

# Tennis NT

## *Annual Report 2016 – 17*



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Schools part of the National Schools

**52**

Athletes and twelve coaches participate in NT representative teams

**28**

Tennis Australia Coach Members

**146**

People attend the 2016 Tennis NT Awards Night Partnership Program



**351**

Registered Tournament players in the NT, a 19.4% increase

**4,342**

Total recorded Hot Shots and School participants

**2,137**

Tournament experiences accessed, an increase of 40% on 2015/16

**2,702**

Registered Club Participants





## 2016-17 Key Highlights

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- Kathy Brummitt is awarded with a Tennis NT Special Service Award and wins Volunteer Achievement Award at the Newcombe Medal Australian Tennis Awards
- NT finishes 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bruce Cup with Jett Leong finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the individual Gold singles event.



- Liam Franklin wins his second consecutive Austin Asche Trophy
- Alice Springs Tennis Association finish the calendar year with an NT high 1139 registered club participants
- Marc Polmans (AUS) takes out the 2016 Alice Springs Tennis International Singles Title defeating Jarmere Jenkins (USA) in three sets
- 4342 school aged children across the NT experience ANZ Tennis Hot Shots





## 2016-17 Key Highlights

- The Darwin Tennis Association wins their first Club of the Year Award
- Construction of the new \$16.7m facility within the Marrara Sports Complex begins with local company Halikos awarded the contract
- Nightcliff Primary School win the NT Most Outstanding School Award, and are a finalist for the Newcombe Medal in the same category.



- Tennis NT and the Essington School Darwin launch the Essington International Tennis Academy
- Tennis Alice Springs hosts the Kilgariff Plate Play-Off, defeating top Darwin team, Gardens Tennis 3 Rubbers to 2.
- Peter Politis remains undefeated in singles at the 2016 13 and under Foundation Cup. The boys team finishes 3<sup>rd</sup> and the girls team finishes 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Tennis Palmerston backs up their 2015 title by taking out the Club Super Challenge for 2016



- Jett Leong wins the 12 boys singles at the Rod Laver Lead in Gold event in Brisbane and places third at the Rod Laver Championships.
- Gary Bigg, Virginia Moore, Leanne Usher & Kitty Brak attend the Australian Open as Line Umpires.
- Jo-Anne Karaitiana (Development Coach) joins Tennis NT to lead program delivery at the Sanderson Middle School and Essington School Darwin

- Daniel Parker and Gary Bigg are finalists at the NT Sports Awards for the Coach and Official of the Year Awards respectively
- Tennis NT welcomes Joe Kelly as the Indigenous Program Manager with the aim of developing pathways in tennis across the NT



## President and Manager's Report

It is with great pleasure that we present this report for the twelve months ending 30 June 2017, a period which saw tennis in the NT continue to take considerable steps forward. This report will also be Warren's last as the President of Tennis NT, a role he has played since 2008.

2016-17 was also the second year of Tennis NT's Strategic Plan (2016-2020) which continues to guide the organisation through what are exciting times for the sport in the NT. We will reflect on progress in the six areas of this plan throughout this report.

It is also prudent to touch on the robust financial position of Tennis NT which holds the organisation in good stead moving forward. For the 2016-17 financial year Tennis NT recorded an operating surplus of \$84,220 (external to the Marrara Facility Project) which follows a surplus of \$33,624 in 2015-16. The Tennis NT Board has been diligent in ensuring the organisation is well placed moving into a period where both the sport and Tennis NT as an organisation will experience significant change.

Along with the various highlights that will be strewn throughout this report, 2016-17 also saw Tennis NT make significant steps in the area of Indigenous Tennis which is really exciting for the sport. With Darwin set to host the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival annually from 2018 this area is certainly a priority for Tennis NT and the progress that has been made is pleasing.

### PARTICIPATION

Consistent with Tennis NT's Vision – 'More People Playing Tennis' – there was again a considerable focus on increasing participation in tennis across the NT.

During the 2016 membership year it is somewhat disappointing to record a nine percent decrease in club based members. With some key departures during the past eighteen months the challenge of continued growth, along with ongoing system issues, was always going to be difficult, as such it is a testament to Tennis NT's affiliates that club registration levels remained quite high.

Another key focus area nationally has been Tennis in Schools, with the aim of engaging primary school students in tennis more regularly. With tennis being the number one delivered sport in schools across the country it is of no surprise that over 4000 school aged children participated in schools tennis across the NT during 2016-17. Whilst this number is pleasing, and will hopefully continue to grow, the great challenge we have as a sport is the successful transition of children

from positive experiences at school, to becoming a tennis person for life.

2016-17 also saw Tennis NT proactively engage the Sanderson Middle School in furthering tennis opportunities in the Northern Suburbs of Darwin.

We look forward to working with our various stakeholders on the continued development of tennis participation with both schools and remote programs being earmarked as focus points for 2017-18.

### PLACES TO PLAY

The introduction of a major facility in Darwin has long been of strategic importance to the sport, as such it was pleasing to finally turn sod at Marrara in May 2017. Whilst the importance of the actual construction of the \$16.7m facility is significant, Tennis NT also sees the importance of leveraging the facility to ensure it has a longstanding impact on tennis across the NT. This will continue to be a focus as we near the highly anticipated opening of the facility in May 2018. It would be remiss of us not to acknowledge the various stakeholders active in this project including AECOM (Project Managers), MODE Design (Architects), Halikos (Builders) and of course the NT Government and Tennis Australia.

The NT Facilities Strategy (2015) continues to guide our work in facility development and management across the NT. The importance of appropriate, safe and accessible facilities is well known, as such various projects in different areas of the NT will continue to receive focus.

### COACHES

Attracting and retaining quality coaches continued to be a challenge for the industry throughout 2016-17 with the instability of our coaching network creating ongoing challenges to the sustainability of tennis.

Tennis NT continued to provide opportunities for the coaches engaged with affiliated clubs with a Junior Development Coaching Course being offered, two Community Coaching Courses (Alice Springs and Darwin), along with different opportunities to coach representative teams interstate.

Tennis NT appreciates the ongoing commitment of coaches within the NT and recognises that whilst as a sport we need to explore alternate ways to deliver the tennis, the need for coach development continues to be of high importance to both Tennis NT and its clubs.

### TALENT DEVELOPMENT

It's often not until you take a step back and consider the range of results our players and teams achieve



## President and Manager's Report

when you realise that the NT really does punch above its weight nationally. This is highlighted by the NT placing sixth in the Bruce Cup, strong performances at the Foundation Cup and Super 10's team's events and a number of individual results at prominent interstate tournaments.

With changes occurring nationally to the Talent Development space at the beginning of 2017, Tennis NT's previously decentralised model changed with the Extension Training Program being replaced by a tier structure consistent with other states and territories.

Tennis NT's objective in this space is to achieve 'One National Champion we are proud of', as such we will continue to strive to provide the best opportunities for talented athletes. This includes ongoing consultation with various stakeholders and the exploration of additional opportunities such as the Essington International Tennis Academy which was formed in 2017.

### TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIONS

It was another strong year for participation in NT tournaments with a 10% increase in tournament experiences during the reporting period. This reflects the strong tournament culture across the NT and is a testament to the hard work done by the various tournament directors and officials across the NT.

Again, a highlight on the calendar was the Alice Springs International, run for the seventh time in Alice Springs. The work done by everyone involved in this event doesn't go unnoticed as is a big reason behind the longevity of the event.

With regards to competitions, the success of both the Junior and Senior Leagues sponsored by People's Choice continued in 2016-17 with positive feedback across the board. Tennis NT, in conjunction with key stakeholders, has identified the need to develop the competitions space and will be engaging a consultant to assist in this review during 2017-18.

Moving forward the tournaments and events space will look considerably different due to both the introduction of the Marrara facility, and changes to school holiday structures in the NT. This is both exciting and challenging for the sport as we look to continue to provide quality tournament experiences, as well as focus on showcasing our sport more broadly through high profile events.

### PROMOTION & ENGAGEMENT

Creating greater awareness of tennis and forming strong stakeholder relationships will be a significant

focus for Tennis NT moving forward due to the unprecedented opportunity the Marrara facility will provide. Two exciting components of this include engagement through the Indigenous Tennis Program, as well as Asian Engagement. Work in both of these areas has commenced, largely off the back of the employment of an Indigenous Program Manager and a partnership with the Essington School Darwin.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

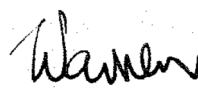
Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank the many coaches, volunteers, administrators, officials, players and parents who are the backbone of tennis in the NT. The continued work you put in in order to provide a quality sport for all is invaluable.

