PLTC To Receive Major State Government Development Grant

In a major announcement at the clubrooms on Thursday, October 4th, the Minister for Police and Water and MLA for Bellarine Lisa Neville announced that the Point Lonsdale Tennis Club has received $250,000 funding from the State Governments Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. With local contributions from the club and Borough of Queenscliff, the total project cost for the developments will be $320,000.

Ms Neville said “The Point Lonsdale Tennis Club is a great club which has been an important part of the Point Lonsdale community since its establishment in 1931. The club is going from strength to strength and currently has over 600 members” she added.

This significant funding will help boost the club by upgrading two courts to artificial grass, add LED lighting and importantly, upgrade the ageing clubrooms, including provision for disability access.

Ms Neville further added “I take this opportunity to congratulate the club on not only winning this funding, but for their work in managing what is a much respected club. I have been proud to have worked with, and supported the club, in gaining this funding and congratulate long time President Ian Britton and all members for their work”

“In this round of the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund, over 90 projects will be supported across Victoria thanks to a $60 million boost from the Victorian Budget 2018-19. And in recent years there have been numerous clubs right across the Bellarine that have received much welcomed upgrades from the fund”.

“It’s part of the State Governments commitment to promoting sports and active recreation and encouraging all Victorians to get out there and get active,” Ms Neville concluded.

Ms Neville also recognised the long service of Cynthia Moore and Sue Winton as club and committee members for combined years of service that exceed the age of the club.

Zoe Plastow (Tennis Victoria) also congratulated the club and presented it with a plaque recognising it as a Top 50 Victorian Club in terms of membership numbers and also recognised its number one ranking as a country club with six courts.

Club President Ian Britton thanked Ms Neville for her support of the club and requested her to pass on the thanks of the club to the State Government.

Recently retired committee members Cynthia Moore and Sue Winton—recognised by Lisa Neville for combined service longer than the history of Point Lonsdale Tennis Club itself.
I would like to take this opportunity to detail the club's progress and the achievements this great club has implemented over the past 12 months.

The upgrades to our courts were completed in February at a total cost of $189,174. This project was fully funded by the tennis club without external financial assistance. The courts were duly unveiled by the Hon Lisa Neville MP.

This project was achieved by the hard working committee and diligent financial planning over the past 12 years, a testament to all those who served on the various committees over that time.

The next major projects, subject to grant approvals, is to fully upgrade the remaining two courts with both synthetic grass and full lighting, and the implementation of social media book a court facilities to all courts.

In addition, it is planned to renovate and extend the club rooms, and make provisions for disabled facilities to comply with new regulations. This phase of development will include upgrading the clubhouse kitchen and modernizing the office. Dependent on funding, we plan to extend the clubrooms by building in the verandah, and adding an enclosed BBQ, outdoor kitchen area and store room.

This is all dependent on the club securing a state government grant that has been submitted, with the result of the application being known in September.

During the year the club has also completed a comprehensive health and safety check, which was passed with flying colors. It also has completed a strategic plan that incorporated feedback from members. This document will provide a platform to carry the club into the next decade.

The club has also developed a three year business plan and a five year financial plan which should ensure the continued viability and success of this great club. It has also implemented a code of conduct agreement covering all club personnel.

An exciting initiative has been the development of a club website www.pointlonsdaletennisclub.com.au. This site will provide new and prospective members with information about club activities, membership renewal, coaching and showcase the club’s sponsors who generously support the club.

It is disappointing that out of a membership base of approximately 650 we can only attract 7 people apart from committee members to attend our AGM, and to commit to assisting this club provide facilities for the next generation of tennis players. I encourage all members and supporters of the club to rally behind the exciting new developments that are planned for the club over the next 18 months.

Ian Britton
Club President, Annual General Meeting 2018
Fanatical Oz Open: January 16th

Players had a great day out at the Fanatical Oz Open, especially after a few Jacobs Creek wines and VB’s were consumed. Quite a few juniors took part in the morning session and played some fantastic tennis. Hope to see you all again this season. Uzair Shah was this year’s winner.

Retro Wimbledon: June 24th

Special thanks to Val Wilson and Diana Sullivan, who organised this event: while I was sunning myself in Coolangatta. A great time was had by all and the winner of the event was Uzair Shah, who followed up his win in the OZ Open. Perhaps we should also have the Froggie Open and the Hot Doggie Open so that players can aim for the Grand Slam.

Tennis a Thon

Special thanks to Harry and Ashleigh who volunteered to help organise this event. Players collected sponsorship money and had to play tennis for 4 hours over the day. All players completed this task.

The players raised more than $977 which will go towards a large screen TV or data projector for use in our Club rooms. The day started in a frenzy with three large group activities where kids ‘got to know each other’. We played Around the World, Beat the Champ and Beat the Ball Machine. The day finished with a tournament.

Special thanks to all the parents who helped out especially Christine Chamberlain, who did a fantastic job scoring, umpiring and helping kids.

