



Annual Report

Tennis NT
FY2025

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Overview

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 now 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 the role of governance along with the benefits of establishing relationships with the Northern Territory Government and Tennis Australia (TA).

The Environment

The Northern Territory has a strong tennis history underpinned by the hard work and dedication of many individuals. Testament to this heritage is the NT Open which began in 1920, making it one of the Territory’s oldest annual sporting events, which quickly gained national recognition.

Most competitive and social tennis in the Territory revolves around the network of clubs and centres across the NT, and the world-class Darwin International Tennis Centre.

In addition, the Top End has multiple public access courts which are predominantly owned by Local Government and schools. While these courts lack lighting or booking systems they are generally well maintained and well spread across residential areas, with relatively high usage.

Our Vision

- A sport for life, for all!
- Thriving Tennis Communities
- A safe, healthy and collaborative environment

Our Role

To engage, empower and inspire the NT tennis community to help grow the sport

Our Values

Respect, Humility, Ethics, Inclusivity, Teamwork, Excellence

Where Tennis NT Fits In

Tennis NT is the peak body of tennis in the NT. Our role is to grow the number of people playing tennis more often, in a safe and welcoming environment.

Our role is to coordinate, manage and promote the sport of tennis in the NT and in so doing, support and service its affiliated clubs and centres.

Tennis' national peak body is Tennis Australia which provides substantial funding, resources and other forms of support. However, Tennis NT is a separately incorporated organisation that reports to its own local NT Board.

The NT Government also provides substantial funding and is a key partner.

Tennis NT is located at the Darwin International Tennis Centre at the Marrara Sports Complex.

Tennis NT has affiliates across the Territory including in Alice Springs, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Palmerston and Darwin.



Tennis NT



Board

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Steve Rossingh

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Helen Summers
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Tom Harris (from November 2024)

Full Time Staff

Chief Executive Officer
Tania Tandora

Head of Tennis
Peta Stephens (until April 2025)
Sam Giess (from April 2025)

Talent Operations Manager
Jessica Polack (until December 2024)

Talent and Coach Manager
Martin Rocca (from April 2025) – Tennis Australia employee.

Tournaments, Competitions and Operations Manager
Sam Giess (until April 2025)
Grace Henderson interim in role (from April 2025)

Competitions and Talent Coordinator
Emily Ooms-Webb

Tennis Development Officer
Benjamin Cunningham

Marketing, Partnerships and Inclusion Manager
Emily Carroll

Venue Manager/Head Coach – Darwin International Tennis Centre
Andy Bhardwaj

Tennis Coach - Darwin International Tennis Centre
Hayden Litis (until June 2025)

Affiliate Members

Alice Springs Tennis Association

Gardens Tennis Club

Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

Katherine Tennis Club

Palmerston Tennis Club Incorporated Association

Top End Multi Sports

Strategic Plan until the period ending June 2025



Following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders Tennis NT is adopting a revised strategy plan commencing from FY2026.



Participation

Grow the number of people playing tennis more often, in a safe and welcoming environment.

Focus areas include: Schools; Recreational Tennis; Inclusion and Diversity; Child Protection.



Indigenous Participation

Lead both in the NT and nationally in the development of Indigenous participation in tennis.

Focus areas include Participation; Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP); Recognition.



Pathways

Build a performance pathway to develop the best talent able to compete at territory, national and international level.

Focus areas include: Junior Competition; Player Development; Competitive Framework.



People

Support those who drive the development of tennis - coaches, volunteers, and officials.

Focus areas include: Coaches; Officials; Volunteers.



Venues

Assist our clubs and communities to develop and operate sustainable tennis facilities.

Focus areas include Tennis Centres and Infrastructure; Digital Enablement.



Promoting the Brand

Promote our sport, expanding our audience.

Focus areas include: Marketing and Digital Tools.



Organisation

To ensure that Tennis NT is focused, effective and accountable, that our governance and financial management are best practice, and that it is true to its values.

Focus areas include: Governance, Sustainability and Staff; Member and Local Partner Engagement; Data and Analysis,

Highlights



18%

increase in
Schools
participation
(based on
annual survey)



7 teams

from the NT play
in the National
Indigenous
Tennis Carnival



3 players

represent the
NT at the Super
10s National
Camp in
Melbourne



**Alice
Springs
courts
resurfaced**



7 coaches

graduated the
Junior
Development
Coaching
Course



18%

increase in
unique people
booking court
hire online



**“Talent and
Coach
Manager”
recruited**

President and CEO Report



It is with pleasure that we present the Annual Report covering FY2025.

During this year we welcomed and farewelled key staff members, which is a feature of life in the Territory.

Talent Operations Manager Jess Polack left the NT in December, leaving big shoes to fill across a number of areas. Jess' formal remit was solely in Talent development but she had taken on coach development to advocate for and support local coaches. Following Jess' departure we are grateful for the support of Ben McLachlan, Alex Capill, Nicola Mayer, Andy Bhardwaj and Emily Ooms-Webb who ran talent squads and travelled with players to events to ensure that they did not miss out on opportunities during the recruitment period.

In late April we welcomed Martin Rocca to the NT, in the new "Talent and Coach Manager" role. Martin's role reports to Coach Development and Performance (Talent) at Tennis Australia and has an indirect "dotted line" report to Tennis NT CEO Tania Tandora. We were glad to welcome Martin with the Katherine Open event within his first week in the NT. We look forward to his positive impact in the NT.

Peta Stephens' departure from the Head of Tennis role opened an opportunity for Sam Giess to step into that crucial role. Grace Henderson stepped into Sam's previous role "Tournaments, Competitions and Operations Manager" in an acting capacity. We are delighted when we see staff members grow and develop within the organisation.

Coaching remains a key area of focus for Tennis NT. Overall, we have great growth in the number of people undertaking coach training, but recognise that the NT needs more qualified coaches, and coaches who are experienced in operating a venue. Tennis NT and Tennis Australia worked together to fully-fund the course component of the current cohort of coaches undertaking the Tennis Australia Junior Development Coaching Course. We congratulate the 7 local coaches who completed this qualification and give our encouragement to the 3 coaches who are working through their final stages of qualification.

In FY2025 the team had great engagement from beginner level coaches as they embarked on introductory level tennis coach training to grow the number of people who can deliver tennis within school environments. In FY2025 the team took introductory-level training to Seda College students and to staff at First Nations community schools near Gove Peninsula Tennis Club and Katherine Tennis Club. The training was incorporated alongside tennis activities for kids so that introductory-level tennis trainees could apply their skills as they learned.

These efforts so far have given us great insights on how to grow our network of people who are comfortable delivering tennis in a school environment where tennis has not been a sport of choice in the past.

In schools, there was a reported 18% increase in tennis participation with strong growth from both primary and secondary schools. NT's numbers in schools are healthy but the hard work is to connect students who have had a positive experience with tennis in school, to playing regularly at clubs and developing their skills over time. We want to develop the tennis pathway in schools and from schools to clubs.

Congratulations to Tennis Palmerston who have continued to be a leader in successfully working with schools to grow tennis and getting those students into their club environment.

Within the event space, we have had an overall 20% increase in tournament entries however we continue to see the trend of low entries from female players across all age cohorts in competitive events.

In FY2025 we celebrated the resurfacing of all courts at the Alice Springs Tennis Association facility, just in time for the Masters Games. These works transformed the club as they are now offering 8 synthetic grass courts alongside 2 hardcourts. These works were completed with investment from Alice Springs Town Council, the Northern Territory Government, Tennis Australia, and the member club – we thank them all for their support.

Through FY2025 we sought your feedback to develop a revised Tennis NT strategy and received rounds of feedback from member clubs and other stakeholders. Thank you for your engagement in this process, this sets us up to work more effectively alongside you to grow the tennis community in the NT.

To our staff at Tennis NT which includes staff at Darwin International Tennis Centre - thank you for your passion and commitment to tennis in the NT. To our Directors, thank you for the time and support you provide to the organisation and to tennis in the NT.

We also thank the NT Government, Tennis Australia, NT councils, member clubs and their sponsors.

Lastly, thank you to the tennis community across the NT. Tennis relies on the passion of clubs, coaches, officials, teachers, players, volunteers and staff at all levels. Let us keep working together to achieve our shared goals of growing tennis in the NT and seeing clubs thrive.

Steve Rossingh
Tennis NT President



Tania Tandora
Tennis NT CEO



From the CEO of Tennis Australia

It has been another hugely successful year in Australian tennis, one that has seen outstanding results on the global stage, breakthrough performances and more people engaged in our sport than ever before.

Growing grassroots tennis

Through the Game On strategy, we continue to work alongside our coaches, volunteers, clubs, schools, administrators, officials and players, to ensure more people have the opportunity to play tennis more often.

New look volunteer-delivered Hot Shots Tennis and Cardio Tennis has helped open the programs up to more communities around the country.

More kids continue to be introduced to our sport for the first time through school participation. Both the number of registered partner schools and Sporting Schools requests increasing in the 2023-2024 financial year. The Ash Barty Schools Challenge has encouraged schools to get involved, with Ash set to visit one lucky school later this year.

In October, we celebrated more than one million hours of tennis court bookings around the country in 12 months around the country. Further evidence of the efforts to make it easier to book online.

Competitive Play reached a significant milestone with more than 100,000 players with a rating regularly participating in Leagues and Tournaments. The Alex de Minaur Junior Tour was launched for 12/u and 14/u players in October and Coloured Ball competitions continue to build momentum following the introduction of Coloured Ball Ratings.

Our Tennis Australia Coach Membership continues to go from strength to strength, sitting at a record 3766 coaches, including more than 1200 women coach members.

The momentum continues for complementary disciplines with an estimated 170,000 participants taking part in the sports at over 250 venues offering padel, pop or pickleball as part of their tennis programming.

The Tennis for Every Body campaign highlighted the accessibility of the sport with the support of the Minister for Every Body, Adam Hills. The first All Abilities Tennis Week to be held later this year will shine a light on the grassroots programs supporting players around the country.

Aussies breakthrough on the international stage

Alex de Minaur has cemented his place in the world’s top 10, joined by Daria Kasatkina on the women’s side.

Maya Joint and Kimberly Birrell enjoyed breakthrough seasons, reaching career-highs alongside Talia Gibson, Olivia Gadecki and Emerson Jones. Jones also reached a career-high junior ranking of world No.1 in September 2024.

On the men’s side Alexei Popyrin, Jordan Thompson, Adam Walton, Tristan Schoolkate, James McCabe, Li Tu and Omar Jasika achieved career-high singles rankings.

2024 saw our Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup teams advance to the finals in their respective competitions. The men’s team making it through to the semifinals of the Davis Cup, while our women’s team reached the quarterfinals of the Billie Jean King Cup.

In February, Aleksandar Vukic made his Davis Cup debut against Sweden, helping the team claim victory and secure their place for the second round of qualifiers in September. While in April, Maya Joint made her debut in the Billie Jean King Cup team.

Australia will host a Billie Jean King Cup tie in November, playing to earn a spot in the 2026 Qualifiers.

At the IBTA World Championships, our Blind and Low Vision athletes won seven gold, six silver and one bronze medal. While our wheelchair teams took part in the 30th edition of the World Team Cup finishing fourth and sixth in the quad and boys’ tournaments.

Hunter Thompson created history, becoming the first Player with an Intellectual Impairment (PWII-3) to win three consecutive singles gold medals at the Virtus World Tennis Championships. Overall, Australia secured an impressive haul of two gold, five silver and two bronze.

While we celebrated a successful year for our Aussies, we sadly farewelled two greats of our game, Neale Fraser and Fred Stolle. They will be sorely missed.

A summer to remember

The season began with the United Cup in Perth and Sydney. Team Australia began their campaign in Sydney. After an opening round loss to Argentina the team defeated Great Britain, but it wasn’t enough to get them through the hotly contested round robin stage.

Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra completed the string of professional events being held around the country over the first two weeks of the global season.

A record-breaking 1,218,831 fans attended Australian Open 2025 with 116,528 attending AO Opening Week. The introduction of the inaugural One Point Slam was

a highlight bringing together pro and amateur players on the Grand Slam stage for the first time. Victorian pro Omar Jasika was the eventual winner with the crowd firmly behind the last amateur standing, Paul Fitzgerald.

The tournament attracted a further 1.9 billion global fans and drew 2.3 billion social impressions while generating a record \$565.8 million in economic benefits to the Victorian economy.

Our Australian contingent of 20 were led by Alex de Minaur and included three local seeds for the first time in 43 years. Destanee Aiava and Kimberly Birrell joined them via qualifying to make a total of 22.

De Minaur reached the quarterfinals, while Alja Tomljanovic, Talia Gibson and Aiava were the best performing Aussie women reaching the second round. Emerson Jones reached the singles semifinal and doubles final of the AO Juniors, while Ben Wenzel reached the boys’ wheelchair doubles final.

The first all-Australian mixed doubles final at the Australian Open in 58 years saw Olivia Gadecki and John Peers claim the title over Kimberly Birrell and John-Patrick Smith.

The AO saw us bid farewell to Luke Saville as he retired from the tour following a run to the third round of the men’s doubles alongside fellow South Australian Li Tu.

Thank you

The future is bright for tennis in Australia, but this simply would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our coaches, administrators, volunteers, officials and the wider delivery network. Thank you all for your commitment to our sport.

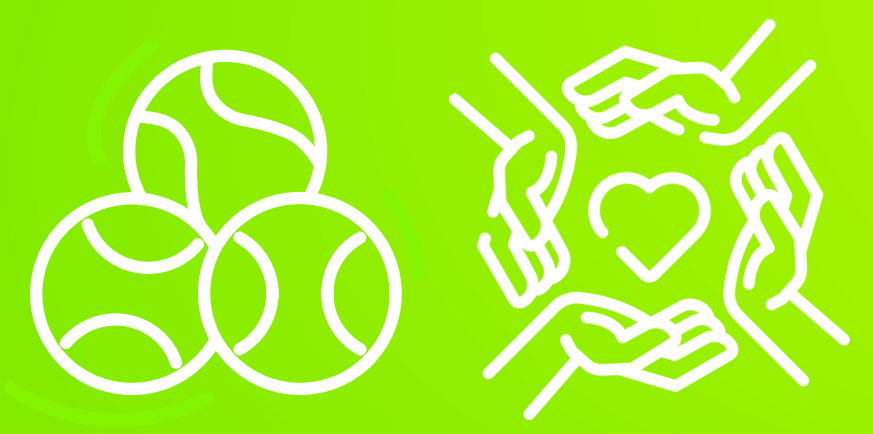
Craig Tiley
Tennis Australia CEO



Craig Tiley



Participation



Red Ball players at the Katherine Open, May 2025

Introducing people to tennis



Train the trainer in schools and communities

Tennis Teacher Professional Development Sessions provide practical training and resources to implement tennis in schools. This year Tennis NT have made Seda college students a focus as much of their school-work has them in schools delivering sports to younger students.

Where	When	# of Participants
East Arnhem Region, Gove Peninsula and Dhalinybuy	February 2025	9
Big Rivers Region, Katherine and Jilkminggan	April 2025	7
Seda Collage / DITC	Ongoing through FY2025	50
Central Region, Alice Springs	May 2025	5



Jilkminggan schoolteacher and community champion Ruan Du Preez with his 'Participation Coaching Course' certificate – Jilkminggan Community School, April 2025

New approaches to growing participation

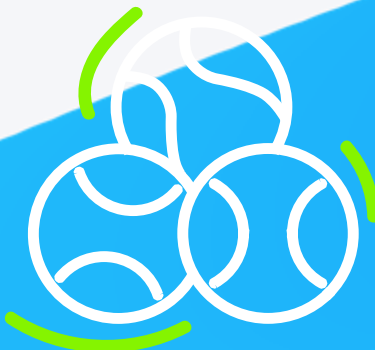
The past year we have trialled different approaches to introduce people to tennis in a safe and welcoming environment. Tennis NT is active in providing on-off and short duration tennis programs at no cost through schools, communities, and events like expos to reach new groups of potential players. We do this to form and grow relationships with schools and communities which will promote the Sporting Schools program, local coaches, and local clubs.

The stark drop-off of teenagers from sport, especially girls, is a worrying and continuing trend. In the past year one of our focus areas was to engage/re-engage teenagers in tennis by responding to the feedback that they were more comfortable with their friends, in loosely structured sessions at that age.

Tennis NT trialled Ready2Rally and Teen-Team-Tennis programs in the NT. These programs were designed by Tennis Australia and the trials sought to gather real-life feedback from the teenagers involved. In the case of Ready2Rally, Tennis NT was the first to pilot the program. In Teen-Team-Tennis Tennis NT was part of a national pilot group but notably were the only Member Association to deliver the trial ourselves rather than through an external coach and were the only to deliver it in a school environment rather than to teenagers already known to the club.