We have also benefitted greatly from the ongoing support provided by both Tennis Australia and the Northern Territory Government. Without their significant support we wouldn't be in a position to plan so enthusiastically for the future of the sport.

Tennis NT's sponsors, who are listed in this report, also need recognition. The long standing partnerships we have with these organisations are of considerable benefit to the sport.

The hard work of the Tennis NT Board often goes unnoticed, however without the vital role they play in steering the sport tennis wouldn't be where it is today.

Last of all, the unbridled passion and commitment of Tennis NT's staff throughout 2016-17 is highly appreciated and yet again commended. The work of the entire team, comprising of Erin Bormann, Pat Coburn, Ben Canton and newcomers Jo-Anne Karaitiana and Joe Kelly, hold the sport in strong stead.



**Warren Martin**

**President  
Tennis NT**



**Sam Gibson**

**Manager  
Tennis NT**







### **Growing the game for everyone**

Tennis is and always will be the sport for everyone. If you can pick up a racquet, it does not matter your race, gender, ability, age or sexual orientation, tennis will welcome you with open arms. Our sport

has long been displaying the values of equality, inclusion and diversity.

We believe our sport, and indeed sport in general, is a very powerful vehicle for social change in this world. Earlier this year I had the privilege of addressing the 2017 Women's Empowerment Principles Forum at the United Nations in New York in a bid to further promote gender equality in sport and across all business sectors.

We have a lot to be proud of in Australian tennis, nonetheless, there is still more that can be done and we are determined to continue our pledge to influence real change.

This year has seen a renewed focus on the positive role that tennis plays in the community and no event highlighted this more than the 2016 Newcombe Medal and the Australian Tennis Awards. The night showcased community stories from around Australia and culminated with Dylan Alcott being awarded the highest honour in Australian tennis. Kathy Brummit from Katherine proudly flew the flag for the Northern Territory, taking home the Volunteer Achievement Award on the night.

### **Introducing the game**

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots introduced record numbers of children to the game this year with 384,584 taking part in the program nationally – up 80 percent on 2015-16. The Northern Territory alone managed a 66 percent increase of registered ANZ Tennis Hot Shots participants with 4342 playing in 2016-17.

The Schools Partnership Program stimulated a lot of the growth which led to ANZ Tennis Hot Shots

being recognised as the number one delivered Australian Sports Commission Sporting Schools Program in Australia. There are currently more than 2000 schools nationwide participating in the School Partnership Program as part of their health and physical education curriculum.

Another highlight of this past year was former Grand Slam champions Todd Woodbridge and Alicia Molik leading an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Racquet Roadshow during April-May 2017 to celebrate the delivery of 80,000 racquets to first year primary school students. They visited more than 35 schools, travelling more than 10,000 kilometres to meet 15,000 kids and drive awareness of the initiative and the Schools Partnership Program.

The competitive arm of the program, previously known as leagues, was revamped into ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play this year. There are now more than 15,000 children taking part at 380 venues nationwide, with 432 schools registering to deliver it in the past 18 months. The Northern Territory currently has 18 schools involved.

South Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis along with Daria Gavrilova signed on as ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play Ambassadors to help inspire the next generation of champions.

### **Opening up tennis**

The Book a Court program continues to open up tennis across Australia by allowing casual players to book and pay for courts online.

Book a Court program was first piloted in 2015-16 and has been installed in 56 venues nationwide. This year there have been 37,834 bookings from 7255 unique players generating \$249,029 in online payments unlocking new revenue streams for all clubs involved.

During this pilot phase of the program much focus has gone into identifying best practices to ensure a smooth roll-out over the coming years.

### **Inspiring others**

We continue to grow the game and engage more fans through the promotion of our leading athletes.



The Australian Pro Tour is a great example of how we provide a platform to bring elite tennis to more towns and communities countrywide. Running from September to April and attracting strong fields, the series offers more than USD \$1.1 million in prize money and 15,000 valuable ranking points as added incentive.

Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis (SA) and Jordan Thompson (NSW) beat Gilles Muller (LUX) and Sam Querrey (USA) to take out the men's doubles title in their first tournament as a pairing at the Brisbane International.

Australia's John Peers and Henri Kontinen (FIN) claimed their maiden Grand Slam doubles title at Australian Open 2017 while Dylan Alcott (AUS) won the quad wheelchair singles title for the third consecutive year in front of a huge crowd on Rod Laver Arena, the first time a wheelchair final was played on centre court at any Grand Slam. Rising superstar Daria Gavrilova won her way to the fourth round, the best performance of all main draw Australians.

### **Grand Slams to Grassroots**

The growth of our world class events continues to allow us to generate revenue to reinvest back into the sport.

In the pursuit of becoming the world's greatest sports entertainment event, this year we increased our overall Australian Open entertainment, food, and tennis offerings and it paid dividends. A record 728,763 fans visited Melbourne Park during Australian Open 2017, smashing the previous record of 720,363 set in 2016. For the first time there were 503,382 attendees in the tournament's first week, breaking the half million barrier.

While on the court, in arguably the most anticipated men's singles final in tournament history, Roger Federer won an unprecedented 18th Grand Slam title, overcoming nemesis Rafael Nadal in a five-set thriller. The 35-year-old Swiss maestro returned from a six-month injury lay-off to become the second oldest Grand Slam champion in the Open era, a victory that thrilled his many fans. It followed an historic women's

final showdown between American sisters Venus and Serena Williams.

Serena took the spoils, claiming a 23rd Grand Slam title to become the most prolific Open era champion. News the 35-year-old was pregnant with her first child emerged several months later, making the achievement even more remarkable.

### **Investing into growth**

The success of our events has allowed us to reinvest back into the sport and this year there has been 176 projects funded through the National Court Rebate Program. The total project value exceeded \$34 million and resulted in 342 new or resurfaced courts, including 155 ANZ Tennis Hot Shots mini-courts.

More than \$100,000 was distributed as part of the second round of AO Community Grants program in 2017. More than 30 recipients will use these grants to undertake projects that will deliver tennis opportunities to deserving communities in inclusive and engaging ways. This demonstrates how tennis can have a positive impact on local communities and be used as a vehicle to connect and engage individuals who face barriers to participation.

### **Our vision for the future**

Much work has taken place behind the scenes as we work together across the nation bringing to life our strategic plan to make tennis the activity of choice in Australia.

As we continually push to connect more people to tennis, the next few years are particularly exciting for our sport. We believe that by continuing to deliver world-class entertainment with tennis at the core, we can drive revenue to reinvest back into growing the sport.

We look forward to continuing a great partnership and working with you to achieve our vision.

Craig Tiley  
Tennis Australia CEO



## About Us

### 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





## About Us

### Coach

#### *Increased capacity of coaches to develop tennis*

- Promote and provide coaches with an accessible education pathway and quality training and development opportunities
- 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: Super 10s Players attend the National Final held in Melbourne.*

### 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 retain their title on home turf.*

### 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



## About Us

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### Our People

#### PRESIDENT

Mr Warren Martin

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Ms Kate Lee

#### DIRECTORS

Mr David De Silva

Mr Daniel Hall (to August 2016)

Ms Alicia Boyle

Mr Matthew Campbell

#### PATRON

The Hon Austin Asche AC

#### MANAGER

Mr Sam Gibson

#### PARTICIPATION LEADER

Mr Ben Canton (from August 2016)

#### TENNIS OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Ms Erin Bormann

#### COACH & TALENT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Patrick Coburn

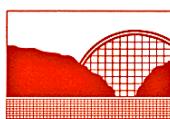
#### DEVELOPMENT COACH

Ms Jo-Anne Karaitiana (from April 2017)

#### INDIGENOUS PROGRAM MANAGER

Mr Joe Kelly (from June 2017)

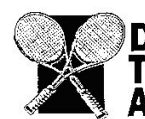
### Tennis NT Affiliated Members



Alice Springs Tennis Association



AWOF Sports  
(to January 2017)



Darwin Tennis Association



Gove Peninsula Tennis Club



Katherine Tennis Club



Tennis Palmerston

### Tennis NT Associate Members



The Essington School Darwin



Tennis Seniors NT



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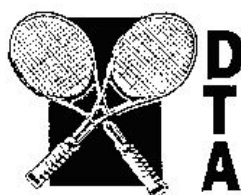
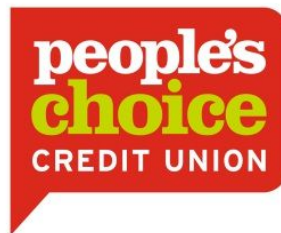
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### Our Partners

#### Major Supporters



#### Official Partners





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### Tennis NT President

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.

