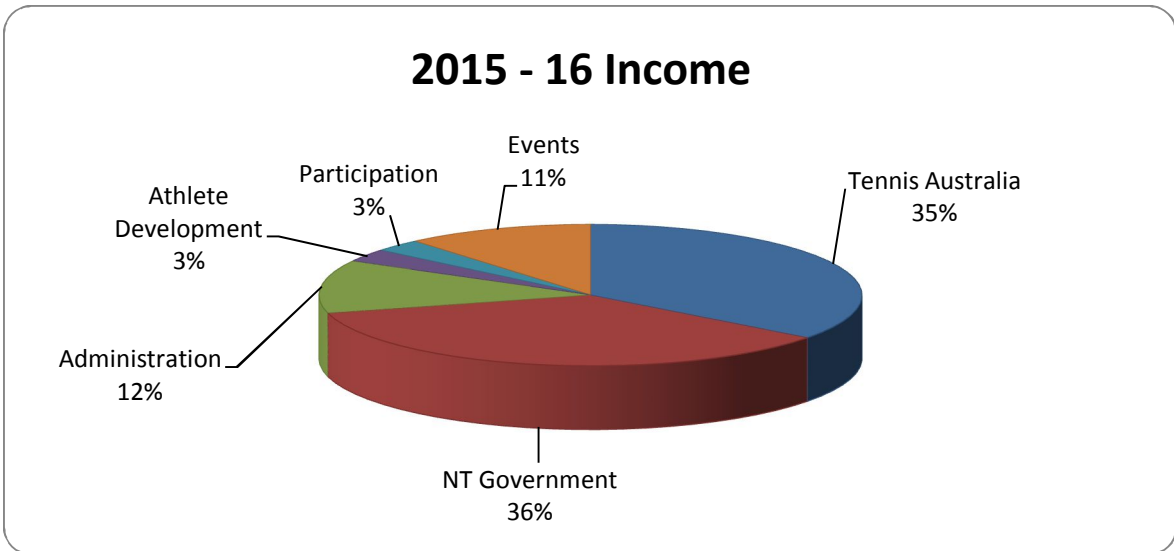
Coach Development

This was accounted for in line with raising the TCA-NT Scholarship Fund during 2014-15 financial year. (Refer to Note 11)

Note 16

Strategic Facility

Expenses incurred in relation to the development of the Darwin Regional Tennis Centre. (Refer to Note 12)





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