The Ready2Rally program was developed as an initiative from the Women & Girls department at Tennis Australia. Ready2Rally seeks to create an environment where participants are in control of the type of activity they do each week, based on their collective mood, with music and laughter. The program assumes no prior knowledge of tennis and focusses on connection and fun, finishing each session with feedback and snacks.

The program was delivered to girls at the STARS Foundation from Year 7-12 around Darwin and Palmerston schools. Grace Henderson (Tennis NT) lead the program locally with the guidance from Helen Owies (Tennis Australia) and ongoing support from coaches Alex Capill, Liam Jong, Andy Bhardwaj, and Hayden Litis across the 4-week duration. The feedback from the program participants has been excellent and has become a program that Tennis NT are now using the Ready2Rally Toolkits widely as our first interaction with kids of all ages in a variety of environments. Additionally, participant feedback and staff feedback is being implemented by Tennis Australia so that the resources are easy to use and easy to understand.



Introducing Tennis Through “Come and Try” Events, Programs, Expos and Activations



What	Participation Growth Focus	Where	When	# of Participants / Notes
SEDA Cup Day	Schools participation	DITC/Darwin	July 2024	> 150 SEDA students and teachers
Teen Team Tennis Program Trial	Engage / Re-engage teens in tennis	Nightcliff Middle School	8 week program across July-September 2024	22 students
Ready2Rally Program Trial	Engage / Re-engage teens in tennis	8 Schools across Darwin/Palmerston (STARS Foundation)	8 week program across August –September 2024	110 students
Blind Low Vision Training Camp	Diversity and Inclusion	DITC/Darwin	August	10 (now an ongoing program at DITC)
National Indigenous Tennis Carnival	Diversity and Inclusion	DITC/Darwin	August	160 nationally, around half were from the NT
Bruce Cup SSENT National Event	Schools pathway	DITC/Darwin	August	NT hosted the Bruce Cup (in NT once every 8 years) which concluded Saturday 24 August. The team won more games and matches compared to 2023 and came in 8 th place overall.
Darwin Middle School Health Expo	Engage / Re-engage teens in tennis	Darwin Middle School	September 2024	n/a
Secondary Schools Tennis Gala Day	Engage / Re-engage teens in tennis	DITC/Darwin	September 2024	3 schools attended (Nightcliff Middle School, Darwin Middle School and Dripstone Middle School. Plan is to build this in 2025 and consider Pizzey Cup pathway.
Racquet Roadshow at school assembly	Reward participation at schools	Moulden Park School	November 2024	School assembly
Community Cardio Tennis Pilot	New participants / adults	Katherine	November-December 2024	Four-week cardio tennis pilot for regional clubs.
Defence Expo	New participants / adults	Darwin/Darwin	February 2025	Expo event
Feb Fit	New participants / adults	Darwin / Palmerston	February 2025	Tennis NT and DITC team supported by running free Feb Fit sessions at member clubs to attract new participants and support the advertising campaign.
East Arnhem schools & coach training	Schools / Coaches	Nhulunbuy	February 2025	Schools participation + ‘train the Trainer’ tennis training for 6 community mentors across the East Arnhem Region. Teacher upskilling also completed for all 3 Nhulunbuy School PE teachers
Katherine & surrounds	Schools / Coaches	Katherine & surrounds	December 2024 & April 2024	Tennis sessions for students, as well as ‘Train the Trainer’ tennis training for 5 people in Jilkminggan (teachers and community mentors).
Seda College - train the trainer	Schools / Coaches	DITC/Darwin	April 2025	Over 50 SEDA students upskilled in tennis for school clinic delivery. Tennis NT to collaborate and attend SEDA clinics at schools
FREE Lunchtime sessions	Schools	Darwin / Palmerston	February – June 2025	Tennis NT free sessions exposed 100s of school students to how fun and simple tennis can be.
Darwin High School Health Expo	Engage / Re-engage teens in tennis	Darwin High School	May 2025	Expo event



School Participation Annual Survey

All schools that were registered as a partner school with Tennis NT/Tennis Australia were asked to complete the annual School Participation Survey. Respondents to the School Participation Survey include schools that have taken part in the Sporting Schools program, and schools that offered tennis in their school independently. Therefore, these survey results include tennis participants from all kinds of programs in addition to the government funded Sporting Schools funding program.

The School Participation Survey gives a summary of participant numbers, experiences, and satisfaction. In the NT, the response rate to the survey remained steady at 88% in FY2025.

NT had a 18% increase in tennis participation in comparison with the previous reporting period, with a lot of growth coming from Secondary Schools. Note that this data is based on completed survey numbers, so it is vital for schools to participate in the survey to enable better data and outcome.

The feedback directly from the teachers at the schools who responded to the survey told us that teacher satisfaction with Coaches and Clubs had dropped from a score of 9/10 to 7.7/10. Teacher feedback gave the following insights:

- Information shared to the schools could be more consistent.
- There is an opportunity to connect teachers and schools more closely with clubs and coaches.

School Participation Survey Results

State/Territory	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	% change FY2024 vs Fy2025
NT	5,709	6,292	7,406	18% increase
NT Primary	4,555 (80% of total)	5,283 (84% of total)	5,826 (79% of total)	10% increase
NT Secondary	1,154 (20% of total)	1,009 (16% of total)	1,580 (21% of total)	57% increase
NATIONAL	547,274	538,538	567,596	5% increase
National Primary	85% of total	85% of total	84% of total	4% increase
National Secondary	15% of total	15% of total	16% of total	12% increase

Through the School Participation Survey, positive feedback was provided about NT coaches, including:

- "Alex is awesome and our students thoroughly engaged in the sessions. Many have since gone on to try tennis outside of school with the local tennis association."
- "Alex is always an energetic, organised and engaging coach. The kids actively participate and learn lots, their skills and teamwork and strategies develop."
- "Ben demonstrated a high level of coaching expertise. It was fantastic to have him work with our students."
- "Andy was fantastic in all areas. Taking into his stride school approaches and promoting his passion for tennis through excellent planned sessions and delivery and engaging students in the learning and practise activities."
- "These sessions were really valuable to our students. Many of our students have not and may not have access to tennis outside of school. Liam was great at catering for the diverse needs of our students."

“Sporting Schools” Program Bookings

Number of Tennis Sporting Schools Bookings in the NT		
Term	FY2024	FY2025
Term 3	5	7
Term 4	3	7
Term 1	8	9
Term 2	12	9
Total School Bookings	28	32

Sporting Schools is an ongoing Australian Government funding initiative designed to help schools increase children’s participation in sport and connect them with community sport opportunities. Tennis had 32 schools in the NT take part in tennis programs funded through Sporting Schools. Sporting schools serves as a crucial pathway for students to connect with local tennis clubs at both school and community levels.



Tennis and School Sport Education NT (SSENT)



Each year, Tennis NT partners with School of Sport Education NT “SSENT” to provide Tennis events for students at both primary and secondary level.

The purpose of this partnership is:

- To expose students across the NT regions to tennis
- Provide a pathway for students to progress from school to club level tennis, as well as regional and state level pathways.

Tennis NT hosted ‘Gala Day’ events for Primary and Secondary Students in Big Rivers Region, Central Region, Darwin Region, and Top-End region.

The Gala Days were a fantastic opportunity for participants across our regions to learn the basics of tennis in a fun and relaxed environment.

Tennis NT would like to thank the School of Sport Education NT for their ongoing support of tennis and for proactively working with us to grow numbers across this pathway.

If tennis were removed from the SSENT pathway future generations of students would miss the opportunity to take part in these events and compete on the national stage.

Big Rivers Region Primary School Gala Day Hosted at Katherine Tennis Club

FY2025: 50+ participants across 5 schools:

- Casuarina Street Primary School
- Katherine South Primary School
- Pine Creek School
- St Joseph’s Catholic College
- Wugularr School*

*Wugularr School did not attend due to the weather.

FY2024: 70+ participants across 5 schools:

- Katherine South Primary School
- Kintore Street School
- Jilkminggan School
- Pine Creek School
- St Joseph’s Catholic College

Top End Region Primary School Gala Day Hosted at Tennis Palmerston

FY2025: 40+ participants across 2 schools:

- Moulden Park School
- Sacred Heart Primary School

FY2024: Tennis Palmerston. May 2024

40+ participants across 4 schools:

- Durack Primary School
- Good Shepherd Lutheran College
- Haileybury Rendall School
- Sacred Heart Primary School

Darwin Region Primary School Gala Day Hosted at Gardens Tennis Club

FY2025: 60+ students across 4 schools

- Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
- Larrakeyah Primary School
- Ludmilla Primary School
- Parap Primary School

FY2024: Gardens Tennis. May 2024

90+ students across 6 schools

- Alawa Primary School
- Leanyer School
- Millner Primary School
- Nakara Primary School
- The Essington School
- Wagaman Primary School

Central Region Primary School Gala Day

FY2025: gala day did not occur, a Central Region ‘Schools Blitz’ occurred instead, with visits to the following schools for student sessions and teacher upskilling:

- Araluen Christian College
- Bradshaw Primary School
- Centralian Middle School
- Centralian Senior College
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College – Bath Street Campus
- Ross Park Primary School
- Sadadeen Primary School

FY2024: Alice Springs Tennis Association. May 2024

110+ participants across 5 schools:

- Araluen Christian College
- Braitling Primary School
- Gillen Primary School
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
- Ross Park Primary School



Katherine Tennis Club School Sports NT Gala Day



Tennis Palmerston School Sport NT Gala Day

Ballkids

The NT is in the third year of its NT Ballkid program. Participants are trained in ballkidding and put those skills to test in NT tournaments. Participants in the NT Ballkid program have the chance to be selected for the national Top Gun Program, where the best ballkids from each state and territory came together for a national camp.

NT’s selection for the AO25 national Top Gun ballkid camp was Hunter Watling. Hunter had many highlights across the event, including making new friends and impressing everyone with his reflexes – he took a wicked one-handed catch off a 180km/hr serve!

It’s been amazing to see Hunter’s preparation and his superior skills get recognised. Hunter worked across the 3 biggest arenas at Melbourne Park during his time there, ballkidding on John Cain Arena, Margaret Court Arena, and the world-famous Rod Laver Arena.

Through ballkidding, Hunter has been up close to an absolute honour-roll of players including top Aussie Alex DeMinaur, Iga Swiatek, Holger Rune, Elena Rybakina, Emerson Jones – the list goes on.

Tennis Australia has also continued their First Nations ballkid program and we were thrilled to have Mya Priest from Jabiru a part of that program. Mya was selected through her involvement in tennis at her school where she undertook ballkid training, and ballkid training and development at the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival held in the NT.

A new top NT ballkid will be selected to attend the Top Gun Program camp at AO26.

Thank you to all our ballkids and their families who support this program with their precious time and effort. NT Ballkids is run by Tennis NT’s Ben Cunningham with help from Grace Henderson.

Thank you Ballkids from the past year!	
Name	Club
Alicia Ward	Tennis Palmerston
Alana Ward	Tennis Palmerston
Ben Leeming	DITC
Chloe Prosser	Tennis Palmerston
Elishia Crowhurst	Tennis Palmerston
Louis Lamont	DITC
Lucas Pulambo	DITC
Lucas Sun	TEMS/DITC
Lucy Brown	TEMS/DITC
Lucy McNaught	Tennis Palmerston
Mason Leucke	Tennis Palmerston
Oliver Lamont	DITC
Rex Scambary	TEMS/DITC
Riley Clark	TEMS/DITC
Roxanne McNaught	Tennis Palmerston
Roy Vo	TEMS/DITC



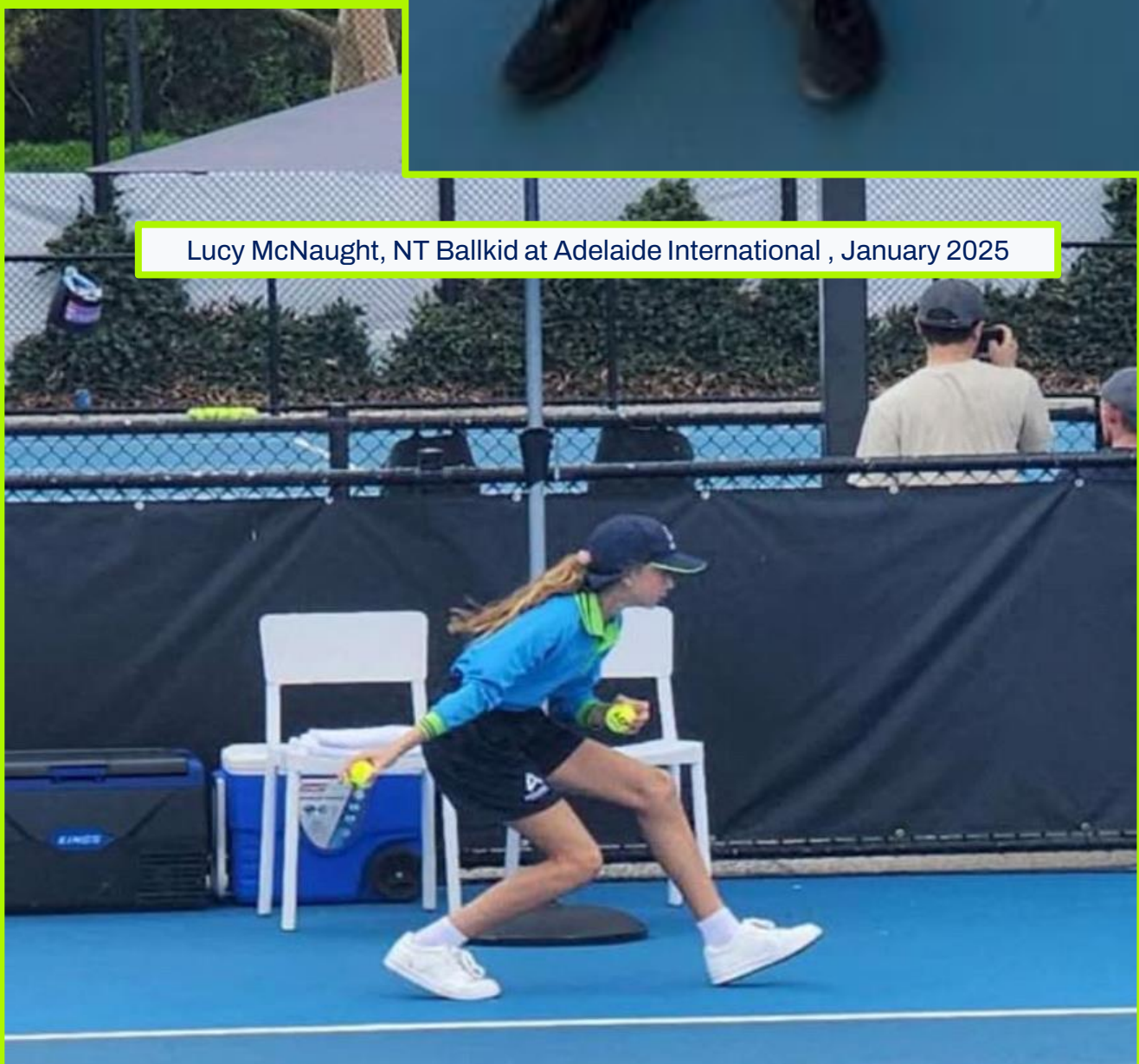
Darwin Junior International, June 2025



Hunter Watling, NT’s Top Gun Ballkid Program entrant at the Australian Open, January 2025



Mya Priest, NT’s First Nations Ballkid Program at the Australian Open, January 2025



Lucy McNaught, NT Ballkid at Adelaide International , January 2025



Women and Girls Participation



Our NT data tells us that only 30% of the players with a Competitive Player Profile are female. The gap in numbers is particularly evident in the women’s open events. When fewer females play tennis competitively, it inhibits the growth of the sport.

Women Leaders in Tennis program

Jess Polack from Tennis NT lead the Women Leaders in Tennis program and brought together women from all of our member clubs. The women in the program worked on projects aimed at growing tennis in their community environment. Examples of these projects are outlined below.

Emma Saxton - Palmerston: RETENTION OF YOUNG WOMEN IN TENNIS.

Project initiative was to retain girls in tennis were not on the Talent pathway and were at risk of dropping off.

Jess Polack (Tennis NT) and Alex Capill (Tennis Palmerston) set up a free girls squad on Monday evenings to help “bridge the gap” for the girls who had been in Zone Squad but were not at the National Development Squad level. A free all-girls squad ran at Tennis Palmerston in term 4 2024, and term 1 2025.

Lis McKerracher and Leah Howman - Katherine: SUSTAINABLE JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAM AT A VOLUNTEER-RUN CLUB.

Project initiative was to find a way to deliver junior coaching in a sustainable way at the Katherine Tennis Club, recognising that there is no coach so it would be volunteer-led and run.