19 Nov 2016	Kathy Brummitt
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

2015-16	Liam Franklin
2014-15	Liam Franklin
2013-14	Caitlyn Mitchell
2012-13	Michael Shephard
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: 2015-16 Austin Asche recipient Liam Franklin with Austin Asche AC.*





*Pictured: 2015-16 Club of the Year winners Darwin Tennis Association*

### Club of the Year

2015-16	Darwin Tennis Association
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

### Darwin Tennis Association

2015-16	Ruth O'Brien
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
2007	Ian Redmond
2006	Kevin Stephens
2005	John Britton
2004	Jo Bruce
2003	Mark Bruce
2002	Jo Bruce
2001	Jock Bremner
2000	Cas Fletcher

### Club Volunteers of the Year

#### Alice Springs Tennis Association

2015-16	Karen Jones
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

#### 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

2015-16	Helen Coburn
2014-15	Ewa Finch
2013-14	Terry Franklin
2012-13	Priscilla Franklin



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### *Gove Peninsula Tennis Club*

2015-16	Les Mitchell
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*

2015-16	Sarah Hurley
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*

2015-16	Ken Parker
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

Name	Year	University
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

Name	National Title	Location
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

Name	National Title	Location	Partner
Liam Franklin	2015 14s Rod Laver Platinum	Brisbane	Michael Shepherd Vic
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

### State Rankings as at 30 June 2017

#### Men (Open)

1. Ben McLachlan
2. Liam Franklin
3. Kenneth Prete
4. Kylan Bishop
5. Daniel Parker
6. Kyle O'Donoghue-Ellis
7. Jesse Russell
8. Peter Politis
9. Ethan Scobie
10. Matt Walsh

#### Boys' 16/u (up to BY 2001)

1. Liam Franklin
2. Kenneth Prete
3. Kyle O'Donoghue-Ellis
4. Peter Politis
5. Matt Walsh
6. Jett Leong
7. Tyson Usher
8. Patrick Findlay
9. Nicolas Tremblay
10. Oscar Leong

#### Boys' 14/u (up to BY 2003)

1. Peter Politis
2. Jett Leong
3. Patrick Findlay
4. Nicolas Tremblay
5. Oscar Leong
6. Thomas Van Haaren
7. Liam Coach
8. Mason Peek
9. Alexking Fernandes
10. Liam Jong

#### Boys' 12/u (up to BY 2005)

1. Nicolas Tremblay
2. Oscar Leong
3. Mason Peek
4. Alexking Fernandes
5. Ashan Fonseca
6. Taj Cannard
7. Spencer Finch
8. Jack James
9. Lincoln Pratt
10. Alexis Comporro

#### Women (Open)

1. Rosie Henderson
2. Madeleine Murray
3. Brianna Smith
4. Grace Henderson
5. Wendy Cochrane
6. Jordyn Howarth
7. Jenna Green
8. Clare Beacham
9. Jemma Gossow
10. Sidni Finch

#### Girls' 16/u (up to BY 2001)

1. Brianna Smith
2. Grace Henderson
3. Jemma Gossow
4. Sidni Finch
5. Amelia Findlay
6. Keely Bishop
7. Tegan Genockey
8. Chloe Shoyer
9. Julia-Anne Van Den Berg
10. Kayla Peters

#### Girls' 14/u (up to BY 2003)

1. Jemma Gossow
2. Sidni Finch
3. Keely Bishop
4. Tegan Genockey
5. Julia-Anne Van Den Berg
6. Kayla Peters
7. Trepina Campbell
8. Sofia Ferro
9. Elisha Pettit
10. Tayla Gossow

#### Girls' 12/u (up to BY 2005)

1. Tegan Genockey
2. Sofia Ferro
3. Eva Harris
4. Tumi Kgosiemang
5. Zali Zweck
6. Sadie Jakubiszyn
7. Ava Willoughby
8. Rania Shelford
9. India Morphet
10. Latoya Miller



## About Us

### Awards Night

The Annual Awards Night remains a highlight on the Tennis NT calendar. The 2016 Dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom at SKYCITY Darwin on Saturday 19 November. 146 guests experienced an evening of entertainment 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.



For the first time in the fifteen year history of the award the *Darwin Tennis Association (Gardens Tennis)*, was announced as the recipient of the prestigious Club of the Year award. The award is the result of the hard work and dedication of the team to growing and developing their club and tennis as a whole.



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



#### Awards Category Winners were:

<i>Austin Asche Trophy</i>	Liam Franklin
<i>Club of the Year</i>	Darwin Tennis Association
<i>Special Service Award</i>	Kathy Brummitt
<i>Excellence in Officiating</i>	Gary Bigg
<i>Most Outstanding School</i>	Nightcliff Primary School



#### *Club Volunteers of the Year*

Alice Springs Tennis Ass	Karen Jones
Darwin Tennis Ass	Ruth O'Brien
AWOF Sports	Helen Coburn
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	Les Mitchell
Katherine Tennis Club	Sarah Hurley
Tennis Palmerston	Ken Parker

#### *Volunteer Achievement Award*

Kathy Brummitt

#### *Open Points Circuit*

Men	Daniel Parker
Women	Ilse Huiskes

#### *Junior Athlete of the Year*

Male	Liam Franklin
Female	Rosie Henderson



## Participation Report

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### National Programs

#### Participation Leaders

One of the many resources utilised in the Northern Territory in order to drive promotional activities is the Participation Leader position. 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), incorporating smaller courts, smaller racquets and low-compression tennis balls, is the fun and easy way to learn tennis.

In 2016-17 there were six registered ANZTHS deliverers in the Northern Territory providing programs participants. These deliverers have assistant coaches working under them delivering Hot Shots at their clubs and in school programs. There were 23 Assistant coaches used throughout the Territory during this period.



### Tennis in Schools

#### Tennis Australia's Partnership and Play School Tennis Programs

During 2016-17 the Australian Government's Sporting Schools Program continued to fund Territory schools to actively promote sport as part of their PE lessons. The Schools would apply for funding through the program, and then select its sport of choice. 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.

*34 NT Schools signed up to the National Schools Partnership Program*

*4,342 children registered to Hot Shots through the Schools Program*

*Nightcliff Primary won the Tennis NT Most Outstanding School Award and was a finalist at the Newcombe Medal*





## Participation Report

### Tennis NT Partnership Program Schools as at 30 June 2017

Metro (Darwin)	Metro (Palmerston)	Northern	Central	Southern
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nakara Primary</li> <li>•Nightcliff Primary</li> <li>•St Paul's Primary</li> <li>•Essington School Darwin</li> <li>•Leanyer Primary</li> <li>•Jingili Primay</li> <li>•Malak Primary</li> <li>•Millner Primary</li> <li>•Alawa Primary</li> <li>•Good Shepherd Leanyer Campus</li> <li>•Wagaman Primary</li> <li>•Karama Primary</li> <li>•O'Loughlin Catholic College</li> <li>•St John's Catholic College</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rosebery Primary</li> <li>•Humpty Doo Primary</li> <li>•St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary</li> <li>•Berry Springs Primary</li> <li>•Girraween Primary School</li> <li>•Gray Primary</li> <li>•Woodroffe Primary</li> <li>•Sattler Primary</li> <li>•Good Shepherd Palmerston Campus</li> <li>•Good Shepherd Howard Springs Campus</li> <li>•Palmerston Christian School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nhulunbuy Christian College</li> <li>•Alyangula Area School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•MacFarlane Primary</li> <li>•Katherine South Primary</li> <li>•Casuarina Street Primary</li> <li>•Mataranka School</li> <li>•Timber Creek School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•OLSH College (Traeger)</li> <li>•Ross Park Primary</li> </ul>

### Tennis NT Play Program Schools as at 30 June 2016

Metro	Northern	Central	Southern
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nightcliff Primary School</li> <li>•Berry Springs Primary</li> <li>•Malak Primary School</li> <li>•Marrara Christian College</li> <li>•Parap Primary School</li> <li>•Rosebery Primary School</li> <li>•Wulagi Primary</li> <li>•The Essington School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Dundee Beach Primary School</li> <li>•Nhulunbuy Primary</li> <li>•Numbulwar School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Mataranka School</li> <li>•Yarralin Primary</li> <li>•Bulla Camp Primary</li> <li>•Amandidji Primary</li> <li>•Ngukurr Primary</li> <li>•Kiana Primary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ross Park Primary</li> </ul>

### Transition Racquets

Tennis Australia and ANZ give schools that have registered to the Partnership program the opportunity to apply for free 19 inch racquets for each of their transition students. Although the timing or the offer was not ideal for Territory schools there were still 10 schools receive a total of 564 free racquets. During the Pro Tour event in Alice Springs there was an additional 45 racquets handed out. This meant that 3 Alice Springs, 4 Palmerston, 1 Katherine, and 4 Darwin Schools all received a portion of the 611 total racquets.