Tennis Coaching:

Tennis coaching is going extremely well. This year have seen numbers climb to 56 players with more being added to the list for Term 4 this year. Quite a few have made significant progress and are going to start playing for the first time for the Stingrays teams in junior competition of a Saturday morning. There are quite a few others capable of playing in our teams but either lack confidence or a preference to sleep in Saturday mornings has delayed their tennis progress.

Over the past few months the major focus of my coaching has been on footwork and movement. The C-Dance being one of these skills. These are fundamental skills, like the swings, which need to be acquired by players to enable them to play their best tennis. The greatest players in the world are also by far the best movers. Next term we will focus on movement, the cha-cha-cha, which enables players to cover the whole court in very few steps…… difficult to acquire but once again an essential skill.

Thanks very much to all the parents for their significant contribution on ‘break-up’ nights: it is greatly appreciated.

Keep on Smashing.

Mums and Girls Tennis Day

Keep your eyes open for this activity to be held in November. We are going to have tennis, cardio, yoga, beautician and nutrition etc etc. and of course lunch. Any queries contact Denis, Val or Diana.

Denis Day
Seniors Social Tennis

Seniors social tennis continues to be a popular get together for people anxious to exercise and breath in the fragrance of salt air blowing over the sand dunes. On Mondays and Thursdays mornings three courts are generally occupied, no matter what the weather conditions. One wag was heard to say “it’s legal, non fattening and good fun, so what’s not to enjoy”. With an emphasis on participation (not competitive tennis), new comers are always welcome to join the group who enjoy morning tea together and celebrate the occasional birthday in the clubrooms. The new court surface is highly popular, with noticeably less strain on joints. Players wish to thanks the club for provision of new tennis balls to support their morning of activity.

Saturday Senior Pennant.

The Senior team for the Summer had three male players and four female players, the tennis was challenging and the team progressed to the Preliminary Finals but missed out by two games, consequently finished Fourth for the season.

The team continued to play during the Winter Pennant but struggled with injuries and bad weather and finished the season in the lower part of the ladder. Better luck next season!

Saturday Junior Pennant – Summer 2017-18

Three teams played for the season in Grades 16, 18 and 21. The lower grade struggled for the season but have improved since the start, Grade 18 were competitive and just missed out on playing in the Finals. Grade 16 team starred throughout the season and consistently stayed in the second position on the Ladder and continued form into the Finals.

The team played well and continued into the Grand Final meeting the top Ladder position team and won in a cliff hanger match. Well done Premiers Isaac Chatham, Jack Connell, Kade Baker and Angus McGee.

Midweek Ladies

Three teams played the Summer Season for 2018 in Grades 2, 7 and 11. There were new changes to the score entry system which the Captains managed efficiently. While only one team achieved the semi-finals and ultimately finished fourth on the Ladder all players enjoyed their tennis and in particular the highlight of the day was always the “Lunch”.

Diana Sullivan

Final Marian Coles Tournament

Over 60 players competed in the final Marian Coles tournament last year. The event has been conducted for over 30 years on Melbourne Cup Day and has become a regular feature of the public holiday for regional tennis players.

Club President Ian Britton acknowledged the history of the event and spoke of the service Marian had provided to the Point Lonsdale Tennis Club as President and Secretary. The end of an era was celebrated with the customary morning tea, lunch and the annual Melbourne Cup Sweep.
Committee Members 2018-2019

At the 2018 Club Annual General Meeting, the following people were elected to the Club General Committee:

President: Ian Britton
Treasurer: Anne Webb
Secretary: Diana Sullivan
Membership Coordinator: Pamela Doyle
General Committee Members:
  Michelle Cameron
  Rory O’Loghlen
  Uzair Shah
  Peter Boyle

Event Management and Photography: Val Wilson
Media/Technology: Tony Boyd
Mid-Week Rep: Diana Sullivan
Junior Rep: Diana Sullivan
Club Coach: Denis Day

Membership Renewal 2018-2019

Memberships may be renewed or taken out via two methods both of which require accessing the club's new web page at:

www.pointlonsdaletennisclub.com.au

Clicking on the Membership Tab provides two options for memberships.

1. A membership form can be downloaded, printed, completed and returned to the club’s PO Box. All relevant details are contained on the membership form.

OR

2. The webpage Membership Tab allows you to select the type of membership you wish to take out. Select this and you will be taken directly to the MyTennis website (Tennis Victoria) where you can complete membership details and pay.

Members wishing to obtain a new court access card will need to also pay a once only fee of $30. Existing cards will continue to work providing membership is current.

It is important that if membership forms are printed and completed, they must be returned to the PO Box as no insurance cover exists until this data is entered with Tennis Victoria by the Membership Coordinator.

Please contact Pamela Doyle with any membership issues - and please fill out forms clearly, particularly email addresses.

Committee members serving the club and community. Left, Anne Webb (Club Treasurer) at work at the IGA and Val Wilson with Club Sponsor Kathy Anderson of Queenscliff and Coastal Holiday Accommodation.