Katherine is now delivering low-cost and regular junior coaching on Saturday mornings at all levels. The club has also put their lessons online for booking via ClubSpark on their club site, and they appear on the national Tennis Hot Shots website. See this page for more information <https://play.tennis.com.au/katherinetennisclub/Coaching/Junior>

Katie Knappstein and Yvette Valentine - Alice Springs: FAMILY FUN DAY.

Engage parents into tennis lessons, highlighting the value of parental engagement in a child’s sport.

Outcome: the club has run at least 2 family fun days since the Women Leaders in Tennis graduation.

Sally Courtney - Palmerston: TEEN GIRLS x TENNIS.

Project initiative was to trial tennis formats (like Cardio) with teenage girls or in a high-school environment.

Grace Henderson (Tennis NT) and Helen Owies (Women and Girls Participation lead, Tennis Australia) trialled a program called “Ready to Rally” across August-September 2024. This trial was with teenage girls in the Stars Academy, across High Schools in Darwin and Palmerston. The program assumed no tennis knowledge or prior experience. NT coaches Alex Capill, Liam Jong, Hayden Litis, and Andy Bhardwaj worked with Grace and Helen to deliver the trial. Based on these results, Tennis NT has extended the use of this program into high-schools across all genders.

Donna Cartwright - Palmerston: INCLUSIVE TENNIS.

Project initiative was to set-up tennis programs at clubs for people with disabilities.

Outcome: project has stalled at initial hurdle as we were seeking to get coaches accredited as NDIS providers. However, the club is now applying for funding from Tennis Australia to deliver a subsidised or free program through Tennis Palmerston.

International Women’s Day

Tennis NT CEO Tania Tandora is proud to be the chair of the NT Women in Sport Network.

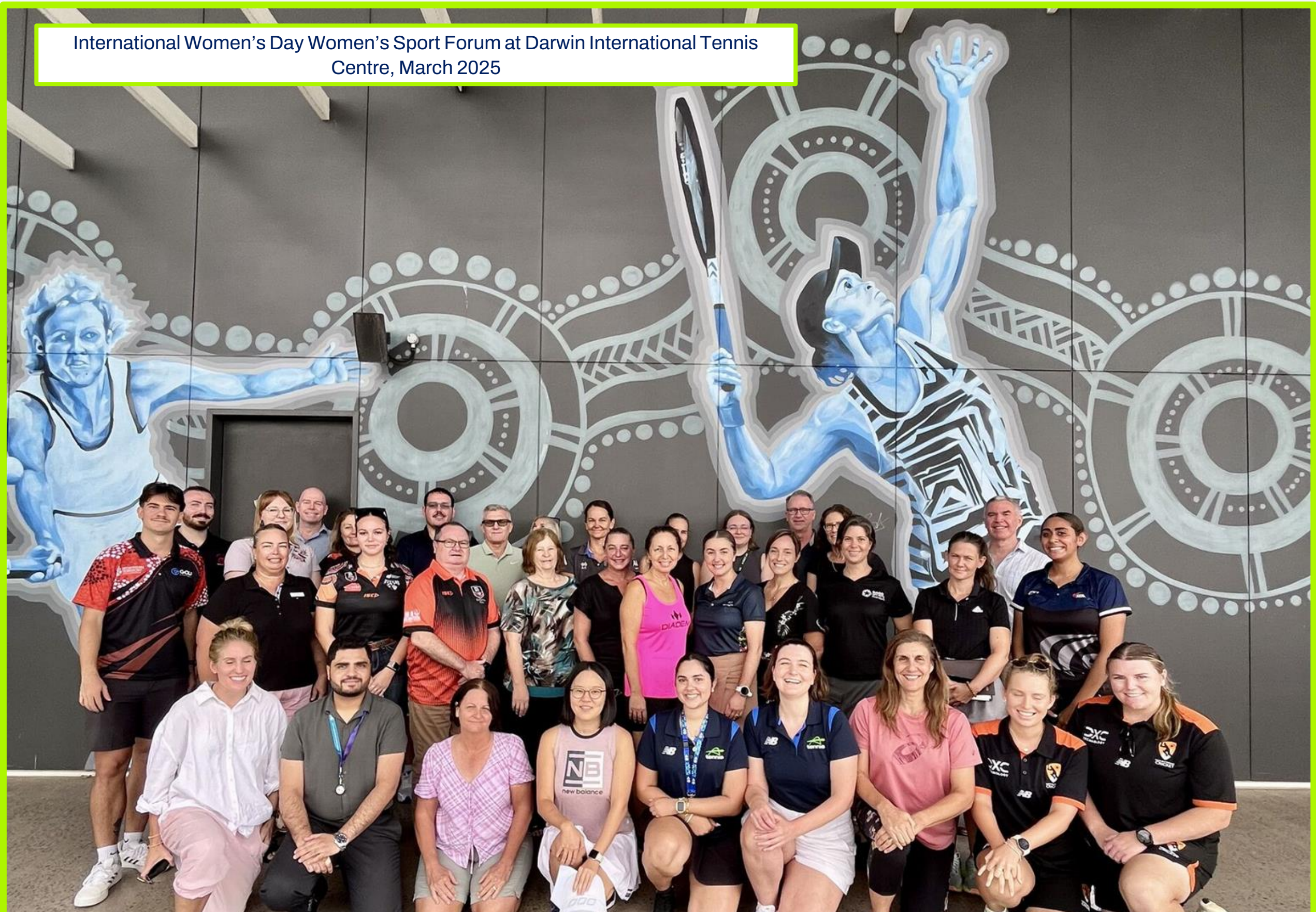
This year in March for International Women’s Day, Darwin International Tennis Centre hosted a NT Women in Sport Network forum across sports featuring tennis.

Grace Henderson (Tennis NT) kicked off the day with a Ready2Rally tennis activity and graduates from the Women Leaders in Tennis program attended in support.

Learn2Lead program

Learn2Lead is an 8-week youth leadership program covering life and leadership skills, hands on activities and connecting with tennis leaders. As a result of this program the participants develop and deliver initiatives focussed on girls in tennis. Learn2Lead Program Participants:

- Alice Giallouris – Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
- Maia Epiha – Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
- Kara O’Brien – Darwin International Tennis Centre
- Emma Wills – Darwin International Tennis Centre
- Taya Dingo – Darwin International Tennis Centre / Seda Collage



Indigenous Participation

National Indigenous Tennis Carnival

The National Indigenous Tennis Carnival was attended by Evonne Goolagong Cawley and Roger Cawley, as always, they have been drivers of the event since the beginning. Kids were thrilled to have time with Evonne as she and Roger love to watch the kids play tennis.

Proud Ngarigo woman and tennis superstar Ash Barty arrived at the court to greet the kids. After thunderous applause and shock, Barty took questions from the participants and spent the rest of the day getting involved in the event activities. She decorated a mural artwork, took part in ball kid training, and had a spin on the DJ decks. Friday night was not done with surprises and special guess Jess Mauboy tore up the stage and got everyone dancing at the concert.

NT Team Palmerston lead by Alex Capill from Tennis Palmerston were crowned Hot Shots Tennis Champions. – their team included player Rorey from Nhulunbuy and supervisor Nicky Mayer from Gove Peninsula Tennis Club. This was the first time East Arnhem had been represented at the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival and we will work together with the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club to work towards sending a team in the future. We thank NT coaches Alex Capill and Nicky Mayer for their support of the Palmerston Red Ball team and the NT Green Ball team respectively.

The NT teams in the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival, August 2024 were from:

- NT Green Ball team (Palmerston players and 1 player from East Arnhem).
- Red Ball: Palmerston, Jabiru, Jilkminggan (2 teams), Arlparra (Utopia). Palmerston were the winners of the Red Ball competition.

Train the trainer

Tennis NT embarked on introductory level tennis coach training with a range of people across the NT. At a beginner level, we found that our approach to “training the trainer” was more effective when we assumed no prior knowledge of or experience with tennis. We focussed our efforts on SEDA College Students and schools in First Nations communities that could have a connection with a member club.

In February, the Tennis NT team went to East Arnhem with coaches Adam Lasky and Nicky Mayer to test introductory level tennis coach training to grow the number of people who can deliver tennis within school environments. We deliberately targeted the East Arnhem region to support the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club. Soon after, we targeted schools around the Katherine Tennis Club with the same activity.

The goal is to grow tennis in schools that surround member clubs. We do this by engaging kids and school staff with tennis, and by training them so that tennis can be delivered sustainably in the future.



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Steve Rossingh, Evonne Goolagong-Cawley, Ash Barty, Jennifer Roe at the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival, Darwin, August 2024



Venues



Alice Springs Tennis Association
official launch of tennis courts following the resurface, October 2024

Tennis NT assists clubs and communities to develop and operate sustainable tennis facilities. This occurs through a variety of ways including support with funding, digital adoption, workshops, surveying of clubs and assisting with the creation of action plans.

The Health Indicator of Tennis (HIT) survey

The Health Indicator of Tennis (HIT) Is an online survey that Tennis NT completes with clubs and councils. It looks at a variety of factors such as the adoption by clubs of digital solutions, access to facilities, and programs offered, etc. The data output from the survey assists clubs with their long term financial, infrastructure and participation planning. The survey is conducted on an annual basis. Using the “HIT” also enables NT venues to also appear on a national database and provides visibility to Tennis Australia of the common themes across similar venue types.

Infrastructure Overview							
	Alice Springs Tennis Assoc.	Darwin International Tennis Centre	Gardens Tennis Club	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	Katherine Tennis Club	Tennis Palmerston	Top End Multi Sports
Critical Issues			Sub-surface of courts.	No running water / no use of bathroom. No electricity to clubhouse. Long-term facility plan.	Fortification of the clubhouse.		No court lighting, night time play discontinued
Court Surfaces # & type	10 (8 Artificial Grass, 2 Hard)	16 Hard	12 Hard	3 Hard	6 Hard	7 Hard	Top End Multi Sport ended its affiliation and the centre no longer operated from July 2025.
Court Resurfacing	Completed Aug25	Next 1-3 years to keep championship courts to ITF standard	Critical (requires sub-surface works before resurface)	Critical (12 years old)	Next 1-3 years	Completed Aug25	
Court Lights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gates/lock solution enabling online booking	Currently exploring this	✓	✓	✓	Currently exploring	✓	
Shaded court		✓					
Clubhouse	✓	✓	✓	No running water / no use of bathroom. No electricity to clubhouse.	Fortification of the clubhouse.	✓	
Security of lease							
Participation opportunity							

Digital Overview of Clubs							
	Alice Springs Tennis Assoc.	Darwin International Tennis Centre	Gardens Tennis Club	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	Katherine Tennis Club	Tennis Palmerston	Top End Multi Sports
Casual court hire bookable online	Currently exploring this	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Top End Multi Sport ended it’s affiliation and the centre no longer operated from July 2025.
Programs bookable online		✓		✓	✓		
Membership bookable online	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Social Media (Facebook)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Digital

All clubs maintain up to date websites and have a strong social media presence. All clubs excluding Top End Multi Sports utilise the Clubspark website module to provide their public facing web presence.



Grants and Funding



Major Grant Applications

Tennis NT continues to provide support to clubs in sourcing funding opportunities, assisting with the application process, project planning and execution as a member benefit of affiliation.

Tennis NT extends thanks to the NT Government, Tennis Australia, local councils and clubs for their continued support for tennis in the NT.

Club	External funding	Funding	Project description	Project Outcome
Gardens Tennis	Community Benefit Fund – Minor Grant (NT Government). National Court Rebate (Tennis Australia).	\$169k across multiple grants.	Upgrade lighting on all courts to LED lights – required to enable tennis to be played at night again.	Project completed in August 2024
Alice Springs Tennis Association	Community Benefit Fund – Major Grant (NT Government). National Court Rebate (Tennis Australia).	\$100k Community Benefit Fund (NT Government). \$100k Tennis Australia.	Court resurfacing of all 10 courts – 8 courts synthetic grass, 2 hard court plus pickleball court lines	Project completed in August 2024
Katherine Tennis Club	Community Benefit Fund – Major Grant (NT Government)	\$250K sought	Removal and rebuild of clubhouse	Funding approved in October 2024. Project not started as the club is in the process of seeking approval to modify the project scope.
Unsuccessful grant applications				
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	Community Benefit Fund – Major Grant (NT Government). Court resurfacing of all 3 courts			

Tennis NT Small Grant Program

In FY2025 Tennis NT continued the Member Clubs Small Grant Program allowing our affiliated member clubs to apply for a small grant tailored for their individual needs. Clubs consulted with their stakeholders and coach operators to determine the best use of funds, and then submitted a grant application to Tennis NT for approval. Approved projects covered a variety of club needs, including facility and venue enhancement, participation promotion and growth, and professional development. Approx \$15k of grants were distributed.

Club	Use of Tennis NT Small Grant Program Funds
Palmerston Tennis Club	New clubhouse furniture.
Gardens Tennis	Pickleball equipment to accommodate the growing popularity of it at the club. Purchase of administrative equipment for club committee.
Katherine Tennis Club	Tennis equipment, clubhouse amenities and signage.
Alice Springs Tennis Association	Tennis equipment, Pickleball equipment, clubhouse computer and PA/speaker.
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	Tennis equipment, Pickleball equipment and clubhouse furniture.



PATHWAYS

Competitive Play and Events



Jane Utting at Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

Leagues

Territory Junior League

The Territory Junior League is a weekly team-based competition for Darwin and Palmerston based junior players. The Territory Junior League competition is held twice a year (February to May and October to December) with the 2 seasons running either side of the main tournament season.

Darwin and Palmerston clubs are given the opportunity to nominate teams for the competition. Teams are graded into several divisions to promote competitive level-based play.

	FY2023		FY2024		FY2025	
	Season 2 2022	Season 1 2023	Season 2 2023	Season 1 2024	Season 2 2024	Season 1 2025
# of teams	16	18	18	19	22	18
Players per club	DITC: 14 Gardens: 10 Palmerston: 34 TEMS: 26	DITC: 12 Gardens: 6 Palmerston: 30 TEMS: 26	DITC: 5 Gardens: 7 Palmerston: 40 TEMS: 24	DITC: 9 Gardens: 2 Palmerston: 34 TEMS: 19	DITC: 26 Gardens: 6 Palmerston: 31 TEMS: 25	DITC: 16 Gardens: 0 Palmerston: 33 TEMS: 24
Total players	84	74	76	64	88	73

Territory Premier League

The Territory Premier League is an individual singles league, played at Darwin International Tennis Centre on Monday evenings. Players participate on a week-to-week basis, allowing flexibility around their work and travel schedules. The Premier League has grown consistently since it began, with an average of 32 players competing each week in recent seasons.

	FY2025		
	Oct-Dec 2024	Feb-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025
Total players	23	34	32



Andres Riffo Luco
Territory Premier League – Div 1 Player

Tournaments in the NT

Tennis Australia Sanctioned Tournaments

The Tennis Australia Junior Tour and Progress series are a national tournament series made up of events held all around the country. Clubs and centres are offered the ability to apply for and host events making up the tours.

The Junior Tour has events which range from entry level Community Series and Junior Development Series tournaments through to National Championship events. Through their performance at local and interstate events, players can earn their way to participation at the National Championship events which bring together the best players in their respective age groups from around the country.

The Open Series is made up of events hosted around the country from smaller community focused events through to events offering prize money of \$3,000 per tournament. These events offer players a start on their Open event pathway. Strong performance at Open Series events helps players to earn a place at Progress Series events.

The Progress Series connects 20 Open Men's and Women's events offering between \$10,000 and \$20,000 to the Australian Pro and Performance calendars. 2 events are hosted in the Northern Territory each year, the Darwin Open and the NT Open Championships. 2023 was the 96th year of the NT Open Championships.



Red Ball Rumble – Katherine Open, May 2025

Local Events

All NT affiliate clubs are offered the chance to deliver Tennis Australia sanctioned events, including one \$3,000 Open event per club with up to \$2,000 of the prizemoney provided by Tennis NT and Tennis Australia (a \$2,000 contribution is contingent on the event running women's and men's singles and doubles, and the club contributing the final \$1,000 to the \$3,000 prizemoney).

Several additional events were added to the NT calendar in FY2025, ranging from short club-based events through to multi-day tournaments.

The Mindil Beach Casino Resort Gardens Open was the largest club-based event in FY2025, attracting 110 unique participants.

The Katherine Open was a highlight of the NT calendar of events once again, attracting strong numbers and hosting the Red Ball Rumble event on Saturday night. The Red Ball Rumble was a fun and social event played between pairs of adult and junior players. Local Katherine team

The Darwin International Tennis Centre hosted its first club event in FY2025. A highlight of the event was the excellent playing standard and participation in the Red Ball event.

The 99th NT Open Championships event was moved to the King's Birthday long weekend in 2025. This move saw participation increase by 55 players over the 2024 event.