## Participation Report

### Interschool's Tennis Competition

During Term 4 2016 Tennis NT hosted a Red Ball Gala day at AWOFF Sports. Schools that had participated in a Tennis program that year were invited to the participation event. The event catered for both the grade 3 and 4 students alongside the older grade 5 and 6 children. The day was a great success and a fantastic end to, what was for some, their first ever experience of competitive tennis.

### Tennis 360

Gardens Tennis, Tennis Palmerston and AWOFF Sports continued with the Tennis 360 data collection during the reporting period. These three clubs recorded their participation stats over the course of any chosen week. The data is then put into a table creating an easy and assessable way to evaluate how each club is performing in different participation areas. This data is then presented to the Tennis NT Board and assists Tennis NT in making informed strategic decisions. Having a solid base of historic data allows us to assist the clubs work strategically towards achieving their goals and creating sustainable business plans for 17/18.

### Foundation Program (Pilot)

The transition of children from schools tennis, into organised tennis such as clubs is one of the biggest challenges tennis faces when trying to grow our numbers. In attempting to create greater transition, Tennis NT has introduced the Foundation Program across the Top End. Initially the program was piloted at the Sanderson Middle School with participants being provided with an equipment pack and six sessions (across six weeks) for \$100. 30 children participated in the trial.

The program revolves around having engagement with parents / guardians with a 'learn through play' theme without proactive coaching. The intent behind this approach is to further on the initial interest shown by children at school, providing further opportunity to choose tennis as a sport of choice. Overall this pilot program showed there was a great level of interest for this sort of program, eight of the children that took part have now transferred to the more traditional Hot Shots sessions. Analysis of this pilot program will determine its expansion and how it links with clubs.

### Player Registrations

Tennis in the NT faced some challenges during 2015/16 with many influential coaches / operators leaving the NT. Overall there was a decrease within the Northern Territory of 9% following on from the increase of 9% in 2014/15. Tennis NT will continue to work with all regions and assist the clubs in an effort to regain the growth trends across the Territory.

	Registered @ 31 Dec 2015	Registered @ 31 Dec 2016	% change
<i>Metropolitan</i>	1,427	1195	-16.3% decrease
<i>Northern</i>	182	122	-33.0% decrease
<i>Central</i>	357	253	-29.1% decrease
<i>Southern</i>	1022	1139	11.5% increase
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>2709</b>	<b>-9% decrease</b>



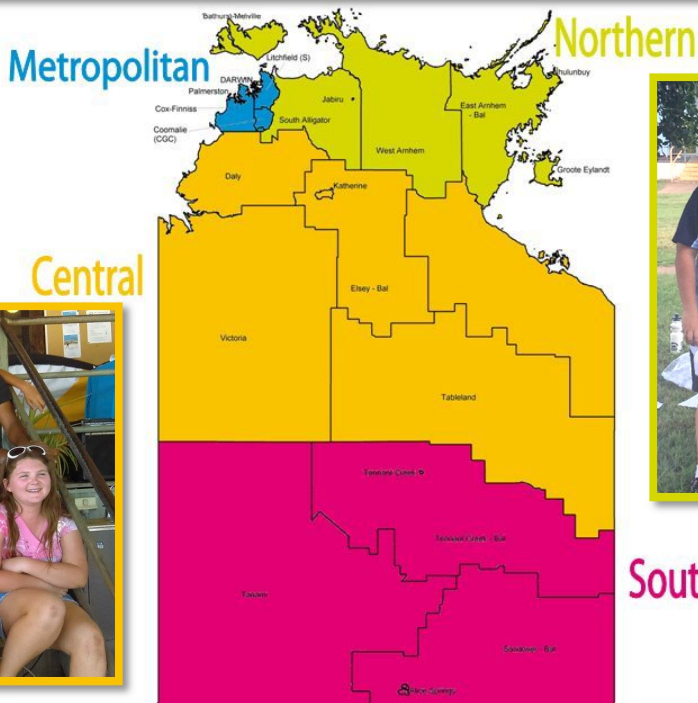
# Participation Report

## Schools Survey and Registered Hot Shots Participants

Partnership schools around Australia were surveyed as to how many children took part in a tennis program during the financial year. Previously each school was required to register their students to Hot Shots and received a free t-shirt for each child in return for their time. Children were still able to register for Hot Shots and receive a free t-shirt. The 2016-17 survey results were:

	Students
Metropolitan	2,388
Northern	88
Central	424
Southern	151
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,222</b>

## Northern Territory Tennis Regions





## Participation Report

### Power and Water Regional Development Program

During the 2016/17 financial year Tennis NT has worked with its stakeholders, partners, and affiliates in promoting tennis through the Power and Water Regional Development Program. The Program has supported ongoing tennis delivery in key Regional Centres, as well as sporadic programs in remote areas. During the reporting period the Program supported MOU's with Tennis Alice Springs (Matt Roberts) and for three months the Katherine Tennis Club (Sam Murch). The basis of the MOU's is to provide tennis services that drive greater participation in tennis.

The Southern region recorded an increase in participation numbers during the membership year (2016 Calendar Year) whilst the Central and Northern Regions both experienced decreases due to the lack of a full time coach presence. Tennis NT continues to work with the hard working committees in these regions to ensure tennis remains viable.

As previously reported, a number of schools in regional areas are part of the National Schools Partnership Program and this continued to be an area of focus for Tennis NT. This program provides schools with the required resources (equipment, coaching manuals etc) to ensure tennis can be delivered in the absence of a qualified coach. In addition to these programs targeting regional centres Tennis NT again delivered tennis into remote communities with Belyuen, Maningrida and Groote Eylandt all engaging in the program.

Tennis NT acknowledges the ongoing support of Power and Water. This is a longstanding partnership that continues to benefit tennis across the NT.

## PowerWater



### Indigenous Tennis

In early June 2017, Tennis NT welcomed Joe Kelly into the newly formed Indigenous Program Manager position. The primary focus of the role is to develop a pathway in tennis for Indigenous youth from across the NT, with the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival being delivered annually in Darwin from 2018, the cornerstone of the pathway. Tennis NT's ambition is to engage with the various stakeholders in the space, including the NT Government, Regional Councils and remote communities, in developing a sustainable tennis pathway.

## ***Participation Report***

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Initial consultation and planning indicate that to ensure the program is sustainable the following key pillars will form the basis of the program:

- The introduction of organised tennis activity
- Tailored education programs for key community members such as teachers and community sport officers
- The delivery of inter and intra community competition
- Regional talent camps for targeted athletes
- The National Indigenous Tennis Carnival

### ***Tennis Industry Leaders Workshop***

Tennis NT hosted its annual Tennis Industry Leaders Workshop offsite at the Crab Claw resort on 1-2 March 2017. The workshop is convened to provide a forum specifically for Northern Territory tennis centre managers. 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 and the upcoming completion of the Marrara Tennis Complex.

Workshop attendees also discussed an array of topics aimed at guiding operations in the Northern Territory through the upcoming year. Topics included the Tournaments, school programs, the Foundation Program, Top End Competitions, and the new Marrara Tennis Complex.

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.

### ***Tennis Sanderson***

In April 2017 Tennis NT employed Jo-Anne Karaitiana as a Development Coach. The appointment was made in the absence of alternate arrangements at the facility and in response to Tennis 360 numbers, and anecdotal information, which indicated to Tennis NT that the Northern Suburbs of Darwin were underserved in terms of organised tennis. Tennis NT has formed a partnership with the Sanderson Middle School which provides use of three of the five courts at the school. It is Tennis NT's intention to provide coaching services, particularly to juniors, at the facility linking with the high number of primary schools in the area.

