



# n the Line Newsletter

*June/July 2020*

## Farewell Sofie and Wayne

Wayne Hackett will be leaving 17<sup>th</sup> July after 20 years of service to ETDTA. Wayne has been offered a role as Assistant Head Coach at Abottsleigh and after a COVID delay, he commences after the school holidays. We wish him well in his new role.

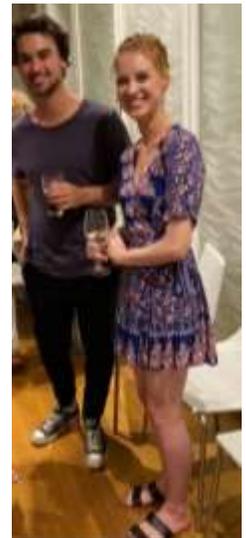


Wayne ambled in from Lismore - a great tennis player and also willing to work. He quickly found employment with ETDTA carrying out court and grounds maintenance and attending to other repairs and tasks that were required of him with endearing good humour. He spent most Tuesdays in the ProShop, and in the process won over most of the LMW players as they paid their dues, or just stopped to chat. While in and out of the ProShop he also won the heart of Danella, a ProShop casual and one of the twin daughters of the then Junior Branch President, Peter Amos. Wayne has been willing to turn his hand to any task required of him and we thank him for the always appealing appearance of PHPTC with its very well maintained playing surfaces.

It is with very sad news that Sofie is leaving our Pro Shop team after 9 years here at ETDTA. Sofie is moving on to work in her chosen career of psychology after many years of study. Her dedication and loyalty to us never went unnoticed and she has been an absolute joy to work with. You will be missed by many.

Everyone here at ETDTA wishes you both all the very best for the future, and hope to see you both about in the future.

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## Welcome Craig Edwards Howie Yu and Dale Shai-Hee

Craig Edwards has joined our team as Grounds and Development Manager. Many of you will know Craig from managing Dural Tennis Centre for over 20 years. Most recently Craig worked for Tennis Tasmania in a development role as well as running his coaching business. He is an active Tennis Seniors member competing on court and off court running tournaments.

Howie Yu and Dale Shai-Hee have joined our Pro Shop team and will work the weekend shifts. Howie is a past ETDTA junior player and currently studying Bachelor of Business. Dale is a junior tennis coach, plays regularly in tournaments and is studying Bachelor of Sports Media.

Please drop in and introduce yourself and welcome our new staff members.

# Events update

## Competitions Return!

We are thrilled to announce that Tennis Australia and government restrictions on community sport have been sufficiently eased enabling our Competitions to return. Below include key dates and guidelines for both Junior and Adult comps and play safe by respecting our hygiene guidelines.



## Saturday Junior Competitions

Our Saturday Junior competitions are recommencing from Term 3. Key dates for next term's comp are as follows:

- Comp commences: Saturday, 25 July 2020 (briefing 15 mins prior to each timeslot)
- Registrations closed Wednesday, 8 July 2020
- Final round: Saturday, 19 September 2020 (9 Rounds)

## Adult Competitions

Our Adult comps are returning from 20<sup>th</sup> July onwards, and designated comp secretaries will be in touch with further information and Strict COVID-19 Rules will remain in place for social distancing at all times. This applies to all comps including; Monday Night Ladies, Tuesday Ladies Midweek, Wednesday Night Mixed and Thursday Night Men's.

- ETDTA would like to remain cashless, so one representative from each team should pay by card. The Pro-shop staff will be taking payments through the window until further notice.
- No shared food, captains are to bring tea/coffee milk and please BYO cups! Access to hot water in each of the clubhouses will be available and access to outside toilets and at the main clubhouse.
- We are promoting members to stay outside clubhouses for all competitions due to the COVID restrictions. Numbers per clubhouse will be made known with signs.

## 2020 CV Singles and Doubles

Thank you to all our members who participated in our CV Cups. We appreciate your support during COVID-19 when we were unable to run our usual competitions. A very welcomed \$10,000 was made over the past two months ... thank you. The singles round robin has finally finished and the doubles comp will finish mid July.

## 2020/2021 ETDTA Membership

Membership renewals are now open as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and will need to be completed online by ALL members this year. You have been sent an email with the relevant information and instructions. **There will be no over the counter payments**, as payments via the ETDTA website creates a consistent method which gives you a receipt number automatically, reduces the work times and costs for this process manually. Emails this year will be easily traced when going out to Members, and Members completing. We thank you for understanding and working with us during these changing times. Changing with the times has enabled NO increase in Membership fees this year. If you currently have a 'social' membership, you are now required to select either 'Adult' or 'Senior' membership.

**You didn't receive your 'ETDTA Annual Member Renewal 2020/2021' email?** - If you have not received the email from admin@etdta.com, please check your junk/trash/spam folder in case it has landed in there. Please call the Pro Shop 9980 7957 or email [tourncomp@etdta.com](mailto:tourncomp@etdta.com) if you are requiring assistance.