Alice Springs players tour the Gardens Open, April 2025

International Tennis in the NT



ITF World Junior Tour – May / June 2025

The Darwin Junior International and NT Junior International are held in May and June each year. These events attract players from around Australia and internationally. They offer a great opportunity for local players to compete against strong junior competition either through direct entries based on ranking points or by winning their way through the qualifying draws. Players can earn ITF World Junior Ranking Points, which help them towards qualification into major international events such as the Junior Grand Slams.

The events attracted players from Australia, Japan, Singapore, India, New Zealand, and Taiwan.

Japanese player Natsuki Irokawa took out the Girls Singles title at both the Darwin Junior International and the NT Junior International.

Bryan Dickson won the Boys Singles at the Darwin Junior International.

Daniel Jovanovski won the Boys singles at the NT Junior International.

The events received excellent feedback from both players and officials. With officials in particular praising the teamwork and professionalism of the tournament team.

ITF World Tennis Tour Australian Pro Tour - September 2024

The Australian Pro Tour is a series of professional tennis events that bridge the gap between junior events and the ATP and WTA tours. The Pro Tour provides an opportunity for players to earn their first world ranking points playing Australian events in their own backyard. The Tour showcases professional tennis in cities and towns in all states and territories of Australia.

The Australian Pro Tour returned to Darwin in 2024 with the Darwin International Tennis Centre hosting back-to-back Men’s \$25,000 ITF World Tennis Tour events.

The Men’s Pro Tour events were a huge success with over 100 players, coaches, supporters and officials traveling to Darwin to participate. In 2024, players representing Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, India, Japan, Serbia, China and French Polynesia all competed in Darwin across the fortnight of events.

The events were live streamed around the world through the ITF website and received good local media coverage throughout.

Australian Omar Jasika went back-to-back in September 2024, taking out the singles title at both the Darwin International and NT International.



Bryan Dickson (AUS) and Natsuki Irokawa (JPN) - Darwin Junior International Champions, May 2025



Alexander Klitschcharov (NZL) – Darwin International, September 2024

Rafa Nadal Tour

The Rafa Nadal Tour is a junior tennis circuit launched in Spain in 2014. Running in Australia since 2019, it has a strong focus on sport and education combining a competitive tournament aspect with dynamic and fun educational activities which are conducted both in the classroom and on court.

The off-court sessions during the event are optional for all players and focus on teaching Rafael Nadal's strong fundamental values which are:

- Humility
- Resilience
- Sportsmanship
- Commitment.

The Rafa Nadal Tour event also includes a parent information session, delivered with the help of Carlos Cuadrado.

Players competing in the event are given the opportunity to earn their way to the Rafa Nadal Australian Masters which are held in January each year. Players can earn their way to the finals through winning their age category or through receiving a Values Award.

The 2024 Rafa Nadal Tour – NT event was hosted in early July:

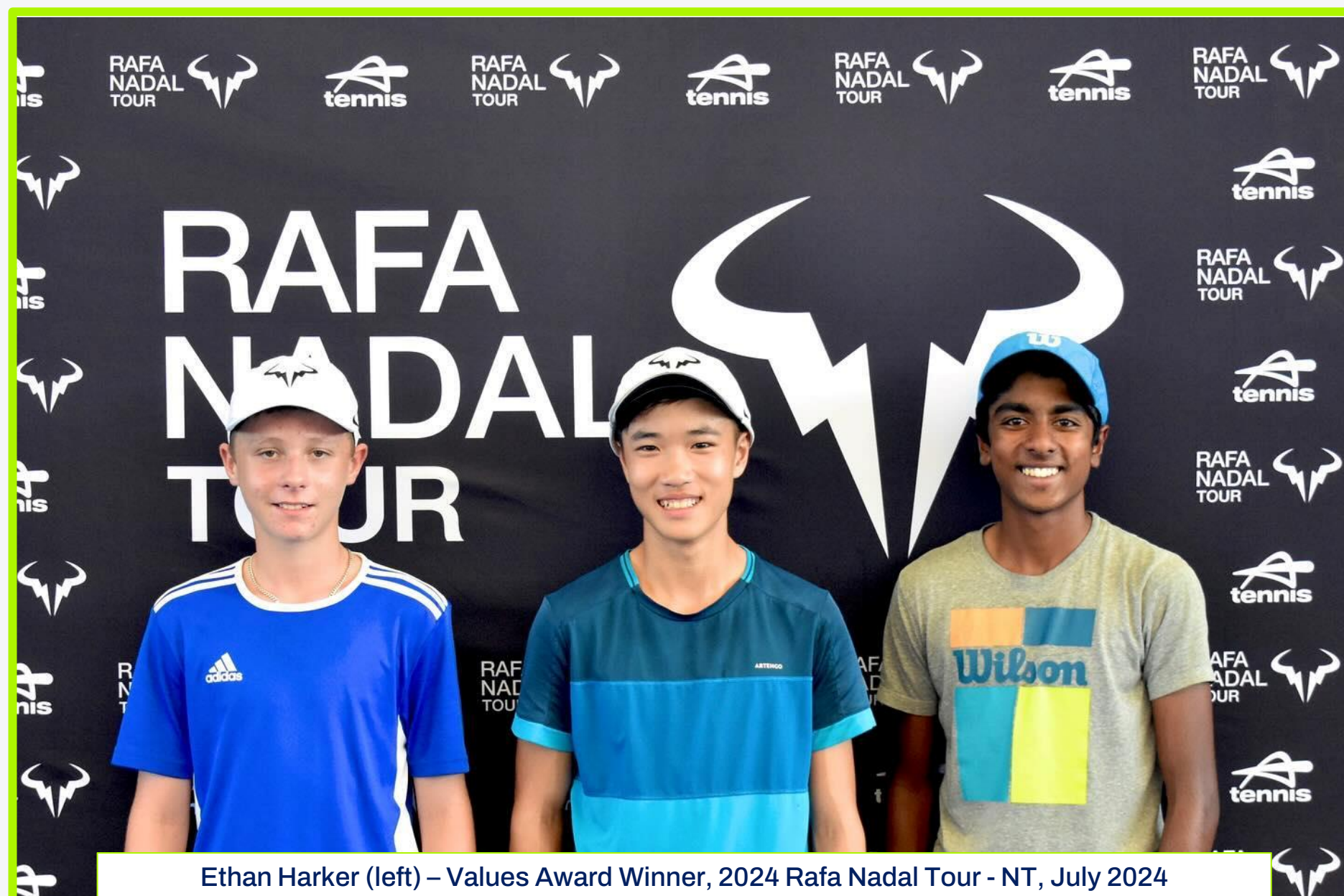
- NT player Grace Harris was the winner in the 14/u Girls Singles. Grace beat the top seeded Claire Scuderi (VIC) in the final 6-4 6-4.
- Ethan Harker was the 14/u Boys Values Award winner.

The 2025 Rafa Nadal Tour – NT event was hosted in late June:

- Alicia Ward won the 14/u Girls Values Award for her efforts throughout the event both on and off the court.



Grace Harris – 14/u Girls Singles Champion, 2024 Rafa Nadal Tour – NT, July 2024



Ethan Harker (left) – Values Award Winner, 2024 Rafa Nadal Tour - NT, July 2024



Alicia Ward – 14/u Values Award Winner, 2025 Rafa Nadal Tour - NT, June 2025



Total Entry Numbers Per Event



Event Name	Host Venue	Event Delivered By	Dates	Number of Participants	Total Entry Change FY2025 vs FY2024	% Change of Total Entries FY2025 vs FY2024
2024 OC JC Micks Ally Fab Palmerston Classic	TP	TP	4/7/24 - 6/7/24	85		No FY24 equivalent.
2024 JP250 J125 Rafa Nadal Tour - NT	DITC	TNT	8/7/24 - 10/7/24	63	3	5%
2024 JS500 J125 NT Junior Championships	DITC	TNT	11/7/24 - 14/7/24	51	0	0%
2024 Tennis Seniors NT NRT	DITC	TNT	19/7/24 - 21/7/24	15		No FY24 equivalent.
2024 OC J125 Gardens Tennis Titles	GTC	TEMS	3/8/24 - 5/8/24	58	-8	-12%
2024 NT PWII & DHoH Open	DITC	N/A	3/8/24 - 4/8/24	0		Cancelled
2024 National Indigenous Tennis Carnival (Closed Event)	DITC	TNT	8/8/24 - 11/8/24	176	-6	-3%
2024 NT Blind & Low Vision Open	DITC	TA	31/8/24 - 1/9/24	11		No FY24 equivalent.
2024 Bridge Toyota NT Open Championships (Signature 20k Men's)	DITC	TNT	2/9/24 - 6/9/24	27	-4	-13%
2024 M25 Darwin - Darwin International #1	DITC	TNT	9/9/24 - 15/9/24	68	-4	-6%
2024 M25 Darwin - Darwin International #2	DITC	TNT	16/9/24 - 22/9/24	68	-4	-6%
2024 OC JC Alice Springs Classic	ASP	ASP	14/09/2024 - 15/9/24	32	-14	-30%
2024 JC Toyota Forklifts Tennis Palmerston Term 3 Beginner Tournament	TP	TP	21/9/24 - 21/9/24	56		No FY24 equivalent.
2024 OC CBC Club Super Challenge	DITC	TNT	1/11/24 - 2/11/24	60		No FY24 equivalent.
2024 CBC Halfpenny's Junior Entry-Level Tournament	TP	TP	29/11/24 - 30/11/24	47		No FY24 equivalent.
2024 Northern Territory State Masters	DITC	TNT	6/12/24 - 8/12/24	24		No FY24 equivalent.
2024 OC CBC McDonalds ASTA Club Championships	ASP	ASP	7/12/24 - 8/12/24	31	0	0%
2025 Tennis Palmerston Beginner Tournament Term 1 2025	TP	TP	21/03/2025 - 23/3/25	71	33	87%
2025 12u & 14u Australian Claycourt Championships - NT Qualifying	DITC	TNT	22/3/25 - 23/5/25	1		Only 1 player met entry criteria.
2025 O3k J125 CBC Mindil Beach Casino Resort Gardens Open	GTC	TNT	5/4/25 - 7/4/25	110	45	69%
2025 O3k J125 CBC Palmerston #1	TP	TP	8/4/25 - 10/4/25	79	-19	-19%
2025 O3k J125 CBC DITC Open	DITC	DITC	25/4/25 - 27/4/25	66	-4	-6%
2025 OC CBC McDonalds Alice Springs Tournament - Term 1	ASP	ASP	29/4/25 - 30/4/25	0	-35	Coach left and event cancelled.
2025 O3k J125 CBC Katherine Open	KTC	TNT	3/5/25 - 5/5/25	79	-4	-5%
2025 ITF J30 Darwin Junior International	DITC	TNT	26/05/2025 - 1/6/25	80	9	13%
2025 ITF J60 NT Junior International	DITC	TNT	31/5/25 - 6/6/25	81	14	21%
2025 O10k J250 CBC 98th NT Open Championships	DITC	TNT	7/6/25 - 9/6/25	80	55	220%
2025 CBC Tennis Palmerston Beginner Tournament T2	TP	TP	13/6/25 - 15/6/25	59	3	5%
2025 JC Rafa Nadal Tour - NT	DITC	TNT	25/6/25 - 27/6/25	56	-7	-11%
2025 J500 NT Junior Championships	DITC	TNT	28/6/25 - 1/7/25	81	30	59%

The numbers in the table represent unique players entering sanctioned tournaments across all singles and doubles events.

Entries for wildcard qualifying events are restricted based on entry criteria determine along with Tennis Australia.

Following low numbers in the 2024 event, this event was moved back to the Kings Birthday long weekend following the ITF Junior events. This resulted in a significant jump in entries.

Host Venue	
DITC – Darwin International Tennis Centre	ASP – Tennis Alice Springs
GTC – Gardens Tennis Club	TP – Tennis Palmerston
KTC – Katherine Tennis Club	TEMS – Top End Multi Sports

TOTAL ENTRIES
For all FY25 sanctioned events

1,715	286	20%
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20% increase in overall event entries



Tournament Champions



2024 OC JC Mick's Ally Fab Palmerston Classic (TP)			July 2024
Junior Singles	Junior Doubles	Mixed Open Singles	Mixed Open Doubles
Rafael Prete (NT)	Rafael Prete (NT) Christina Prete (NT)	Andy Bhardwaj (NT)	Alex Capill (NT) Ethan Prosser (NT)

2024 JP Rafa Nadal Tour - NT (DITC)			July 2024
12/u Boy's Singles	12/u Girl's Singles	14/u Boy's Singles	14/u Girl's Singles
Ken Dalla Pozza (NSW)	Emilia Matruglio (IC)	Elisha Wee (SA)	Grace Harris (NT)

2024 JS500 J125 NT Junior Championships (DITC)			July 2024
12/u Boy's Singles	12/u Girl's Singles	14/u Boy's Singles	14/u Girl's Singles
Ken Dalla Pozza (NSW)	Wanda Bacskai (VIC)	Elisha Wee (SA)	Linitha Kannikanti (SA)
12/u Boy's Doubles	12/u Girl's Doubles	14/u Boy's Doubles	14/u Girl's Doubles
Bentley Kang (QLD) Thien Le (WA)	Wanda Bacskai (VIC) Emma Leung (NSW)	Elisha Wee (SA) Sarvin Dev Mahadavan (SA)	Linitha Kannikanti (SA) Claire Scuderi (VIC)

2024 Tennis Seniors NT NRT (DITC)		July 2024
30+ Men's Doubles	55+ Men's Dooubles	
Jono Grigg (NT) Ben Proctor (NT)	Edilberto Lariosa (NT) Fernando Santos (NT)	

2024 OC J125 Gardens Tennis Titles (GTC)			August 2024
Junior Singles - Tier 1	Junior Singles - Tier 2	Junior Doubles	Men's Open Singles
Rafael Prete (NT)	Taylor Albury (NT)	Rafael Prete (NT) Christina Prete (NT)	Hayden Litis (NT)
Orange Ball Singles	Green Ball Singles	Green Ball Doubles	Men's Open Doubles
Jackson Doyle (NT)	Darius Chung (NT)	Kai Dysart (NT) Darius Chung (NT)	Jono Grigg (NT) Ben Proctor (NT)

2024 National Indigenous Tennis Carnival (DITC)			August 2024
Hot Shots	Future Stars	14/u Boy's Singles	14/u Girl's Singles
Palmerston	South Australia	Ryan Bolger (QLD)	Lola Grigor (VIC)
18/u Boy's Singles	18/u Girl's Singles	14/u Boy's Doubles	14/u Girl's Doubles
Quincy Khan (NSW)	Amali Zillmann (QLD)	Oakley Baylis (NSW) Will Brooks-Gray (VIC)	Mahala Hitchings (NSW) Ayva Quigg (NSW)
18/u Boy's Doubles	18/u Girl's Doubles		
Rhylee Jackson (Lewis Murray (VIC)	Tahlia Wheatley (VIC) Amali Zillmann (QLD)		

2024 NT Blind & Low Vision Open (DITC)			August 2024
B1 Open Singles	B2 Open Singles	B3-4 Open Singles	Premier Open Singles
Nicole Muir (WA)	Oliver Fanshawe (QLD)	Michael Leigh (NSW)	Oliver Fanshawe (QLD)
B2-4 Open Doubles			
Mark Haskett (SA) Michael Leigh (NSW)			

2024 \$20,000 Bridge Toyota NT Open Championships (DITC)		September 2024
Men's Open Singles	Men's Open Doubles	
Joshua Charlton (VIC)	Joshua Charlton (VIC)& Matt Hulme (QLD)	

2024 ITF M25 Darwin International (DITC)		September 2024
Men's Open Singles	Men's Open Doubles	
Omar Jasika (AUS)	Joshua Charlton (AUS) & Jake Delaney (AUS)	

2024 ITF M25 NT International (DITC)		September 2024
Men's Open Singles	Men's Open Doubles	
Omar Jasika (AUS)	Jake Delaney (AUS) & Jesse Delaney (AUS)	

HOST VENUE	
DITC – Darwin International Tennis Centre	ASP – Tennis Alice Springs
GTC – Gardens Tennis Club	TP – Tennis Palmerston
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Tournament Champions continued...