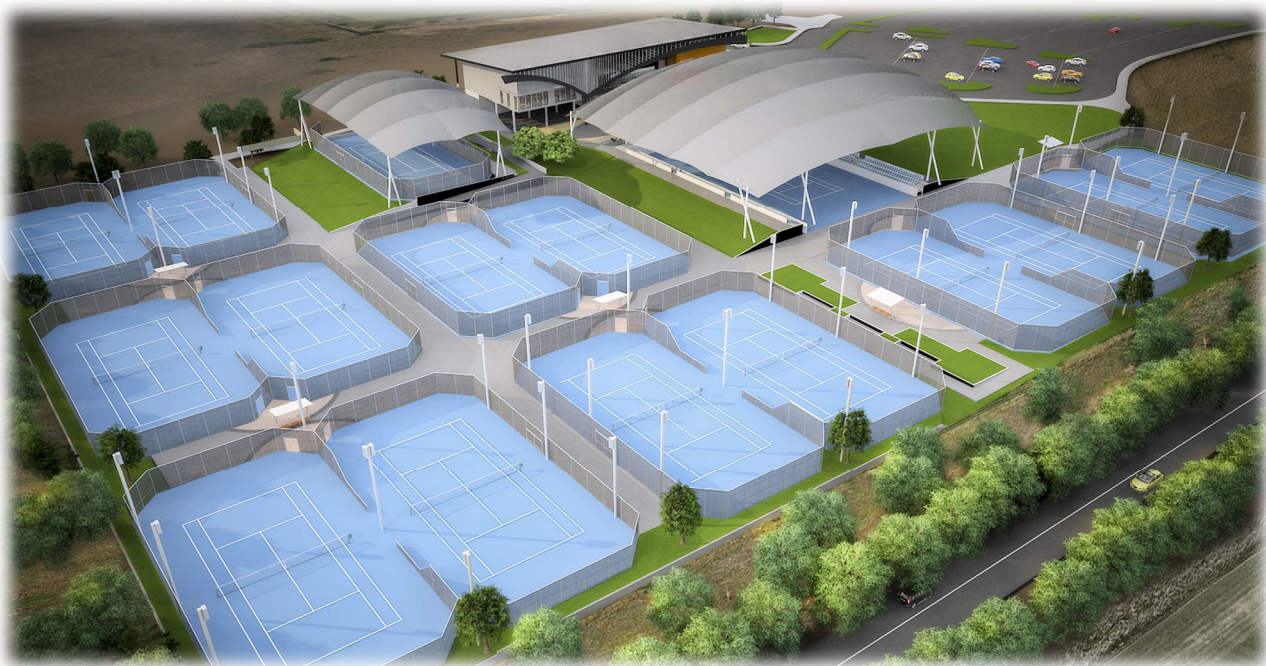
### ***Tennis Seniors NT***

In March 2017 the newly re-formed Tennis Seniors NT (TSNT) became an Associate Member of Tennis NT. The organisation, whose predominant purpose is to promote the continued playing of tennis by players over 35 years of age, is a member of Tennis Seniors Australia and has a growing presence in the Metro Region. Tennis NT looks forward to working with TSNT in furthering tennis for senior's participants.

### ***Places to Play***

#### ***Marrara Facility Project***

In May 2017 construction of the \$16.7m tennis facility at Marrara commenced following a thorough process which began in July 2016. This process began with the engagement of AECOM as Project Manager's before the management of a tender for a design team and the subsequent engagement of MODE Design. The detailed design of the facility took place with key input from various stakeholders before a select tender to local companies to build the facility which saw Tennis NT provide Halikos Construction with the contract. The facility is earmarked to open in May 2018 with a



focus from Tennis NT on both the successful delivery of the project, along with devising appropriate plans to maximise the impact this exciting project could have on tennis in the NT

The facility will include:

- Fifteen ITF compliant Plexipave courts, all fully lit with one covered;
- One Championship Size show court, fully covered with approximately 500 fixed seats;
- Six ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Courts (under same cover as show court);
- Office space for Tennis NT and Football Federation NT;
- Café and operating facilities;
- A flexible conference/ meeting space; and
- Additional car parking

### Book A Court Pilot Program

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. Tennis Palmerston is the NT's only fully operational Book a Court system. During the reporting period they have had the following results:

**Total Bookings: 668**

**Total Revenue: \$1,544**

**42 Individual players have booked a court**

Tennis Australia is placing significant emphasis on providing greater access to venues across Australia, as such Book A Court is a priority. Tennis NT will continue to work with clubs, and Tennis Australia, in the expansion of this program.



### ***A National Talent Model***

2016-17 was a time of change for talent development in the NT with changes nationally being the catalyst for change to Tennis NT's club centred model. The new Talent Model saw 12 and under players developed through their club program plus one session with Tennis NT to monitor their development. Tiers with supporting criteria were established for players 13 to 15 years to access continued engagement with the National Talent program. Under the program players reaching tier one or two could be provided a full training program (4 squads and 2 strength and conditioning sessions) with tier three (2 squads) and four supplementing their club program.

The National Talent Program commenced in Darwin in February 2017. To fit our environment a 16+ category was added. 11 players were engaged in the program.

As a National program all activities of players in the 13 to 15 space were reported on Tennis Australia's Athlete Management System. The National approach to Talent has also resulted in a dramatic increase in staff engagement across States in the pursuit of a collective philosophy.

The concept of a National program was further enhanced for Territory players and parents with the transitioning of Liam Franklin (2 x winner of the Austin Ashe Trophy) into the Queensland National Academy as a tier 2 athlete at the commencement of the 2017 school year.

### ***The Essington School Darwin***

Tennis NT demonstrated its commitment to long term Talent Development by expanding its workforce and engaging with The Essington School Darwin in developing the Essington International Tennis Academy. The Academy comprises of regular coaching during school hours for selected students, as well as other talent development services including strength and conditioning. Tennis NT is also working with the school on connections with South East Asia's international schools network to explore further opportunities for athletes.

### ***Club Talent Days***

Tennis NT's Coach and Talent Development Manager (CTDM) delivered camps or talent days at each of its affiliated clubs with a qualified coach. In all 43 players and 4 coaches were impacted by these camps. In each instance, the CTDM worked with club coaches in both the planning for and delivery of the camp, including the theme of each day.



### ***Super 10s***

Super 10s was again a highlight of the talent year. The seasons held in Darwin and Palmerston collectively attracted 32 individual players including 6 from Katherine. These seasons were followed by the Super 10s match play camp which involved 4 coaches and 16 players including 2 from



Katherine and 1 from Alice Springs. From the camp 8 players and two coaches were selected to form the NT teams that participated in the 2017 Super 10s National Finals.



### **Athlete Tournament Support**

Tennis NT supported individuals on tour by sending coaches to all three National events plus the Bruce Cup. In the reporting year this included the October 2016 Australian Clay Court Championships in Canberra (NT CTDM plus 6 players), the October 2016 Bruce Cup in Albury (NT CTDM plus 1 private coach and 14 players) the December 2016 Australian Championships in Melbourne (NT CTDM plus 2 private coaches and 8 players) and the March Australian Grass Court Championships in Berri (1 Private coach and 4 players). The best result during these Platinum events was Jett Leong finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the 12 boys singles at the 2016 Australian Championships in Melbourne.

### **Athlete Training Support**

From July to December 2016 Tennis NT conducted the Club Extension Training Program (2 sessions per week) and the Girls Performance Training Program (1 session per week).

From February to June 2017 under the new National Talent Model Tennis NT conducted 4 weekly on court sessions for 13 to 15 athletes and 1 on court session for 12 and under athletes.

### **Parent Information Sessions**

Tennis NT's CTDM ran two formal parent sessions during the year. One in Alice Springs (8 Parents) during November and one in Palmerston (13 Parents) during August. Multiple meetings with individual parents were also held.

### **Looking Forward**

Up until December 2016, Tennis NT had maintained a Talent Development Model that was centred around clubs, their coaches and the programs offered to talented athletes. This approach was monitored by Tennis NT's Athlete Development Committee through the parameters of the Territory Academies Program. The inherent instability of the Territory Tennis industry where coaches come and go and players swing from club to club had a detrimental impact on this approach.



Tennis Australia's National Talent Model has provided that change of direction. The challenge now is to keep the club coaches passionately and meaningfully engaged in their clubs talent development pathway so that the National Talent Model is fuelled with aspirational players that are full of potential to go on and become the Territories next National Champion.

### ***Acknowledgements***

The continuing support of the Tennis NT's affiliated clubs in the Talent 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.



## Coach & Talent Development Report

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### Coach Education

During the 2016-17 year three Territory coaches completed their Tennis Australia Junior Development Coaching qualification along with eleven coaches from Alice Springs (August 2016) and ten from Darwin (April 2017) completing their three day Community Coaching Certificate. Two Introduction to ANZ Tennis Hot Shots courses were also conducted with eleven participants in Darwin in August 2016 and six participants in Katherine in March 2017.



### Coach Development

Tennis NT provided 56 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.

### 2017 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference

Six coaches from the Northern Territory tennis coaching fraternity travelled to the 2017 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference held in Melbourne just prior to the Australian Open.



Australian Grand Slam  
Coaches' Conference

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.





## ***Coach & Talent Development Report***

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### ***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.

While the NT started the reporting year with three TDC's all three either left the NT or didn't apply for renewal.

