



Australian Grand Slam
Coaches' Conference

Melbourne, Australia 12-14 January 2012



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2012 Australian Grand Slam Coaches' Conference Speakers

[Aaron Kellett, Australia](#)

The Strength and Conditioning Manager at Tennis Australia, responsible for assessment, implementation and monitoring of strength and conditioning programs for National Academy and AIS athletes

[Anthony Richardson, Australia](#)

Tennis Australia High Performance Coach and National Academy Coach based in Brisbane.

[Butch Staples, USA](#)

Former head tennis professional at Midtown Tennis Club, Chicago. Butch's greatest passion is contributing to the development of the tennis skills of young children.

[Craig Jones, USA](#)

Director of Youth Play and Competition, United States Tennis Association. A former director of tennis and club owner, Jones has earned his reputation as one of the top junior developers across the USA and is considered a industry leader in 10 and Under Tennis.

[Craig Morris, Australia](#)

Tennis Australia High Performance Coach and Hot Shots Leader at Tennis Australia. Previously Craig held positions of Athlete Development Manager, Head of Women's Tennis and Coach Development Manager. Craig coached Samantha Stosur on the WTA Tour and holds Bachelor of Education and Masters of Sports Management degrees.

[Frank Giampaolo, USA](#)

Director of Mental/Emotional Tennis Workshops and author of 'Tennis Parents Bible'. A tennis industry veteran with over 25 years developing high performance players and parents

[James Hird, Australia](#)

James has played 253 games and kicked 343 goals for Essendon Football Club from 92' – 07' captaining the club from 98'-06'. Career highlights include two premierships 93' and 2000, a Brownlow Medal. Since his retirement Hird has been a partner of Sports Marketing Company Gemba Group. In 2010 Hird was appointed the Senior Coach of Essendon Football Club.

[Jofre Porta, Spain](#)

Jofre Porta, has had a remarkably successful coaching career and is well known for discovering some of the world's best tennis players including Carlos Moya, Rafael Nadal and Nuria Llagostera. Porta is best known as coaching Carlos Moya from a junior to becoming the French Open Champion in 1998 and to reach number one in 1999.

[Judy Murray, Scotland](#)

Judy is one of the best know tennis parents in the world and is the mother of current world number 3 Andy Murray (ATP Rankings 21 October 2011). Former National Scottish coach with over 20 years experience coaching both junior and senior players from a club to a world class level.



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[Ken Barton, Australia](#)

Tennis Australia Master Club Professional Coach and General Manager of Geelong Lawn Tennis Club, Victoria's largest community tennis club.

[Kenneth Bastiaens, Belgium](#)

Physical trainer at the Flemish Tennis Federation, Belgium and has coached players including Kristof Vliegen, Kirsten Flipkens and Niels Dessein.

[Kim Kachel, Australia](#)

Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach and Project Talent Leader, Tennis Australia.

[Leisa Brennan, Australia](#)

Sports Development and Recreation Coordinator, Eurobodalla Shire Council, New South Wales.

[Michelle Krause, USA](#)

National Cardio Tennis Manager and Speakers Team Director at the Tennis Industry Association, educating the industry about the Cardio Tennis program

[Mike Barrell, United Kingdom](#)

Based in the UK, Mike has taught tennis for over 20 years working with players of all levels and more recently as Director of evolve9, providing consultancy to clubs, organizations and National Associations

[Robby Sukhdeo, United Kingdom](#)

Manager of Pavilion Sports Club and Cafe, based at the Albert Road Recreation Ground in London Borough of Haringey.

[Ruth Anderson, Australia](#)

Senior Sport Psychologist at the Australian Institute of Sport. Ruth joined the AIS in 2005 to establish a counselling service for residential athletes.

[Sean Fyfe, Australia](#)

Tennis Australia High Performance Tennis Coach, Sports Physiotherapist and Masters Level Exercise Scientist. Sean runs his own business and has worked with Australia's top juniors including Ashleigh Barty and Bernard Tomic.

[Scott Draper, Australia](#)

Tennis Australia High Performance Coach and Manager of Developmental Tennis, Tennis Australia. Scott became a tennis professional in 93' reaching a career high ATP ranking of 42 in 99'.

[Toni Nadal, Spain](#)

Spanish tennis coach, most famous for coaching his nephew Rafael Nadal to the top of the world rankings.

[Travis Atkinson, Australia](#)

Travis is the Cardio Tennis Leader at Tennis Australia. He has a Bachelor of Business Management (Marketing) and is a Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach with over 15 year's tennis coaching experience.



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[Vic Braden, USA](#)

Former professional tour player, coach, author of many Tennis books and publications and Founder – Director of Vic Braden Tennis College USA.

[Wes Horskins, Australia](#)

Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach and 2011 Newcombe Medal winner of the Coaching Excellence – MLC Tennis Hotshots category.