2024 OC JC Alice Springs Classic (ASP)			September 2024
Orange Ball Singles	Junior Singles	Open Singles	
Aeden Mcarthur (NT)	Francesca Russell (NT)	Dave Neville (NT)	
Beginner Doubles	Junior Doubles	Social Doubles	Open Doubles
Brock Fendt (NT)	Sid Sherrif (NT)	Tony Griffiths (NT)	Orin Harrison (NT)
Tyler Pillow (NT)	Oliver Kenna (NT)	Annette Miller (NT)	Conor Mullins (NT)

2024 JC Toyota Forklifts Tennis Palmerston Term 3 Beginner Tournament (TP)			
Red Ball Singles	Orange Ball Singles - Div 1	Orange Ball Singles - Div 2	September 2024
Yiannis Skyllas (NT)	Jimmi Reynhout (NT)	Charlotte Thielemans (NT)	
Green Ball Singles - Div 1	Green Ball Singles - Div 2		
Xavier John (NT)	Niranjan Ilayaraja (NT)		

2024 Club Super Challenge (DITC)		November 2024
Club Champions		
Tennis Palmerston		

2024 CBC Halfpenny's Junior Entry-Level Tournament (TP)			November 2024
Orange Ball Singles - Div 1	Orange Ball Singles - Div 2	Red Ball Singles	
Darwin Marinus (NT)	Mary Johnston (NT)	Violet McNaught (NT)	

2024 Northern Territory State Masters (DITC)			December 2024
12/u Boy's Singles	12/u Girl's Singles	14/u Boy's Singles	14/u Girl's Singles
Tim Nesvinga (NT)	Caitlyn Casey (NT)	William Pengelly (NT)	Ashlyn Grigg (NT)
16/u Boy's Singles			
Maximillian Lai (NT)			

2024 OC CBC McDonalds ASTA Club Championships (ASP)			December 2024
Orange Ball Singles	Junior Singles	Open Men's Singles	Open Women's Singles
Ayan Batra (NT)	Francesca Russell (NT)	Thomas Van Haaren (NT)	Jamilee Ashenden (NT)
Beginner Doubles	Junior Doubles	Social Doubles	Open Doubles
Nathaniel Zhang (NT)	Ezra Filibeck (NT)	Latoya Miller (NT)	Alex Capill (NT)
Ayan Batra (NT)	Jinat Sandhu (NT)	Shekinah Benstead (NT)	Jamilee Ashenden (NT)

2025 CBC Tennis Palmerston Beginner Tournament T1 (TP)			March 2025
Red Ball Singles	Orange Ball Singles - Div 1	Orange Ball Singles - Div 2	Green Ball Singles
Elijah Stove (NT)	Darwin Marinus (NT)	Eamon La Porte (NT)	Paige Carey (NT)

2025 O3k J125 CBC MBCR Gardens Open (GTC)			April 2025
Red Ball Singles	Green Ball Singles	Junior Singles - Tier 1	Junior Singles - Tier 2
Mason Tournier (NT)	Hanna Pingo (NT)	Christina Prete (NT)	Alana Ward (NT)
Social Singles	Men's Open Singles	Green Ball Doubles	Junior Doubles
Byron Neophytou (QLD)	Hayden Litis (NT)	Lawrence Sun (NT) Lucas Sun (NT)	Rafael Prete (NT) William Pengelly (NT)
Pickleball Doubles	Social Doubles	Men's Open Doubles	
Jarrold Ashcroft (NT) Jonathan Lee (NT)	Jake Berry (NT) Debbie Wecker (NT)	Lennox Boles (QLD) Jasper Tam (QLD)	

2025 O3k J125 CBC Palmerston #1 (TP)			April 2025
Orange Ball Singles	Green Ball Singles	Junior Singles - Tier 1	Junior Singles - Tier 2
Miguel Banaga (NT)	Xavier John (NT)	William Pengelly (NT)	Mia Rose O'Connor (NT)
Social Singles	Men's Open Singles	Orange Ball Doubles	Green Ball Doubles
Ashlyn Grigg (NT)	Hayden Litis (NT)	Miguel Banaga (NT) Patrick McSharry (NT)	Lucas Sun (NT) Lawrence Sun (NT)
Junior Doubles	Social Doubles	Men's Open Doubles	
William Pengelly (NT) Mitchell Hancock (NT)	Clyde Densel Duran (NT) Raymark Abanos (NT)	Andy Bhardwaj (NT) Hayden Litis (NT)	

2025 O3k J125 CBC DITC Open (DITC)			April 2025
Red Ball Singles	Orange Ball Singles	Green Ball Singles	Junior Singles - Tier 2
Leo Tournier (NT)	Victor Lee (NT)	Lawrence Sun (NT)	Darius Chung (NT)
Junior Singles - Tier 1	Social Singles	Open Singles	Green Ball Doubles
William Pengelly (NT)	Oliver Penman (NT)	Andy Bhardwaj (NT)	Xander Hoppo (NT) Louis Lamont (NT)
Junior Doubles	Men's Open Doubles	Pickleball Doubles	
Maximillian Lai (NT) RoyVo (NT)	Andy Bhardwaj (NT) Hayden Litis (NT)	Hayden Litis (NT) Arran Kenna (NT)	

Tournament Champions continued...



2025 O3k J125 CBC Katherine Open (KTC)			May 2025
Red Ball Singles	Orange Ball Singles	Green Ball Singles	Junior Singles
Lewis Sheridan (NT)	Samuel Palakal (NT)	Perta Roussos (NT)	Regan McGregor (NT)
Social Singles	Men's Open Singles	Women's Open Singles	Green Ball Doubles
Killian Carthy (NT)	Lincoln Pratt (NT)	Lucia Placidi (NT)	Jack Harker (NT) Petra Roussos (NT)
Junior Doubles	Social Doubles	Men's Open Doubles	
Ethan Harker (NT) Grace Harris (NT)	Manas Thapa (NT) Andrew McKerracher (NT)	Lincoln Pratt (NT) Ethan Prosser (NT)	

2025 ITF J30 Darwin Junior International (DITC)			May 2025
Junior Boy's Singles	Junior Girl's Singles	Junior Boy's Doubles	Junior Girl's Doubles
Bryan Dickson (AUS)	Natsuki Irokawa (JPN)	Bryan Dickson (AUS) Ethan Domingo (AUS)	Natsuki Irokawa (JPN) Eme Shinichi (JPN)

2025 ITF J60 NT Junior International (DITC)			June 2025
Junior Boy's Singles	Junior Girl's Singles	Junior Boy's Doubles	Junior Girl's Doubles
Daniel Jovanovski (AUS)	Natsuki Irokawa (JPN)	Bryan Dickson (AUS) Luke Jie Xi Ho (SGP)	Mia Princip (AUS) Simone Cameron (AUS)

2025 O10k J250 CBC 98th NT Open Championships (DITC)			June 2025
Red Ball Singles	Orange Ball Singles	Green Ball Singles	12/u Boy's Singles
Lwin Htoo (NT)	Victor Lee (NT)	Louis Lamont (NT)	Lucas Magda (SA)
14/u Boy's Singles	14/u Girl's Singles	Adult Social Singles	Men's Open Singles
Ethan Harker (NT)	Lucy McNaught (NT)	Megan Holzfeind (NT)	Michael Smith (SA)
Women's Open Singles	Green Ball Doubles	14/u Boy's Doubles	14/u Girl's Doubles
Isabella Crossman (VIC)	Zachary Tepper (NT) Louis Lamont (NT)	Lucas Magda (SA) William Pengelly (NT)	Lucy McNaught (NT) Taylor Albury (NT)
Adult Social Doubles	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	
Doug Harris (NT) Grace Harris (NT)	Bryan Dickson (SA) Michael Smith (SA)	Isabella Crossman (VIC) Piper Freeman (NT)	

2025 CBC Tennis Palmerston Beginner Tournament T2 (TP)			June 2025
Red Ball Singles	Orange Ball Singles - Div 2	Orange Ball Singles - Div 1	Green Ball Singles
Sadie Timms (NT)	Eleanor Nortey (NT)	Cooper Wells Minnett (NT)	Charlotte McKay (NT)

2025 JC Rafa Nadal Tour - NT (DITC)			June 2025
12/u Boy's Singles	12/u Girl's Singles	14/u Boy's Singles	14/u Girl's Singles
Oliver Williams (SA)	Emma Leung (NSW)	Nicholas Scott (QLD)	Layla Fulmanski (QLD)

2025 J500 J125 NT Junior Championships (DITC)			June 2025
12/u Boy's Singles	12/u Girl's Singles	14/u & 16/u Boy's Singles	14/u & 16/u Girl's Singles
Oliver Williams (SA)	Kyla Guirguis (VIC)	Luka Modra (SA)	Layla Fulmanski (QLD)
12/u Boy's Doubles	12u Girl's Doubles	14/u Boy's Doubles	14/u Girl's Doubles
Isaac Chisholm (SA) Oliver Williams (SA)	Isabelle Gun (QLD) Emma Leung (VIC)	Luke Modra (SA) Nicholas Scott (QLD)	Anna Banson (VIC) Amelia Miloseski (WA)

HOST VENUE	
DITC – Darwin International Tennis Centre	ASP – Tennis Alice Springs
GTC – Gardens Tennis Club	TP – Tennis Palmerston
KTC – Katherine Tennis Club	TEMS – Top End Multi Sports

PATHWAYS

Talent Programs



Ethan Harker – QLD Junior Teams Carnival – Gold Coast, December 2024

NT Talent Pathways

Talent Operations Manager Jess Polack left the NT in December, leaving big shoes to fill across a number of areas. During the staffing gap from January 2024 to April 2025, coaches Ben McLachlan (TEMS), Nicky Mayer (Gove Peninsula Tennis Club), Alex Capill (Tennis Palmerston), Emily Ooms-Webb, and Andy Bhardwaj ran Talent squads and supported players on the Talent pathway at events.

In late April we welcomed Martin Rocca to the NT, in the new “Talent and Coach Manager” role. Martin’s role reports to Coach Development and Performance (Talent) at Tennis Australia. We were glad to welcome Martin with the Katherine Open event within his first week in the NT. We look forward to his positive impact in the NT.

The following Talent programs were run through FY2025:

- Super 10’s & Super 10’s Accelerate Squad: age 10/u
- Zone Squad: age 12/u
- National Development Squad “NDS”: age 13 – 18

Talent Program Participants in FY2025		
Name	Club	Program
Darcy Rayson	TEMS	Super 10’s Accelerate
Darius Chen	TEMS	Super 10’s Accelerate
Kai Dysart	Tennis Palmerston	Super 10’s Accelerate
Jack Harker	TEMS / DITC	Super 10’s Accelerate
Lucas Sun	DITC	Super 10’s Accelerate
Hanna Pingo	TEMS / DITC	Super 10’s Accelerate
Alicia Ward	Palmerston	Zone Squad
Caitlyn Casey	Palmerston	Zone Squad
Darius Chung	TEMS	Zone Squad
Hunter Mills	TEMS	Zone Squad
Kai Dysart	Palmerston	Zone Squad
Keelan Te Whata	Palmerston	Zone Squad
Lucy McNaught	Palmerston	Zone Squad
Roy Vo	TEMS	Zone Squad/NDS
Taylor Albury	Palmerston	Zone Squad
Will Pengelly	Palmerston	Zone Squad/NDS
Mia-Rose O'Connor	TEMS	Zone Squad
Niranjan Ilayaraja	Palmerston	Zone Squad
Ethan Harker	DITC	NDS
Grace Harris	TEMS	NDS
Lincoln Pratt	TEMS	NDS
Maximillian Lai	TEMS	NDS
Christina Prete	TEMS	NDS
Rafael Prete	TEMS	NDS
Jericho Prete	TEMS	NDS

SUPER 10’S NATIONAL CAMP AT THE 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

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The NT had 3 young players participating in the National Super 10’s camp held in Melbourne Park. Kai Dysart, Darius Chung, and Darcy Rayson earned the opportunity to participate in this National Super 10’s camp as a result of their participation and performance within the NT’s Super 10’s program. Participants in the Super 10’s program must display specific tennis competencies, receive regular coaching, and demonstrate their commitment to tennis.

The theme for the 2025 Super 10’s camp was “experience”, and this camp lived up to it. The NT team arrived at Melbourne Park on Tuesday of week 2 staying through to Sunday and had an unforgettable time. So far they have seen the “backstage” of the Australian Open, something few people are privileged to do. They walked the iconic Walk of Champions onto Rod Laver Arena and had a hit on Australia’s most famous court (Darwin’s formerly tilted court is a close second).

Team Events



Bruce Cup - Brisbane, August 2024

The 2024 12/u School Sport Australia Tennis Championships (also known as the Bruce Cup) were held in Darwin at the Darwin International Tennis Centre and Gardens Tennis.

Teams from all states and territories travelled to Darwin to compete in the event.

The NT team finished in 8th position out of 8 teams.

While the team was not competitive with the top teams, they earned valuable experience and came away with a greater understanding of the level required to be competitive with the best players in the country.

The NT was represented at this event by:

Ethan Harker	Alicia Ward
William Pengelly	Taylor Albury
Roy Vo	Caitlyn Casey
Riley Clark	Lucy McNaught
Darius Chung	Mia Rose O'Connor
Xander Hoppo	Francesca Russell
Sid Sherif	Elizabeth France

Coach: Andy Bhardwaj **Manager:** Leanne Usher

Thanks to School Sport NT for their continuing support of the NT Tennis pathway.



2024 NT Bruce Cup Team, Darwin International Tennis Centre

Queensland Junior Teams Carnival – Gold Coast, December 2024

Two teams represented the NT in the 2024 QLD Junior Teams Carnival in December on the Gold Coast.

Team	Manager	Final Placing
14/u	Nicky Mayer	Placed 12 th / 17 teams
18/u	Andy Bhardwaj	Placed 4 th / 11 teams

The Queensland Junior Teams Carnival represents a good opportunity for our teams to compete against a mixture of regional and metro players from across the QLD regions.

The 18/u team were undefeated in their pool matches and were competing for the top positions in the event, however rain affected play and all teams were unable to compete on the final day of the event.

Generally, our teams are competitive at this level of event, it provides our best players valuable interstate experience, and it will continue to form an important part of the NT player development pathway moving forward.

The NT was represented at this event by:

14/u Team: Ethan Harker, Roy Vo, William Pengelly, Alicia Ward and Imogen Hoppo
18/u Team: Lincoln Pratt, Maximillian Lai, Blake Foreshew (QLD), Eva Harris, Amber Sharp and Ava Willoughby

Australian Teams Championships – Gold Coast, June 2025

Two teams represented the NT in the 2025 Australian Teams Championships in June on the Gold Coast. This year the NT fielded teams in 4 out of 6 categories.

Team	Manager	Result
11s Boys	Ben McLachlan	Placed 10th / 10 teams
13s Boys	Benjamin McLachlan	Placed 10th / 10 teams
13s Girls	Alex Capill	Placed 10th / 10 teams
15s Girls	Martin Rocca	Placed 10th / 10 teams

With tennis in the NT being in the rebuild stage at a junior level the event was tough. The event provided excellent exposure to the current level nationally, and players demonstrated resilience and team camaraderie.

The NT was represented at this event by:

11/u Boys: Darius Chung, Kai Dysart and Niranjana Ilayaraja
13/u Boys: Ethan Harker, Rafael Prete and Roy Vo
13/u Girls: Alicia Ward, Caitlyn Casey, Lucy McNaught and Francesca Russell
15/u Girls: Christina Prete, Grace Harris and Ashlyn Grigg



Australian Teams Championships, Gold Coast, June 2025

Individual Events



Australian Hardcourt Championships, Adelaide, October 2024

NT had a playoff between Christina Prete and Grace Harris to determine who would enter for NT within the 14u girls draw, which Cristina won. However, Grace was offered a “lucky loser” spot and so also gained entry to the event.

National Claycourt Championships, Canberra, April 2025

In April, Lucy McNaught was offered a Wildcard to compete in the 2025 Australian Claycourt Championships, 12/u Girls Singles and Doubles.

Junior ITFs, Darwin, May-June 2024

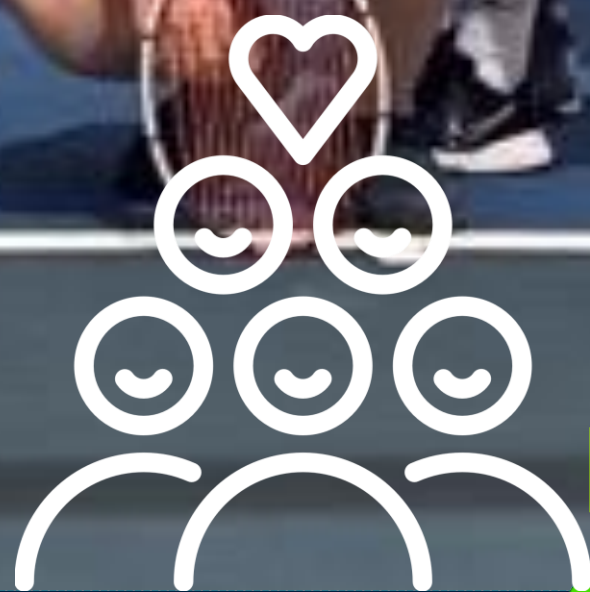
6 NT players competed in qualifying for the Darwin Junior International and NT Junior International events.

Alicia Ward and Imogen Hoppo competed in the first round of doubles main draw of the Darwin Junior International.