### ***Tennis Australia Coach Membership***

NT coaches continue to engage with Tennis Australia's Coach Membership with the following numbers registering in 2016-17.

Qualified / Business – 15

Trainee – 19



## Coach & Talent Development Report

### 2016 Australian Teams Championships

Tennis NT fielded teams in the boys 12 and 14 and the girls 12 age groups. The boys 12's finished 9<sup>th</sup> of 12 teams while the boys 14s finished 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 teams and the girls 12's finished 9<sup>th</sup> of 12.



### 2016 Queensland Junior Teams Carnival

Tennis NT was represented in all divisions of the 2016 Queensland Junior Teams Carnival. The event held in December 2016 comprised mixed teams of 6 players in the 11s, 13s, 15s, and 17s age groups.

The 11s placed 11 of 16, the 13s 12 of 16, the 15s 14 of 16 and the 17s 10 of 12. Participation in the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival provides a lot more representative opportunities enabling many Territory players to experience their first interstate tennis competition at an appropriate standard. Being able to provide some of our older athletes with the opportunity to represent the Territory was a particular bonus.



## Coach & Talent Development Report



### 2016 School Sport Australia Bruce Cup

The Northern Territory team travelled to Albury for the 2016 Bruce Cup. The team finished sixth out of the eight teams participating. Jett Leong finished fourth in the individual singles event. The Team was supported by *Manager* Tara Keenan-Russell, *Coach* Jordyn Howarth 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 fourth consecutive year Tennis NTs 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.





## Coach & Talent Development Report

### 2017 Australia Made Foundation Cup

The Foundation Cup is a team's event for boys and a girl's 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 teams finished third while the NT girls finished 5<sup>th</sup>. In the boys team Peter Politis was in great form remaining undefeated in singles.



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> and the girl's team 5<sup>th</sup> in the eight team competition.





## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### People's Choice Credit Union NT Leagues



*Pictured: Kilgariff Plate Champions Ethan Scobie, Melanie Usher, Bonnie Usher & Nick Whyte.*

People's Choice Credit Union continued its partnership with Tennis NT in order to support various Leagues across the year. With their support, Tennis NT successfully ran two Junior Leagues, one Senior League and one Premier League, which culminated in the Kilgariff Plate Play-off. Alice Springs were the reigning champions, the Darwin team travelled to Alice Springs to compete in the Play-off event, which was hosted alongside the Alice Springs Tennis International. Alice Springs managed to claim a tightly contested victory for their second consecutive year, claiming the Plate over Darwin three rubbers to two. A total of 100 Junior positions and 36 Senior/Premier positions were filled across the two seasons, along with numerous reserves, without whom these Leagues wouldn't run smoothly.



*Pictured (L-R) Kilgariff Plate Play-off*

*Darwin Team: Grace Henderson, Ben McLachlan, Adam Arnold, Rosie Henderson*

*Alice Springs Team: Ethan Scobie, Mel Usher, Nick Whyte, Bonnie Usher*

Tennis NT gratefully acknowledges the support provided by *People's Choice Credit Union*, which is invaluable to the continuation of quality Leagues.

### Open Points Circuit

The *Open Points Circuit* (OPC) is comprised of seven tournaments conducted across the Northern Territory. This circuit provides individuals with the opportunity to compete for OPC 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 Awards Night. The OPC tournaments and winners are:

#### *2017 Tennis Palmerston Open*

Liam Franklin AWOFF & Madeleine Murray AWOFF

#### *2017 Scope Building Carnival*

Liam Franklin AWOFF & Jenna Green ASTA

#### *2017 Schweppes AWOFF Sports Open*

Daniel Parker TP & Madeleine Murray AWOFF

#### *2017 Katherine Open Carnival*

Ben McLachlan DTA & Rosie Henderson DTA

#### *2017 SKYCITY Darwin Open*

Darren Polkinghorne SA\* & Alicia Smith QLD\*

#### *2017 91<sup>st</sup> SKYCITY NT Open Championships*

Darren Polkinghorne SA\* & Alicia Smith QLD \*

#### *2017 HKTC AMT Silver*

Rhys Searant NSW\* & Rosie Henderson DTA

283 players competed during this year's Circuit, with 187 Male and 96 Female players.



## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### Open Points Circuit Honour Roll

Men	1st		2nd		3rd	
2016-17	Ben McLachlan	DTA	Max Tolstoy	DTA	Daniel Parker	TP
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 Shephard	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	
2016-17	Rosie Henderson	DTA	Madeleine Murray	AWOF	Jenna Green	ASTA
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



2017 Open Points  
Circuit Winners

« Ben McLachlan DTA

» Rosie Henderson DTA





# Tournaments & Competitions Report

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## 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 65 competitors compete.

### 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 and 5 Bronze AMTs.

Of the 9 AMT tournaments, 14 events offered Australian Ranking Points and prize money. 309 competitors entered which is a decrease of 10.69% 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 and 8 Bronze JT tournaments during the reporting period.

Of these 10 JT tournaments, 54 events offered Australian Ranking Points for both boys and girls across the three age groups. 1,033 competitors entered which was an increase of 12.77% 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 fifth year the JDS attracted 730 competitors over the 12 tournaments that were on offer across the Northern Territory. This is an increase of 19.28% 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 2,137 Competitive opportunities were accessed. This was an increase of 10.04% 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	65				
Platinum		56			
Gold		78	180		
Silver		37	94		
Bronze		138	759		
JDS				730	
<i>Totals</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>1033</i>	<i>730</i>	<i>2,137</i>





## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### Australian Pro Tour

The *Alice Springs Tennis International* was held from September 17 – 24, 2016 for the seventh time at Tennis Alice Springs. The tournament is the first leg of the Northern Circuit on the ITF Futures calendar (Alice Springs, Brisbane, 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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Government**

Five countries were represented at the *Alice Springs Tennis International* including Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United States of America and Great Britain. There were five local Northern Territory players who entered into the qualifying draw for 2016; they included Kylan Bishop, Joseph Lacerna, Tyson Usher, Jesse Russel & Matt Walsh.

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 work tirelessly to ensure the event runs smoothly both on and off the court. They included: Gary Bigg, Kitty Brak, Virginia Moore, Tarun Soni, Leanne Usher, Gus Maturazzo, Dave Neville, Julie Dawson & Roger Ahwah and of course thanks to the many ball kids who helped make the finals a memorable event.

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

- 2011 Isaac Frost AUS
- 2010 John Millman AUS
- 2009 Dayne Kelly AUS

##### Women's Singles

- Casey Dellacqua AUS
- Olivia Rogowska AUS
- Alicia Molik AUS

#### Alice Springs Tennis International

##### Men's Singles

- 2016 Marc Polmans AUS
- 2015 Robin Stanek CZE
- 2014 Brydan Klein GBR
- 2013 Jordan Thompson AUS
- 2012 Matthew Barton AUS
- 2011 Michael Look AUS
- 2010 Colin Ebelthite AUS
- 2009\* Jamie Baker GBR

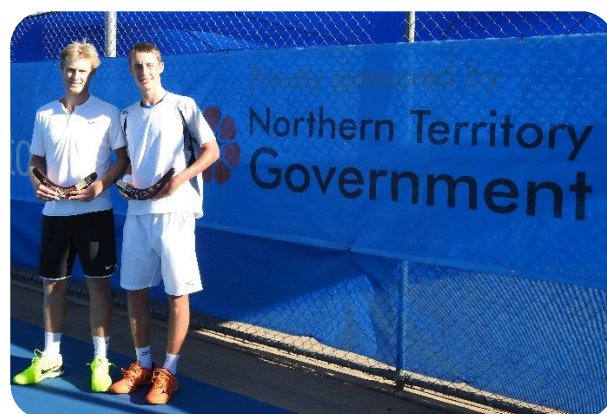
##### Women's Singles

- Olivia Rogowska AUS
- Sacha Jones AUS
- Sacha Jones AUS

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



Pictured: Marc POLMANS (AUS), winner 2016 Alice Springs Tennis International



Pictured: Luke SAVILLE (AUS) & Marc POLMANS (AUS), Doubles Champions 2016 Alice Springs Tennis International



## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### SKYCITY Darwin Open

The SKYCITY Darwin Open, under the care of the Darwin Tennis Association continued to hold a JDS, JT Bronze 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.



2017 Winners Alicia Smith & Darren Polkinghorne.

The SKYCITY Darwin Open attracted 319 entries across 23 events. Overall, this event showed a 35% increase from the 2015 entries.

Ben McLachlan, a local Gardens Tennis coach, was the standout for the NT, making the Men's Singles Quarter-finals & Doubles finals. Unfortunately, Ben & partner Darren were unable to claim victory, going down to ex-Darwin player Michael Shephard (VIC) & partner Tristan Schoolkate (WA).