Lincoln Pratt partnered with interstate player Ben Spotswood in the Darwin Junior International doubles winning their first-round match.



Alicia Ward and Imogen Hoppo – Darwin Junior International, May 2025



COACH

New coach trainees at Trainee Coaching Course, May 2025

Officiating

In September 2024, a total of 8 NT officials were a part of the officiating team for the ITF World Tennis Tour (Pro Tour) events. Martin Oosthuysen was the ITF Supervisor appointed to both Pro Tour events, the first time an NT official has performed that role. Greg Dickson chaired matches throughout both events, with Jenny Roe, Leanne Usher, Alicia Boyle, Tarun Soni, Siwa Boonmanee, and Simon Swenson working throughout the fortnight as Line Umpires.

Several NT officials worked throughout the Australian Summer of Tennis events, working across the country in Canberra, Adelaide and in Melbourne at the Australian Open.

In May 2025, Tennis Australia staff members Peter Wroblewski and Darren Sahb visited the NT to meet with local officials, promote the pathway and share their work on an improved online learning system for new and existing officials.

Officiating Workshop run in May 2025 to develop NT coaches
Delivered by Tennis Australia
Where: Darwin International Tennis Centre
Targeted at: existing officials.
Goal: develop individual goals and pathways for existing officials and their development.

International Events
In FY2025 the NT continued to see strong local representation among the officials at our international events, with Martin Oosthuysen, Greg Dickson, Jennifer Roe, Leanne Usher, Alcia Boyle, Siwa Boonmanee, Tarun Soni and Simon Swenson all officiating throughout the year.

Martin Oosthuysen also acted as an officiating mentor for several officials during the ITF Junior events held in May and June 2025.

Thank you, NT Officials!	
Name	
Alicia Boyle	
Greg Dickson	
Jennifer Roe	
Leanne Usher	
Martin Oosthuysen	
Siwa Boonmanee	
Fiona Walker	
Simon Swenson	
Tarun Soni	

NT Officials	Top End	Alice Springs
Referee	2	1
Chair Umpire	1	1
Court Supervisor	4	1
Line Umpire	6	1
Competition Assistant	8	5

Note: Some individuals are counted multiple times where they have multiple different qualifications. A total of 19 individuals are qualified officials or have completed competition assistant training.

Coach



In December 2024, Tennis NT farewelled Jess Polack who had been unofficially the Coach Development lead in the NT. In April 2025 Martin Rocca joined the NT in a new role called “Talent and Coach Manager”. Martin’s role reports to Tennis Australia’s Coach team and Performance (Talent) teams respectively.

Coach development in the NT through FY25 focussed on the upskilling of a group of coaches completing their Junior Development level qualification which is a Certificate III in Sport Coaching. The table below shows all coaches who have completed their qualification. Coaches in the course do have the ability to complete their coursework over a longer period of time, we should see a further 2 coaches complete their qualification during FY26.

Additionally, a trainee level course was run in FY25. The Trainee Coaching Course was held in Darwin, representatives from all member club areas took part.

NT’s New Junior Development Qualified Coaches	
Name	Club
Alex Capill	Tennis Palmerston
Liam Jong	Tennis Palmerston
Andy Bhardwaj	Darwin International Tennis Centre
Hayden Litis	Darwin International Tennis Centre
Simon Swenson	Gardens Tennis Club / Darwin International Tennis Centre
Lincoln Pratt	TEMS / Darwin International Tennis Centre
Grace Henderson	Tennis NT



Coach Liam Jong competing at the Gardens Open, April 2025

Coach

This below table shows the number of coaches who have recognition of learning, registration, or qualification from Tennis Australia. We must continually train new, and upskill existing coaches at every level. In FY2025, our biggest efforts and learnings were from the least experienced to the more experience coaches. Tennis NT embarked on introductory level tennis coach training with a range of people across the NT. At a beginner level, we found that our approach to “training the trainer” was more effective when we assumed no prior knowledge of or experience with tennis.

The continued growth in overall numbers is positive, but the NT still has a lack of qualified coaches and those experienced in operating a venue. As a less populated place with fewer clubs, there is an outsized impact any time we lose an experienced coach.

Coaches in the NT – as reported by Tennis Australia Coach Membership and Course Completion	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Have completed Tennis Australia’s official Tennis Participation course (an introductory course for tennis delivery) online or in-person equivalent	n/a	n/a	18
Trainee* TOTAL: - Assistant coaches associated with a Qualified coach - Or, have completed the 2 day “Trainee Coaching Course” - Or, is a registered “Community Play” level coach	3	33	35
Qualified TOTAL Coaches who have obtained Junior Development Course Qualification level and above.	10	8	14



Participation Course Trainees, Jilkminggan Community School, April 2025

Training and Professional Development	Trainees	When / Where	Delivered by
Junior Development Qualification	10 coaches.	Began in FY2024 and continued through FY2025 Darwin International Tennis Centre	Tennis Australia
Serve and Return through the stages	For coaches actively coaching (11 in attendance)	August 2025 Darwin International Tennis Centre	Tennis Australia
Seda College - train the trainer	Over 50 SEDA students upskilled in tennis for school clinic delivery. Tennis NT to collaborate and attend SEDA clinics at schools	February-June 2025	Tennis NT
Participation course (introductory “train the trainer” course)	Schools participation + ‘train the Trainer’ tennis training for 6 community mentors across the East Arnhem Region. Teacher upskilling also completed for all Nhulunbuy School PE teachers	February 2025 Gove & Dhalingbuy (1 hour from Gove Peninsula Tennis Club)	Tennis NT, Nicky Mayer
Participation course (introductory “train the trainer” course)	Teachers and teachers aides at Jilkmingann School	April 2025 Jilkmingann (1 hour from Katherine)	Tennis NT
Trainee coaching course	18 people All member club regions were represented with participants.	Weekend course at end of May Darwin International Tennis Centre	Tennis Australia

PROMOTING THE BRAND



Omar Jasika, Darwin International and NT International
Champion, September 2024

Promoting Tennis

We continued to invest in media around the key times when tennis is in the news primarily from late December to the end of February, and when grand slams and other major tournaments are in the news.

To kick off 2025 the team worked with Hot100 in Darwin to take part in Feb Fit, and through that month we also supported some member clubs by delivering free activities for new participants.

The team also ran an ongoing lead-generation campaign online to find new tennis players and provide those leads to clubs and coaches.

In FY2025 Tennis NT continued with it's "always on" strategy of providing local content about tennis in the NT across web and social media. The images shown represent all of the news articles written in FY2025. We do this to give additional value to partners and sponsors of events at member clubs and to highlight the local stories around the NT tennis community.

This has been bolstered with a regular competitive play newsletter which promotes and provides information on competitive play opportunities at every level around the NT.

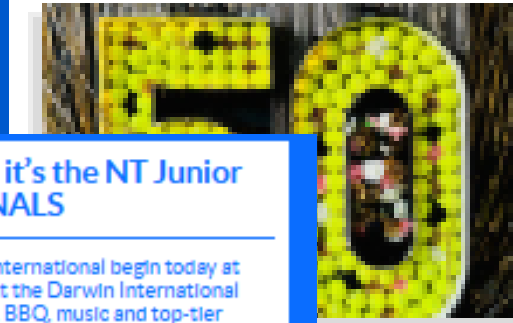
The team are active in promoting tennis to reach new people and to ensure that no one missed out on tennis - share opportunities with us through Tennis Development Officer Ben Cunningham.

Through ITF event periods hosted in the NT we have invested in professional content capture across video and photography.

We do this to showcase the location and the players at their best.

We have found this to be an effective way to leverage the social media presence of tennis players from outside the NT, ultimately giving NT events a bigger audience and building the NT's reputation as a great place to play tennis.

Gove gets into the groove with their funky 50th birthday celebration



Fifty years + a little extra in the making... last Saturday the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club celebrated it's milestone birthday with a huge celebration that...

The Palmy Army Win The Super Club Challenge



Held over 2 days and 2 venues on the first weekend of November, the Club Super Challenge returned and had players from Darwin and Palmerston clubs join in. All levels...

Green Ball Nationals

Tennis Australia's Green Ball Nationals is an exciting new pathway, elevating local Coloured Ball Competitions to a national stage! This year, Northern Territory...

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Move over Paris, it's the NT Junior International FINALS

Finals for the NT Junior International begin today at 4pm on Friday 6th June, at the Darwin International Tennis Centre in Marrara. BBQ, music and top-tier finals on with...

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World Tennis Tour Junior ITF: Igniting Darwin's Dry Season

Get ready! The World Tennis Tour Junior ITF tournaments are heading our way, ushering in the dry season with thrilling, non-stop tennis action! These events are a...

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NT players battle it out in qualifying rounds at the Darwin Junior International

Local Tennis players seek to qualify for the Darwin Junior International in Darwin, NT. The Darwin and NT International events form a part of the ITF World Junior...

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Tennis Supports the Duke of Education "Duke 4 Sport" Volunteer Service Program

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Tennis NT is proud to support The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, a global youth development program empowering...

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Territory Competitive Play - May Newsletter

To stay up-to-date with future tennis events and welcome to the May edition of the Territory Competitive Play Newsletter! We hope you're enjoying the cha...

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Racquets and Red Dust - Nhulunbuy

In March, Tennis NT headed out to Nhulunbuy. We had an excited team and packed agenda to support the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club with their continued thriving growth...

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Growing tennis through school sports

School Sport Australia and under Tennis pathway (also known as the Bruc Cup) Every year, School Sport Education NT "SSENT" run regional, inter-region...

2024 Queensland Junior Teams Carnival - a Great Campaign for NT Players

From 14th to 18th December, the Northern Territory junior players showcased their talent and resilience at the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival, managed by team leaders...

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2024 Northern Territory State Masters

Across the 6th to the 8th of December, the NT held it's first invitational "Northern Territory State Masters" event in Darwin. This was an opportunity for...

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NT coach Ben McLachlan from Top End Multi Sports has won the 2024 'Excellence in Coaching - Club' award at the Australian Tennis Awards. We are incredibly...

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Hot Shots Tennis Racquet Roadshow returns to NT with Tennis Palmerston and Moulden Park School

The Hot Shots Tennis Racquet Roadshow has returned to the NT for another year, with Moulden Park School receiving 50 brand new racquets - presented by Tennis NT and...

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Three NT finalists in the running for the 2024 Australian Tennis Awards

We are thrilled to announce that the NT has three finalists in the 2024 Australian Tennis Awards (the Newcombe Medal) which will be held on December 9th in Melbourne...

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Tennis NT 2024 Awards Night Winners

The 2024 Tennis NT Awards Night was held on Saturday 16th November 2024 at the beautiful setting of the Darwin Turf Club in Fannie Bay. Thanks to all of the tennis...

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Tennis NT Annual General Meeting News

On Saturday 16th November, Tennis NT held its Annual General Meeting at the Darwin International Tennis Centre in Marrara. The Tennis NT 2024 Annual Report was...

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Women Leaders in Tennis 2024 - graduation celebration

The Women Leaders in Tennis program just celebrated the graduation of their second cohort of women who have completed the program. This program spans four months...

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JASIKA is the back-to-back champ following a 3-set finals win against WATT

On Sunday 22nd September Omar JASIKA from Victoria, ranked 230 in the world, faced off against James WATT from New Zealand, ranked 1208 for the mens singles title in the...

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2024 NT International - pro tennis till Sunday 22nd Sept at Marrara

The 2024 NT International is the last in a series of professional tennis events being hosted in Darwin. This event has attracted players from around the world who are...

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Omar Jasika is the 2024 Darwin International Champion!

Sunday afternoon at the Darwin International Tennis Centre, Omar JASIKA faced off against Jake DELANEY for the mens singles final match of the Darwin International...

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2024 Bridge Toyota NT Open Championships kicks off the September Series of tennis

The September Series of biggest tennis in the NT kicked off with the 2024 Bridge Toyota NT Open Championships. This event is a wonderful tournament for our top local...

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NT hosts the School Sport Australia 12 Years and Under Tennis Championships

Yesterday wrapped the 2024 School Sport Australia 12 Years and Under Tennis Championships. 112 kids representing every state and territory of Australia competed for...

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National Indigenous Tennis Carnival 2024 - An Event to Remember

184 Indigenous kids from every state and territory around Australia. Two female Indigenous tennis icons in the house. Live performances from ARIA award-winning artist...

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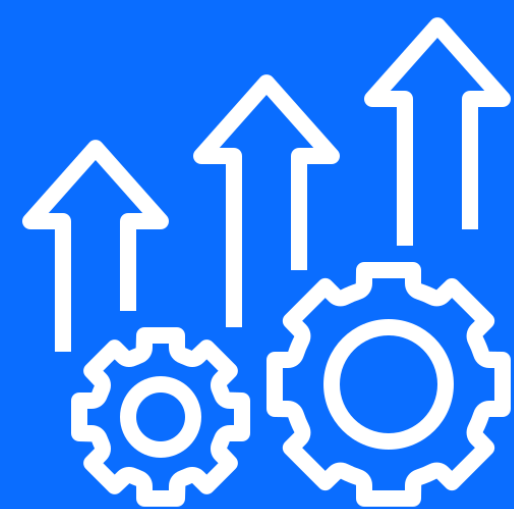
A smashing time from Gove to Gardens on Picnic Day weekend

Picnic Day weekend had Gardens Tennis club hosting their second tournament of the year. This year's event came with some extra excitement as Coach Nicky Mayer from...

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ORGANISATION



Tennis NT team, October 2025

Organisation



Tennis NT Team

During this year we welcomed and farewelled key staff members. Talent Operations Manager Jess Polack left the NT in December. In late April we welcomed Martin Rocca to the NT to the newly formed “Talent and Coach Manager” role.

Peta Stephens’ departure from the Head of Tennis role opened an opportunity for Sam Giess to step into that crucial role. Grace Henderson stepped into Sam’s previous role “Tournaments, Competitions and Operations Manager” in an acting capacity.

Professional Development

- Grace Henderson, Hayden Litis, and Andy Bhardwaj completed Tennis Australia’s Junior Development Coaching Course.
- Jess Polack graduated from Tennis Australia’s Next Generation – Performance Coach Program in May 2024 (6-month course).
- Emily Carroll did a secondment with the AO 2025 Diversity and Inclusion team.
- Sam Giess successfully ran his second year of major events: Junior ITF’s, Pro Tours, and the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival.
- Sam Giess completed the Foundations of Directorship course with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).
- Tania Tandora is on the pathway to completing the Company Directors Course with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).
- The Tennis NT team completed cultural awareness training from Red Dust Training and Tennis Australia.

Stakeholder Feedback

The 7th iteration of Tennis Australia’s annual national customer satisfaction survey of club, coach and councils was completed for FY2025. The survey was distributed to Tennis NT stakeholders representing member clubs, coaches and councils in January 2025. The survey collects and reports on data in the areas of: Tennis Australia Programs, Staff Support, Development and Education, Club Operations, Marketing and Promotions, and Software and Systems. While the sample size for NT was again low with only 8 respondents compared to 5 last year, the results were positive:

Key takeaways from the survey include:

- An “Overall Satisfaction” score of 9 from a possible score of 10. This is higher than the national average of 7.7, and is an improvement compared to the NT’s previous score of 8.
- Tennis staff are the main services used in the NT.
- Stakeholders value the engagement and communication from Tennis NT staff.
- Key areas of focus for Tennis NT, as requested by our stakeholders:
 - Marketing – specifically for Tennis NT investment into advertising clubs and club events.
 - Coaches – for Tennis NT to promote coaching opportunities in the NT and attract coaches to clubs.

Strategy - Moving Forward

Tennis NT engaged with a range of stakeholders to develop a new strategic plan, shown below. We thank all stakeholders for their feedback and collaboration. The next phase of change is to re-structure the Tennis NT team, setting the groundwork to enable the growth tennis in the NT.

Vision Statement	Better lives, thriving communities, and more fun though tennis.				
Mission Statement	We believe tennis makes life better so we work with and inspire the NT community to grow tennis.				
Values	Imagination	Collaboration	Humility	Excellence	
Guiding principles	We will put Territory Tennis on the map We will grow our numbers and depth across participation, pathways and coaching.				
	We stay close to the grassroots We get involved and we love tennis.				
	We champion community, connection and inclusion We work together to create welcoming environments where people form connections that last a lifetime.				
	We keep it simple We promote and grow tennis.				
ENABLERS	Our People and Partners		Systems, Processes & Data		Innovation & Sustainability
Objective	We partner with clubs and coaches, the NT community, and Tennis Australia to build a vibrant tennis network supported by a high-performing team.		We elevate our systems, processes and data capture to enable better Territory-informed decision making for the sustained growth of Tennis.		We champion operational excellence, nurture sustainable growth, and spark innovation with best-practice governance—ensuring tennis thrives across the NT into the future.
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	Places to Play	Clubs & Coaches	Grow Tennis	Pathways	Marketing & Events
Objective	Secure the future of tennis venues and enable flexible, inclusive places to play in the NT.	Increased capacity to grow tennis and stronger relationships with the NT network of member clubs and coaches.	Grow the tennis community by making it easy for everyone to play, so more people choose tennis.	We engage & help our players, coaches, officials & ballkids to be their best through clear & flexible pathways.	We showcase Territory Tennis & the many ways to play, to engage new and existing fans.