2017 Doubles Runners up Darren Polkinghorne & Ben McLachlan with Champions Tristan Schoolkate & Michael Shephard

As always, the success of such events is reliant on the group of devoted officials who once again helped make the SKYCITY Darwin Open such a success.

<b>Referee</b>	Gary Bigg
<b>Court Supervisors</b>	Sue Bormann Jenny Roe Brigitte Hopkins

### Darwin Open Honour Roll

Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2017	D. Polkinghorne	A. Smith
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 91<sup>st</sup> NT Open Championships, which was an AMT Platinum, JT Silver and JDS event, attracted 264 entries across 21 events. Overall event entries increased 14%.

2017 saw the Men's defending champion and the 2016 Women's Runner up claim the title to have their names etched into the Parap Cup (Men's Trophy) and Barden Trophy (Women's Trophy).



It was back-to-back finals for Darren Polkinghorne (SA) and Aaron Leeder-Chard (VIC) but, as it was in the SKYCITY Darwin Open the week prior, Polkinghorne proved dominant, claiming back to back titles, defeating Leeder-Chard 7-6(3) 6-4.

The Women's draw saw top seed Alicia Smith (QLD) continue her winning streak in back-to-back finals, taking out 2<sup>nd</sup> seed Lisa Mays (NSW) 6-2 7-6(2).

Gardens Tennis Coach Ben McLachlan was again the standout amongst the locals, making Quarterfinals and, in a rematch of the SKYCITY Darwin Open Doubles Final, McLachlan & Polkinghorne managed to claim victory over Schoolkate & Shephard 6-2 6-3.





## Tournaments & Competitions Report



*Women's Singles Runner up Lisa Mays with 2-times ex-Champion Sybil Klose & 2017 Champion Alicia Smith.*



*Men's Singles Runner up Aaron Leeder-Chard, 8-times ex-Champion Bill Ravenswood & 2017 Champion Darren Polkinghorne.*

Tennis NT would like to acknowledge the continuing 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.



### *Referee*

Gary Bigg

### *Court Supervisors*

Sue Bormann

Jenny Roe

Robyn Tucker

Brigette Hopkins

### *Chair Umpires*

Troy McKernan (QLD)

Leanne Usher (NT)

Virginia Moore (NT)

### *Lines Umpires*

Kitty Brak

Gus Matarazzo

Jenny Roe

Alicia Boyle

Chris McLachlan

Scott Cunliffe

Tooba Awais

Brigette Hopkins

### *Physio*

Rhys Janes



## Tournaments & Competitions Report

### NT Open Honour Roll

Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2017	D. Polkinghorne	A. Smith	1971	W. Ravenswood	S. Klose
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





## 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 238 competitors (an increase of 10.2% compared to 2015-16).

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, a Bronze JT, following it.



*Pictured: 16/U Girls Doubles Winners Jemma Gossow (NT) & Amelija Swaffer-Self (QLD).*

Standard Based Junior Development Series events were also conducted alongside these tournaments. 97 beginner to intermediate players (an increase of 4.3% compared with 2015-16) took part in a variety of events including: Red, Orange & Green Ball singles and doubles, and 10&U Singles. Having these events conducted at the same venue and at the same time allows for younger players to experience the culture of a tournament, the fun that can be had, and perhaps aspire to becoming a future tennis star. Additionally, it allows older juniors to give back to the tennis community by scoring and assisting the beginner players where necessary.



*Pictured: Runner Up 16/U Boys Singles Kyle O'Donoghue-Ellis (NT) with Winner Liam Franklin (NT).*

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 run so smoothly.

<i>Referee</i>	Jenny Roe
<i>Court Supervisors</i>	Sue Bormann Brigette Hopkins Di Rayner
<i>Venue</i>	Gardens Tennis



### Intra-Territory Travel Grant

Throughout 2016-17 a total of \$5,950.00 was distributed to tournament competitors and coaches traveling to Territory tournaments.

The travel grant has recently been reviewed 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 sessions were conducted during the reporting period. These were conducted at the Alice Springs Tennis International in the Southern Region, with 6 officials in attendance and during the Darwin Open, in the Metropolitan Region with 9 people in attendance.

Tennis NT appreciates the efforts of Alice Springs Official Gary Bigg, who came to Darwin to not only improve his Referee Accreditation during the June tournament period, but he also took the time to train and encourage the first contingent of Darwin Line Umpires that has come through for the first time in the last few year.



*Pictured: Officiating team for the 91<sup>st</sup> SKYCITY NT Open Championships, including 6 new Darwin Line Umpires.*



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

It was once again a busy summer of tennis for the local Alice Springs Officials, with a select few of them earning their places at the Happy Valley Challenger and APIA Sydney International prior to their annual pilgrimage to the Australian Open.

One of the many highlights for the team at the 2017 Australian Open came for Virginia Moore, when she

obtained her AAB grading for Line Umpiring. Following this Australian Open, both Gary Bigg and Virginia have achieved high enough grading to apply for International events, which will hopefully see them heading overseas to showcase their Officiating talent on yet another the world stage.

Alice Springs continues to lead the way within the NT with their exuberance and dedication not only to officiating, but to helping to grow the pool of officials within the Northern Territory. Without their knowledge, experience and passion, it would be a much harder sell to encourage the up and coming officials throughout the Territory.



*Pictured: Local Alice Springs Line Officials amongst the greater Australian Open Officiating team.*

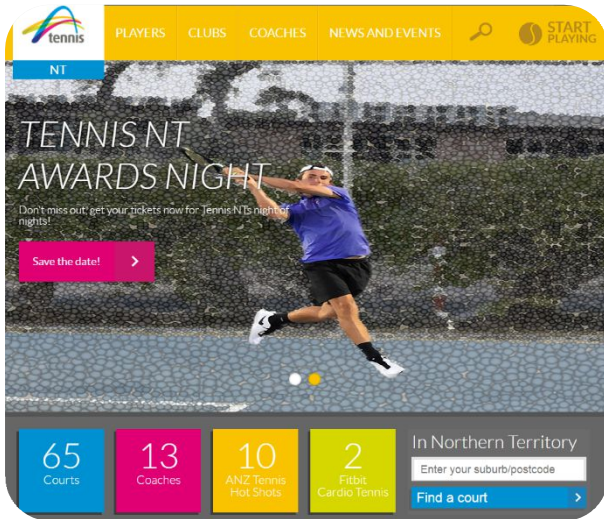




# Promotion & Engagement

## tennis.com.au/nt

Tennis NT’s website continues to be utilised as an effective means of publishing information relevant to Tennis NT, it’s partners and services offered, along with the promotion of programs and events.



## 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 platform continues to prove a crucial element to keeping fans engaged, while appealing to a wider audience with constant and relevant updates.

Tennis NT’s Facebook likes rose by 23% this financial year coming from 31 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 (19%).

Throughout the year Tennis NT’s posts reached a total of 39 different countries, this is done via shares and likes, and will continue to grow as the total number of likes keeps increasing. Tennis NT’s Twitter continues to grow and engage a wider audience, with 95 followers at the end of the reporting period, an increase of 11.76% compared to last 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.

512 articles were accounted for during the 2016-17 period, an increase of 116.13% from the previous year. They were extracted from the pages of the *NT News*, *Sunday Territorian*, *Darwin & Palmerston Sun*, *Katherine Times*, *Centralian Advocate* and *Resident Magazine*.

Local and international tournaments, particularly the 91<sup>st</sup> SKYCITY NT Open Championships and the 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 2016 AGM was held on Sunday 20 November 2016 with 14 people in attendance. Elections for two Director Positions were held with Matthew Campbell and Kate Lee elected.

Tennis NT's Constitution was also modified at the 2016 AGM with members voting unanimously in favour of the Special Resolution.

### 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.

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

	Eligible	Attended
Warren Martin	8	7
Kate Lee	8	8
David De Silva	8	8
Matthew Campbell	8	8

Alicia Boyle	8	6
Daniel Hall	0	0

### Tennis NT Subcommittees

#### Athlete Development Committee

Sam Gibson (Chair), Kate Lee, Rohan Fisher, Charles Webb, Pat Coburn

#### Selections Committee

Pat Coburn (Chair / ex officio voting member), Matthew Campbell, Ben McLachlan, Daniel Parker, Erin Bormann (ex officio non-voting member)

### Annual Industry Workshop

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

The 2016 Annual Industry Workshop agenda included the following areas of discussion:

- Characteristics of Platinum Environments
- Talent Development in the NT
- NT Tournaments Moving Forward
- Tennis Participation
- Member Protection
- Tennis NT Strategic Plan Overview
- Facilities



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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 2017. 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 2017 and the results of its operations for the period then ended.