Honour Roll

Tennis NT Awards Night, November 2024

Awards



Tennis NT Awards Night



Michael Mayer and Bronwyn Rossingh from Gove Peninsula Tennis Club, at the Tennis NT Awards Night

Tennis NT congratulates the winners from the Tennis NT Awards Night 2024, at the Darwin Turf Club. We appreciate those who go to the effort to recognize others in the tennis community through nominating their peers for awards.

Austin Asche Trophy	Lincoln Pratt
Club of the Year	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
Excellence in Coaching – Club Coach	Ben McLachlan
Most Outstanding School	Nightcliff Middle School
Most Outstanding Tournament	The Katherine Open
Excellence in Officiating	Greg Dickson
Junior Athlete of the Year – Female	Eva Harris
Junior Athlete of the Year – Male	Lincoln Pratt
Club Person of the Year – Palmerston	Steve Ward
Club Person of the Year – Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	Mihalia Giallouris and Annette Hebi
Club Person of the Year – Top End Multi Sports	Michelle Trawinski
Club Person of the Year – Katherine Tennis Club	Daniel Birch and Tracey Dobson
Club Person of the Year – Darwin International Tennis Centre	Ruth O’Brien

Australian Tennis Awards

The NT had 3 finalists in the Australian Tennis Awards held in December 2024.

Excellence in Officiating: Greg Dickson
Excellence in Coaching – Club: Ben McLachlan (Top End Multi Sports)
Most Outstanding School: Nightcliff Middle School

We were thrilled to be competitive in 3 categories and congratulate Ben McLachlan for winning the Australian Tennis Award for Excellence in Coaching – Club.

11 December 2024 | Tennis NT



NT coach Ben McLachlan from [Top End Multi Sports](#) has won the 2024 ‘Excellence in Coaching – Club’ award at the Australian Tennis Awards.

We are incredibly proud of all our nominees for the Australian Tennis Awards tonight. This year the NT was recognised with 3 finalists in the awards. Thank you to Mat Ryan from Nightcliff Middle School nominated for “Most Outstanding School”. Thank you to Greg Dickson who was nominated for the “Excellence in Officiating” award. Congratulations again to Ben McLachlan winner of the “Excellence in Coaching – Club” award. The NT was also proud to quickly establish themselves as the most vocal table, enthusiastically supporting all NT nominees through the night.

The Australian Tennis Awards is a special event that recognizes and rewards people who make tennis possible and thrive around Australia. As we know, the awards night is just the tip of the iceberg. Tennis NT would like to thank all of the coaches, officials, club operators, volunteers and players who are a part of the NT tennis community who help support and grow the sport every day with actions big and small through your love of the game.

See all 2024 award winners at the [2024 Australian Tennis Awards](#).

NT Sports Awards

Greg Dickson was nominated for the “Official of the Year Award” Northern Territory Sports Awards | Department of People, Sport and Culture .

GREG DICKSON NAMED A FINALIST FOR NT OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AT THE 2025 NT SPORTS AWARDS

3 March 2025 | Tennis NT



Congratulations to Greg Dickson on being named a finalist for NT Official of the Year at the 2025 NT Sports Awards. Greg’s award selection recognises his dedication and achievements as an official, especially his successes over the past year.

Below is a shortlist of just some of Greg’s achievements over the past 12-months:

- Chair Umpire for the Victorian Wheelchair Open and Canberra International.
- Official at Multiple Australian Open’s
- Venue Supervisor for the Bruce Cup at Gardens Tennis Club
- Chair Umpire for ITF Men’s Pro Tour Quarterfinals
- Chair Umpire for All ITF Juniors Finals Matches
- Venue Supervisor at Numerous Junior Tournaments in NT
- Selection for the 1000 Masters ATP Tournament in Shanghai
- Mentorship and Development of new Officials

Honour Roll

Tennis NT Presidents

Steve Rossingh	2021 - current
David De Silva	2017 - 2021
Warren Martin	2008 – 2017
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.

5 Nov 2022	Joel Crawford
2 Nov 2019	Gary Bigg
	Les Mitchell
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

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

2023-24	Lincoln Pratt
2022-23	Amber Sharp
2021-22	Rafael Fulmanski
2020-21	Peter Politis
2019-20	Peter Politis
2018-19	Jett Leong
2017-18	Jett Leong
2016-17	Kenneth Prete
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

Most Outstanding School

2023-24	Nightcliff Middle School
2022-23	Nightcliff Middle School
2021-22	Nightcliff Primary School
2020-21	Casuarina Street Primary School
2019-20	Nightcliff Primary School
2018-19	Nightcliff Primary School
2017-18	Casuarina Street Primary School
2016-17	The Essington School, Darwin
2015-16	Nightcliff Primary School

Volunteer Achievement Award

2020-21	Tara Keenan-Russell
2019-20	Joel Crawford
	Jamie & Ruth O'Brien
2016-17	Charles Webb
2015-16	Kathy Brummitt

Excellence in Officiating

2023-24	Greg Dickson
2022-23	Greg Dickson
2021-22	No Nominations Received
2020-21	Jennifer Roe/Leanne Usher
2019-20	Not awarded due to COVID-19
2018-19	Leanne Usher
2017-18	Virginia Moore
2016-17	Jennifer Roe
2015-16	Gary Bigg

Club of the Year

2023-24	Gove Peninsula Tennis Club
2022-23	Katherine Tennis Club
2021-2022	Tennis Palmerston
2020-2021	Top End Multi Sports
2019-2020	Gardens Tennis
2018-19	Gardens Tennis
2017-18	Gardens Tennis
2016-17	Tennis Palmerston
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

Club Persons of the Year

Alice Springs Tennis Association

2023-24	No nomination
2022-23	Joel Crawford
2021-22	Kasper Chen

2020-21	Tom Neville
2019-20	Joel Crawford
2018-19	Jenny Ashenden
2017-18	Jenny Ashenden
2016-17	Lloyd Remedio
2015-16	Karen Jones
2014-15	Julie Dawson
2013-14	Debbie Diemer
2012-13	Karen Brown
2011-12	Luke Horsfall
2010-11	Gary Bigg

Alice Springs Tennis Association

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

Gardens Tennis

(Formerly: Darwin Tennis Association)

2023-24	No nomination
2022-23	Bryan Dowling
2021-22	Andrew Hawke
2020-21	Bryan & Lynne Dowling
2019-20	Jamie & Ruth O'Brien
2018-19	Ruth O'Brien
2017-18	Mike & Zou Little
2016-17	Charles Webb
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

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

Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

2023-24	Mihalia Giallouris and Annette Hebi
2022-23	Ray Wallis
2021-22	Nicky Mayer
2020-21	Michael Mayer
2019-20	Michael Mayer
2018-19	Ledua Gentle
2016-17	Sarah Carlile
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

Tennis Borroloola

2006	Delia Farlam
2005	Tania Mackay
2004	Delia Farlam

Honour Roll

Club Person of the Year (continued)

Katherine Tennis Club

2023-24	Daniel Birch and Tracey Dobson
2022-23	Karin Spain
2021-22	Greg Dickson
2020-21	Lewis Lampton
2019-20	Greg Dickson
2018-19	Michael Jazyschyn
2016-17	Rebecca McGrath
2015-16	Sarah Hurley
2014-15	David Brummitt
2013-14	Kathy Brummitt

Amanda Kingdon

Lisa Alexander

Michelle Kealy

Kathy Brummitt

Nil Nomination

Steven Budarick

Lisa Alexander

Nil Nomination

Greg Henschke

Kathy Brummitt

Fiona Upstill/ Fiona Walker

Jan Henschke

Ruth Murphy

Maggie Burke

Tennis Palmerston

2023-24	Steve Ward
2022-23	Liam Jong
2021-22	Liam Jong
2020-21	Ethan Prosser
2019-20	Tara Keenan-Russell
2018-19	Tara Keenan-Russell
2017-18	The Osborne Family
2016-17	Donna & Matt Cartwright
2015-16	Ken Parker
2014-15	Ethan Prosser
2013-14	Karyn Gossow
2012-13	Angelique Bos
2011-12	Robyn Woods

Top End Multi Sports

2023-24	Michelle Trawinski
2021-22	Chris Vouthivong
2020-21	Chris Vouthivong
2019-20	Alicia Boyle

Palmerston Tennis Pro

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

Tennis Sanderson

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

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	unknown	unknown

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
Peter Politis	2018 14s Claycourt Nationals	Canberra	Jett Leong NT
Jett Leong	2018 14s Claycourt Nationals	Canberra	Peter Politis NT
Nicolas Tremblay	2018 12s Grasscourt Nationals	Adelaide	Cooper Errey Vic
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

NT Player Ratings as of June 2025

Men (Open)	Boys’16/u (up to BY 2009)	Boys’ 14/u (up to BY 2011)	Boys’ 12/u (up to BY 2013)
1. Hayden Litis 8.87	1. Rafael Prete 6.06	1. Rafael Prete 6.06	1. Darius Chung 4.11
2. Andy Bhardwaj 8.72	2. Sele Radila 5.68	2. William Pengelly 5.67	2. Niranjan Ilayaraja 3.89
Women (Open)	Girls’ 16/u (up to BY 2009)	Girls’ 14/u (up to BY 2011)	Girls’ 12/u (up to BY 2013)
Amber Sharp 8.11	1. Christina Prete 6.72	1. Lucy McNaught 3.57	1. Francesca Russell 3.13
2. Christina Prete 6.72	2. Grace Harris 5.65	2. Taylor Albury 3.21	2. Mia Rose O’Connor 2.83

Honour Roll

Open Points Circuit Honour Roll

Men	1st	2nd	3rd
2020-21	Peter Politis	Patrick FindlayASTA	Chris McLachlanTEMS
2019-20	Peter Politis	Jeremy SleeASTA	Kenneth PreteTEMS
2018-19	Peter PolitisGT	Patrick FindlayASTA	Thomas Van HaarenASTA
2017-18	Ben McLachlanGTC	Jeremy SleeASTA	Daniel ParkerTP
2016-17	Ben McLachlanDTA	Max TolstoyDTA	Daniel ParkerTP
2015-16	Daniel ParkerTP	Liam FranklinAWOF	Kyle O'Donoghue-EllisGT
2014-15	Daniel ParkerTP	Jake WoodsASTA	Nick WhyteASTA
2013-14	Nick WhyteASTA	Ethan ScobieASTA	Matt DudleyAWOF
2012-13	Daniel ParkerTP	Nick WhyteASTA	Nathan HawkeDTA
2011-12	Ryan PalfreyDTC	Kacy BrennanDTC	Nicholas MunroDTC
2010-11	Ryan PalfreyDTC	George ShepheardTNT	Kaelan BatesDTC
2009-10	Ryan PalfreyDTC	Nathan HawkeTNT	Nicholas MunroDTA
2008 -09	Ryan PalfreyDTC	Daniel ParkerPTP	Mark PeadDTA
2008	Daniel ParkerPTP	Luke BosioDTC	Nicholas MunroDTA
2007	Adil HakeemDTA	Jarron KretschmannASTA	Nicholas MunroDTA
2006	Jed StanfordDTA	Chris LetcherASTA	Adil HakeemDTA
2005	Ben HowenASTA	Dominic HallDTC	Nicholas MunroDTA
2004	Dominic HallDTC	Adil HakeemDTC	Isaac WardleDTC
2003	Tony RehnDTA	Dominic HallDTC	Adam GromadzkiDTA
2002	Brett McLellanDTC	Bruce McIverDTC	Adam GromadzkiDTA

Women	1st	2nd	3rd
2020-21	Eva HarrisTEMS	Ava WilloughbyTP	Tumi KgosiemangDITC
2019-20	Eva HarrisTEMS	Keely BishopASTA	Sidni FinchTW
2018-19	Keely BishopASTA	Sidni FinchTW	Rosie HendersonGT
2017-18	Keely BishopASTA	Jo-Anne KaraitianaASTA	Rosie HendersonTS

2016-17	Rosie Henderson	DTA	Madeleine Murray	AWOF
2015-16	Ilse Huiskes	GT	Rosie Henderson	GT
2014-15	Bonnie Usher	ASTA	Rebecca Rayner	AWOF
2013-14	Bonnie Usher	ASTA	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC
2012-13	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC	Katherine Campbell	ASTA
2011-12	Caitlyn Mitchell	GPTC	Bonnie Usher	ASTA
2010-11	Emily Moo	DTC	Madeleine Murray	DTC
2009-10	Tarlina Tipungwuti	DTA	Emily Moo	DTC
2008 -09	Emily Webb	DTC	Madeleine Murray	DTC
2008	Matilda Hurst	DTA	Emma Labessa	DTC
2007	Tarlina Tipungwuti	DTA	Matilda Hurst	DTA
2006	Amanda Grahame	TNT	Nancy Ferguson	DTA
2005	Ashlee Brown	DTC	Samantha Lim	DTA
2004	Jayne Robinson	DTC	Ashlee Brown	DTC
2003	Jayne Robinson	DTC	Nicole Baxter	DTC
2002	Sarah Andrews	DTC	Suzie Dubrava	DTC

NT Open Honour Roll

Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Champions	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
2023	S. Jones	Not Conducted	1974	W. Ravenswood	R. Theiss
2022	Postponed	Postponed	1973	W. Ravenswood	J. Brimson
2021	T. Braithwaite	A. Marshall	1972	W. Ravenswood	S. Klose
2020	P.Politis	E.Harris	1971	W. Ravenswood	S. Klose
2019	C. White	N. Russell	1970	W. Ravenswood	L. Young
2018	H. Bouchier	A. Marshall	1969	W. Ravenswood	Y. Cosgrove
2017	D. Polkinghorne	A. Smith	1968	W. Ravenswood	Y. Cosgrove
2016	D. Polkinghorne	M. Haet	1967	R. Berry	Y. Cosgrove
2015	V. Crivoi	Z. Zlochova	1966	W. Ravenswood	A. May
2014	D. Polkinghorne	Z. Zlochova	1965	K. Chin	M. Callier
2013	K. Hensel	I. Holland	1964	K. Chin	C. McConaghy
2012	R. Palfrey	E. Burns	1963	K. Chin	J. Calvert
2011	J. James	T. Tipungwuti	1962	R. Forscutt	J. Calvert
2010	E. Bouchier	A. Hadzic	1961	E. Hamilton	J. Calvert
2009	E. Bouchier	J. Swift	1960	E. Hamilton	J. Koehne
2008	C. Marsland	A. Hadzic	1959	E. Hamilton	V. Clarke
2007	E. Bouchier	N. Ferguson	1958	R. Forscutt	V. Clarke
2006	C. Letcher	N. Ferguson	1957	K. Chin	V. Clarke
2005	S. Robertson	A. Brown	1956	J. Casson	S. Robertson
2004	B. Howen	M. Sorbello	1955	J. Faull	V. Clarke
2003	M. Leong	K. Condon	1954	J. Trama	Miss Radford
2002	B. McLennan	D. McIntyre	1953	A. Alle	Unknown
2001	B. McLennan	N. T. K. Trang	1952	N. Belle	Mrs. Hart
2000	M. MacMahon	D. Blackwell	1951	H. Chia	Not Conducted
1999	S. Martin	D. McIntyre	1950	E. Davies	Not Conducted
1998	J. Gould	N. Sewell	1949	J. Falk	Not Conducted
1997	J. Gould	D. Blackwell	1948	A. Swan	Not Conducted
1996	M. MacMahon	D. Blackwell	1947	E. Hargreaves	Not Conducted
1995	D. Culley	R. Balodis	1940-46	Not Conducted	Not Conducted
1994	D. Culley	D. Blackwell	1939	H. Foster	Not Conducted
1993	D. Culley	D. Blackwell	1938	K. Fuller	D. Abott
1992	M. Hill	R. Tucker	1937	A. Dawson	D. Abbott
1991	P. Davis	R. Tucker	1936	K. Fuller	Mrs. Smythe
1990	B. Tucker	R. Walker	1935	A. Bush	Unknown
1989	W. Foote	C. Biorra	1934	C. Webb	Unknown
1988	W. Foote	C. Finnegan	1933	C. Webb	Mrs. Forster
1987	W. Foote	M. Lonergan	1932	R. Edwards	M. Lord
1986	A. Evans	L. Weetaseke	1931	C. Webb	L. James
1985	A. Evans	K. Ballard	1930	K. Curry	L. James
1984	N. Coltos	S. Duigan	1929	G. Webb	Unknown
1983	K. Robinson	C. Miller	1928	R. Edwards	Ms. Blesser
1982	A. Lane	N. Leipus	1927	R. Edwards	Not Conducted
1981	A. Lane	J. Brimson	1926	H. Naylor	Not Conducted
1980	R. Berry	J. Brimson	1925	A. Brown	Not Conducted
1979	R. Berry	J. Brimson	1924	A. Brown	Not Conducted
1978	R. Staines	J. Brimson	1923	G. Feakes	Not Conducted
1977	R. Berry	L. Horton	1922	J. MacKenzie	Not Conducted
1976	R. Staines	K. Clothier	1921	E. Dennis	Not Conducted
1975	I. Bidmeade	L. Horton	1920	E. Dennis	Not Conducted



Financial Report

Tennis NT

FY2025

Financial Year 2025 is 1 July 2024 – 31 June 2025

Special Purpose Financial Report

Tennis NT Incorporated

ABN 58 257 241 220

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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Tennis NT Incorporated
Declaration by the Board
For the year ended 30 June 2025

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 financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2025, and its performance and cash flows, 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.

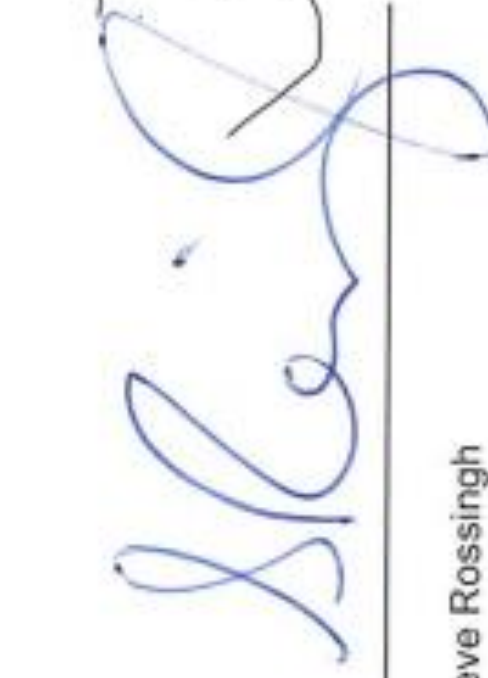
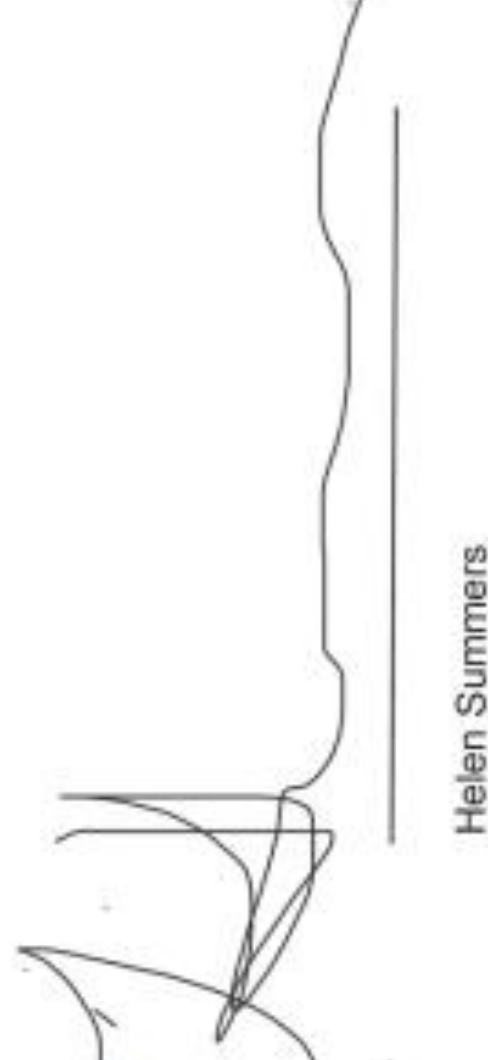
We confirm as follows

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

President	Steve Rossingh
Vice President	Helen Summers
Director	Sally Courtney
Director	Katrina Hancock (re-commenced from 23/07/2024)
Director	Philip Hazell (ceased from 16/11/2024)
Director	Tom Harris (commenced from 16/11/2024)
Director	James Pratt
- (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) No other significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.
- (d) The net operating result of the Association for the financial year was a \$1,759 surplus before depreciation (2024 net operating deficit: \$54,867). The net deficit after depreciation was \$626,414 (2024 net deficit: \$680,506).

Dated at Darwin 25th day of August 2025.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

 _____ Steve Rossingh President	 _____ Helen Summers Vice President
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Tennis NT Incorporated
Statement of Profit or Loss
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Tennis Australia Grants	1,375,189	1,238,566
Government Grants	262,838	230,901
Administration	93,441	142,532
Athlete Development	22,532	6,578
Participation	7,810	22,382
Operations and Events	59,412	43,822
Tennis Centres	271,108	209,963
Total Income	2,092,330	1,894,745
EXPENDITURE		
Athlete Development	52,878	42,074
Participation	362,142	295,753
Operations & Events	137,012	127,946
Tennis Centres	119,574	208,302
Staff	1,045,786	815,600
Administration	373,178	459,938
Total Expenditure	2,090,571	1,949,613
Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year before Depreciation	1,759	(54,867)
Depreciation	628,173	625,639
Net Deficit for the Year after Depreciation	(626,414)	(680,506)

The accompanying notes form part of the financial report. This report is to be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.

Tennis NT Incorporated
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Assets			
Cash at Bank		916,444	1,053,332
Prepaid Expenses	2	16,454	77,476
Receivables		110,626	98,029
GST Paid on Purchases		16,863	34,105
Accrued Income	3	69,080	23,019
Total Current Assets		1,129,468	1,285,961
Total Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment at Cost		17,974,790	17,948,769
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(4,765,898)	(4,142,897)
Total Non-Current Assets	4	13,208,892	13,805,872
Total Assets		14,338,360	15,091,833
Liabilities			
Trade Creditors		56,182	8,623
Accrued Expenses		107,050	118,546
Contract Liabilities / Income Received in Advance		86,898	278,618
Employee Entitlements	5	70,156	54,509
GST Collected from Sales		43,282	37,100
Total Current Liabilities		363,568	497,395
Total Non-Current Liabilities			
Employee Entitlements		29,009	22,241
Total Non-Current Liabilities		29,009	22,241
Total Liabilities		392,577	519,636
Net Assets		13,945,783	14,572,197
Equity			
Retained Earnings		13,945,783	14,572,197
Total Equity		13,945,783	14,572,197

The accompanying notes form part of the financial report. This report is to be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers and other funding bodies	1,841,952	1,824,143
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,947,647)	(1,994,261)
Cash flows (used in) operating activities	(105,695)	(170,118)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(31,192)	(8,000)
Cash flows (used in) investing activities	(31,192)	(8,000)
Net (decrease) in cash held	(136,887)	(178,118)
Cash at bank at the beginning of the year	1,053,332	1,231,450
Cash at bank at the end of the year	916,445	1,053,332

The accompanying notes form part of the financial report. This report is to be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.

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Notes to the financial statements

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The financial statements cover Tennis NT Incorporated ('Association') as an individual entity. Tennis NT Incorporated is an association incorporated in the Northern Territory and operating pursuant to the Northern Territory of Australia Association Act 2003.

The registered office of the association and principal place of business is:

9 Abala Road
Marrara

Darwin, NT 0812

The Association is a not-for-profit entity and the principal activities of the Association during the course of the financial year were the promotion and development of the game of tennis in the Northern Territory.

Note 1 - Material Accounting Policies

Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Northern Territory of Australia Association Act 2003. Management have determined that the association is not a reporting entity as the users of the financial statements are able to obtain additional information to meet their needs.

Statement of Compliance

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with Northern Territory of Australia Association Act 2003 and the basis of recognition and measurement by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs. They do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Functional and Presentation Currency

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Association's functional currency.

Use of Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

Economic Dependence and Going Concern

The Association is economically dependent upon Tennis Australia and receives grant funding therefrom that forms an integral part of the funding required for the Association to achieve its short and long term objectives. In the unlikely event that grant funding from Tennis Australia Limited should cease, or be reduced, it is the view of the officers that the Association would still be able to continue meeting the above objectives, albeit to a lesser extent.

The Directors have concluded that it is appropriate that these financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, taking regard of the above. The Directors acknowledge that such uncertainties do not represent material uncertainties related to going concern.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Revenue and Other Income

(i) Revenue recognition policy for revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15)

AASB 15 requires revenue to be recognised when control of a promised good or service is passed to the customer at an amount which reflects the expected consideration. The customer for these contracts is the fund provider.

Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

- 1) Identify the contract with the customer
- 2) Identify the performance obligations
- 3) Determine the transaction price
- 4) Allocate the transaction price
- 5) Recognise revenue

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Note 1 - Material Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue and Other Income (continued)

Generally, the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations. Costs are recognised on an accrual basis.

Grant Income from Government and Tennis Australia

Grant income arising from an agreement which contains enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised when control of each performance obligations is satisfied. This is generally the case for the monies from the Government and the performance obligations are varied based on the agreement.

Within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, generally the revenue is recognised based on either cost or time incurred which best reflects the transfer of control.

Affiliation Fees

Revenue from affiliation fees is recognised in the profit or loss in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The stage of completion is assessed by reference to the period to which membership relates.

(ii) Revenue recognition policy for revenue streams which are either not enforceable or do not have sufficiently specific performance obligations (AASB 1058).

Grant Income

Assets arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 are recognised at their fair value when the asset is received. These assets are generally cash but maybe property which has been donated or sold to the Association at significantly below its fair value.

Once the asset has been recognised, the Association recognises any related liability amounts. Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any difference between the recorded asset and liability.

Capital Grants

Capital grants received under an enforceable agreement to enable the Association to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be controlled by the Association (once complete) are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project as there is no profit margin.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Association.

Volunteer Services

The Association has elected not to record volunteer services in the financial statements. Volunteer services received relate to assisting in the organising and running of tennis events throughout the Northern Territory.

Impairment

(i) Financial assets (including receivables)

AASB 9's impairment requirements use forward-looking information to recognise expected credit losses - the 'expected credit losses (ECL) model'. Instruments within the scope of the requirements include loans and other debt-type financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The Association makes use of a simplified approach in accounting for trade and other receivables and records the loss allowance at the amount equal to the expected lifetime credit losses. In using this practical expedient, the Association uses its historical experience, external indicators and forward-looking information to calculate the expected credit losses using a provision matrix.

(ii) Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Association's non-financial assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

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Note 1 - Material Accounting Policies (continued)

Property, Plant and Equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost or deemed cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of constructed assets includes the cost of materials, direct labour, the initial estimate, where relevant, of the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and an appropriate proportion of production overheads. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

(ii) Subsequent costs

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Association. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment.

The estimated useful lives in the current and comparative periods are as follows:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| • Buildings | 30 - 40 years |
| • Courts & court equipment | 5 - 40 years |
| • Event Assets | 3 years |
| • Office equipment | 1 - 7 years |
| • Landscaping | 40 years |
| • Computer equipment□ | 3 years |
| • Motor Vehicles | 4 - 5 years |
| • Leasehold improvements | 15 - 30 years |
| • Furniture and fittings | 5 - 30 years |

Leases

(i) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Association recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Association allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

(ii) Concessionary leases

For leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the association to further its objectives (commonly known as peppercorn/concessionary leases), the association has adopted the temporary relief under AASB 2018-8 and measures the right of use assets at cost on initial recognition.

The Association has the right to use Darwin International Tennis Centre for nil consideration through a forty year Crown Lease provided by the Northern Territory Government. This property is used for operation of Tennis and the lease term ends in 2057. As the lease was deemed below market value the Association has adopted the amendments made to AASB 16 and AASB 1058 which allows for these leases to be recognised at cost rather than market value.

Employee Benefits

(i) Long-term employee benefits

The Association's net obligation in respect of long-term service benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. The obligation is calculated using expected future increases in wage and salary rates including related on-costs and expected settlement dates, and is discounted using the rates attached to the corporate bonds at the balance sheet date which have maturity dates approximating to the terms of the Association's obligations.

(ii) Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the Association has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

(iii) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are expensed at the earlier of when the Association can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits and when the Association recognises costs for a restructuring. If benefits are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months at the end of the reporting, then they are discounted.

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Note 1 - Material Accounting Policies (continued)

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax under division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Goods and Services Tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

New and Amended Accounting Standards Adopted By The Association

AASB 2020-1: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non Current
The Association adopted AASB 2020-1 which amends AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements to clarify requirements for the presentation of liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position as current or non-current. It also clarifies the meaning of "settlement of a liability".

The adoption of the amendment did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

Note 2

Prepaid Expenses
Current
Event expenses
Employee expenses

	2025	2024
	-	64,636
	16,454	12,840
	16,454	77,476

Note 3

Accrued Income
Current
Tennis Australia contributions
Interest received
Coaching Fees
Entry Fees

	2025	2024
	62,469	19,619
	3,033	-
	2,300	3,400
	1,279	-
	69,080	23,019

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Notes to the financial statements

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Note 4

Property, Plant and Equipment Non-Current	2025	2024
Building & Grandstands at cost	8,141,779	8,110,587
Building & Grandstands accumulated depreciation	(1,908,326)	(1,638,102)
	6,233,453	6,472,485
Computers & Printers at cost	23,937	24,346
Computers & Printers accumulated depreciation	(23,937)	(24,346)
	-	-
Court & Court equipment at cost	6,183,518	6,183,518
Court & Court equipment accumulated depreciation	(1,703,964)	(1,496,263)
	4,479,554	4,687,256
Event Assets at cost	8,000	8,000
Event Assets accumulated depreciation	(2,889)	(222)
	5,111	7,778
Furniture & Fittings at cost	907,043	909,115
Furniture & Fittings accumulated depreciation	(475,260)	(416,918)
	431,782	492,197
Landscaping at cost	1,777,703	1,777,703
Landscaping accumulated depreciation	(314,758)	(270,314)
	1,462,946	1,507,390
Leasehold Improvements at cost	885,750	885,750
Leasehold Improvements accumulated depreciation	(289,704)	(248,797)
	596,046	636,953
Motor Vehicles at cost	28,116	28,116
Motor Vehicles accumulated depreciation	(28,116)	(28,116)
	-	-
Office Equipment at cost	18,944	21,634
Office Equipment accumulated depreciation	(18,944)	(19,820)
	-	1,814
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	13,208,892	13,805,872

The Association has the right to use Darwin International Tennis Centre for nil consideration through a forty year Crown Lease provided by the Northern Territory Government. This property is used for operation of Tennis and the lease term ends in 2057.

Note 5

Contract Liabilities / Income Received in Advance Current	2025	2024
Event funding	22,727	263,417
Tennis Australia funding	57,805	-
Program funding	6,366	15,200
Memberships	-	-
	86,898	278,618

Note 6

Capital and Leasing Commitments

a) Lease Commitments

Rental commitments: low value photocopier lease.
Committed at reporting date but not recognised as a liability.

Within one year	1,860	1,860
One to five years	1,395	5,115
More than 5 years	-	-
	3,255	6,975

The Association has nil other lease commitments (2024: nil).

b) Capital Expenditure Commitments

The Association has no capital expenditure commitments as at 30 June 2025 (2024: nil).

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Notes to the financial statements

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Note 7

Contingent Liabilities

The Association is not aware of any contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2025 (2024: nil).

Note 8

Other Related Party Disclosure

The Association, being an Associate Member of Tennis Australia (TA) receives shared services benefits from TA. These benefits include accounting, human resources, legal, information technology and integrity and compliance resources. These services were provided for nil consideration.

The Directors of the Association act on a voluntary basis.

The key management personnel for the Association includes the CEO and Senior Management. The compensation paid, payable or provided in short-term retirement and other long-term benefits is \$602,697 (2024: \$454,661).

Note 9

Subsequent events

The Association is not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Association's operations, the results of those operations, or the Association's state of affairs in future financial years.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TENNIS NT INCORPORATED

Opinion

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Tennis NT Incorporated (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the declaration by the Board.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Tennis NT Incorporated, is in accordance with the requirements of the *Northern Territory of Australia Associations Act 2003* including:

- (i) the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2025, and its financial performance and its cashflows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
- (ii) the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of the Association.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TENNIS NT INCORPORATED (CONT.)

Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Tennis NT Incorporated to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the Association's constitution and the *Northern Territory of Australia Associations Act 2003*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Association's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Board for the financial report

The Board of Tennis NT Incorporated is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report, is appropriate to meet the needs of the members and the requirements of the *Northern Territory of Australia Associations Act 2003*. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TENNIS NT INCORPORATED (CONT.)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TENNIS NT INCORPORATED
(CONT.)**

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report (Cont.)

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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Thank you