**SUSANNE LEE, FCPA**  
**DATED 31/08/2017**

## Financial Statements

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### Statement by the Board

#### TENNIS NT INCORPORATED Year ended 30 June 2017

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 2017 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

- (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: \$1,853,182 (2016: \$33,624)  
This increase is attributable to the grant income received for the development of the Marrara Facility Project

Signed at Darwin on 4 September 2017

*Warren Martin.*

**President**



**Vice President**





## Financial Statements

<b>TENNIS NT INCORPORATED</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>30 June 2017</b>	<b>30 June 2016</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank		45,758	1,632,470
Cash Management Account		146,912	71,722
Investment	2	700,000	699,596
Darwin Regional Tennis Centre Construction Funds	3	14,504,719	16,000,000
Prepaid Expenses	4	10,854	7,538
Receivables		68,742	31,716
GST Paid on Purchases		90,676	6,806
Accrued Income	5	20,383	14,013
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>15,588,044</b>	<b>18,463,861</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	47,677	47,677
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	6a	(47,677)	(47,465)
Construction of Darwin Regional Tennis Centre		1,749,954	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>1,749,954</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>Total ASSETS</b>		<b>17,337,998</b>	<b>18,464,073</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade Creditors		17,511	14,038
Accrued Expenses		12,169	13,464
Income Received in Advance	7	36,137	7,656
Income Received in Advance – Gov't Grants	8	14,583,912	16,000,000
Officials Development Fund	9	10,000	10,000
TCA-NT Scholarship Fund	10	16,900	19,900
Staff Entitlements		27,904	27,504
GST Collected from Sales		23,812	1,615,040
<b>Total LIABILITIES</b>		<b>14,728,345</b>	<b>17,707,602</b>
<b>Net ASSETS</b>		<b>2,609,653</b>	<b>756,471</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		2,433,681	580,499
Facility Development Fund Reserve	11	175,972	175,972
<b>Total EQUITY</b>		<b>2,609,653</b>	<b>756,471</b>



## Financial Statements

### TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

#### Income

	Notes	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
<b>Tennis Australia Grants</b>			
Administration		206,457	113,879
Athlete Development		9,420	16,186
Participation		-	45,000
Events		7,500	10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>223,377</b>	<b>185,065</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>			
Business Development		201,503	186,000
Indigenous Program		8,567	-
Marrara Redevelopment Grant		1,768,962	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,979,032</b>	<b>186,000</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
Affiliation fees	12	8,342	11,436
Insurance		4,560	4,560
Bank Income		17,972	21,055
Premises		15,486	26,617
<b>Total</b>		<b>46,360</b>	<b>63,668</b>
<b>Athlete Development</b>			
Sponsorship		273	-
National Teams Tour		17,773	15,604
<b>Total</b>		<b>18,046</b>	<b>15,604</b>
<b>Participation</b>			
Presentation Dinner		5,414	5,849
Regional Development Program		10,329	9,091
Indigenous Program		4,200	-
Program Income		50,069	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>70,012</b>	<b>14,940</b>
<b>Operations and Events</b>			
Sponsorship		4,080	4,000
Ball Sales		9	91
Competitor Sanction Fees		3,740	6,180
Intra-Territory Travel Grant		3,000	3,000
Metro League		7,398	7,147
Darwin and NT Age Titles		11,648	9,256
NT Open Championships		17,432	16,665
Darwin Open		5,310	11,016
Tournament Development		5,701	1,278
<b>Total</b>		<b>58,318</b>	<b>58,633</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,395,145</b>	<b>523,910</b>

#### Expenditure

##### Athlete Development

Coach Development		6,550	-
National Teams Tour		24,111	25,829
Talent Development Programs		6,668	9,110
Player Travel Grants		3,783	4,584
<b>Total</b>		<b>41,112</b>	<b>39,523</b>



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#### Expenditure (cont'd)

	Notes	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
<b>Participation</b>			
Centre Managers Workshop		2,599	5,103
Presentation Dinner		10,349	9,709
Indigenous Tennis Program		7,237	2,048
Regional Development Program		8,810	22,948
Tennis in Schools		28,811	6,381
Club Grants		2,335	3,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>60,141</b>	<b>49,189</b>
<b>Operations and Events</b>			
Intra-Territory Travel Grant		5,950	4,850
Metro League		4,834	5,449
Darwin and NT Age Titles		10,252	11,405
NT Open Championships		28,498	25,859
Darwin Open		3,000	13,535
Senior Points Circuit		455	1,500
Pro Tour		9,984	9,249
Tournament Development		10,608	4,699
<b>Total</b>		<b>73,581</b>	<b>76,546</b>
<b>Staff</b>			
Salaries		221,546	182,325
Superannuation		20,997	16,976
Workers Compensation		3,825	3,008
Staff Amenities & Uniforms		743	332
Professional Development		4,911	2,765
<b>Total</b>		<b>252,022</b>	<b>205,406</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
AGM		815	2,234
Audit Fees		2,310	2,310
Annual Industry Workshop		3,000	5,383
Bank Charges		415	371
Depreciation		212	1,624
Equipment		5,891	892
FBT		943	822
Insurance		6,068	3,578
Motor Vehicle		1,170	1,573
Marketing Costs		3,574	12,736
Petty Cash		1,375	1,658
Meetings		1,430	903
Postage		294	102
Premises		63,123	62,046
Printing and Stationery		5,103	1,694
Telephone		5,107	4,626
Travel		11,212	16,277
Bad & Doubtful Debts		3,065	-
Strategic Facility		-	793
<b>Total</b>		<b>115,107</b>	<b>119,622</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>541,963</b>	<b>490,286</b>
<b>Net SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>1,853,182</b>	<b>33,624</b>





# Financial Statements

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## **TENNIS NT INCORPORATED**

**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017**

### **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.

Government Grants of a reciprocal nature are transferred to an appropriate liability account, and brought to account as income as the funds are spent.

#### **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. The funds are brought to account as income as and when they are spent.

### **Note 4**

#### **Prepaid Expenses**

This represents 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 2017 and July travel expenses.

### **Note 5**

#### **Accrued Income**

This represents Interest on Westpac Term Deposit, Entry fees for NT & Darwin Age tournaments and an accrual for a MyTennis Clip from Tennis Australia.



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### Note 6

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

There was no Property, Plant and Equipment purchased in 2016-17.

### Note 6a

#### Less: Accumulated depreciation-Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment was fully depreciated during 2016-17

### Note 7

#### Income Received in Advance

National Insurance Program receipts from Affiliates to be allocated to the next financial year in line with the related cost. Indigenous coaching program grant from Tennis Australia and Department of Tourism & Culture. Competition Income Tennis Australia. Carbine Club Sponsorship and Yarralin Primary School Sporting schools sessions.

### Note 8

#### Income Received in Advance – Government Grants

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

### Note 9

#### 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 10

#### 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 11

#### 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. An amount of \$24,028 has been spent up to this period.

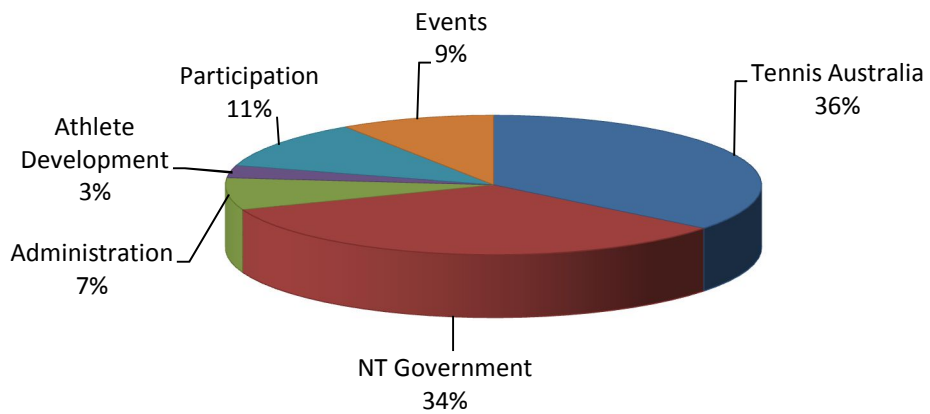
### Note 12

#### Affiliation fees

	<b>2016-17</b>
Alice Springs Tennis Association	2,691
Darwin Tennis Association	2,909
AWOF Sports	855
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	1,327
Katherine Tennis Club	560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,342</b>



### 2016 - 17 Sources of Income



### 2016 - 17 Expenditure Analysis