## Interdistrict

Hardcourt Association of NSW have decided to run the 2020 Interdistrict competition this year in light of the obvious changes due to COVID-19 and in keeping with Community Tennis guidelines. We are envisaging less clubs involved and reduced numbers of teams and players, though for those who have entered, this is an opportunity for our juniors to get back on court and play with against a high caliber of players.

## Saying Thank You!

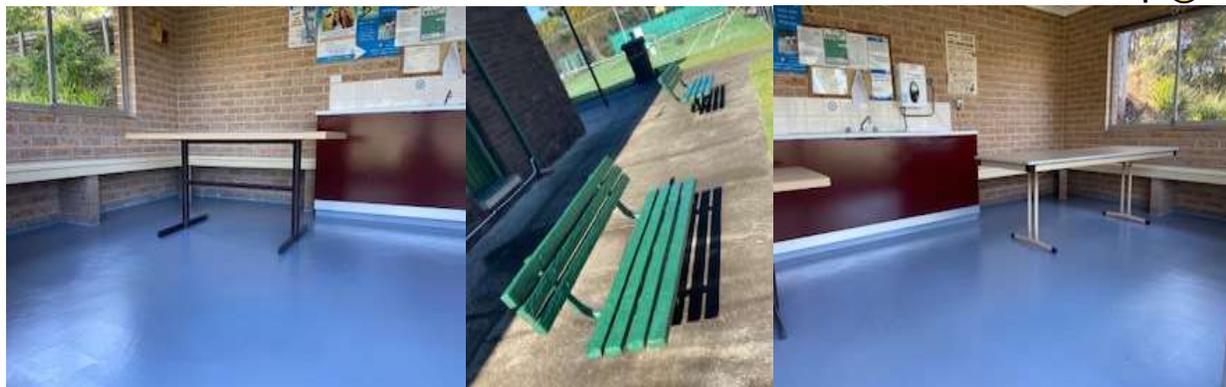
How good is it to be able to thank our valued Members for their contribution, and the appreciated differences they are making through continued participation and court hire! If you can see you can help in any way, or make donations to benefit the club, please make yourself known to Sandi Edwards, the Manager or your competitions secretaries and they'll direct you.



And as always, a continued thank you to the dedicated work demonstrated from our executive committee, volunteers and manager!

**Renovation:-** Brian Tierney has completed repainted the external Gents toilets and given the Ladies toilets a freshen up. He also painted the courtside bench chairs, painted the flooring in all the court clubhouses, pressure cleaned inside and out each clubhouse and replaced some of the old kickboards. All the materials used were donated by Brian. A big job and what a transformation! The Council of Management and members extend their thanks for your time and efforts once again Brian, your volunteer work here

has been extensive. Starting your day by 5am to ensure minimal interference to our court hirers and staff ... thank you. We're regularly hearing great comments of the flooring in the clubhouses and that's people looking in through the windows, our competitions aren't back for all to appreciate yet! Remember when you're in there, the chairs to be used in the clubhouses have all had new rubber feet applied, and we've left a number of chairs that don't have rubber feet on courts for use there..... **let's not mix them up** 😊



**Roller blinds:-** A big thank you to Kelley and Adam Keyes for donating the roller blinds in the kitchen and the Association office this month, very practical and attractive.

If any members are wanting blinds suggest you contact: -



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**Gardening behind Courts 9-12:-** A big thank you to Mafalda Van Der Heiden who has been donating her time doing some gardening and tidying up on the level behind Courts 9-12. You can already see a significant difference, well done! This is a work in progress and anyone wishing to lend a hand should contact Mafalda by email [mvanderheiden1@bigpond.com](mailto:mvanderheiden1@bigpond.com)



## Reserved Parking

Please be respectful of the **four (4) reserved carpark spots** for our Association's Staff and Council of Management at Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre. Members have improved and aren't parking in these much anymore, thank you! We're still working on our visitors. These spaces are reserved 24 hours, 7 days a week and are indicated by signs that have been placed behind the spots. **There is a large carpark behind Courts 1-4 that is available for all players and visitors to use, thank you.**



## COVID-19 Update

The NSW Government has eased COVID-19 restrictions from Friday 15 May to allow four (4) people per court. Although the rules have been relaxed to allow limited off-court spectators, the strict COVID-19 rules are still in place for Social Distancing at all times. When physical distancing is combined with good personal hygiene, the spread of a pandemic through the community can be slowed. This helps protect the most vulnerable members of the community and reduces the impact of the pandemic on essential, life-saving health services. Please ensure that you have read these guidelines and the relevant social distancing, hygiene advice and other COVID-19 matters from [NSW Health](#) and the [Australian Government](#) before playing tennis.

**All bookings must still be made and paid for through our online booking system. A guided step-by-step procedure on how to do this is provided on the next page.** We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding that restrictions have to be eased gradually during this time. Please let it be noted Hornsby and Parramatta Council's staff have been most accommodating and helpful to deal and communicate with during these uncharted COVID-19 times, we continue to appreciate their support and prompt responses.



## Friendly Health Reminders

- Make sure you clean your hands before and after coming off the court
- Do not touch your face after touching a ball, racquet or other tennis equipment
- Instead of the regular post-match handshake, replace this with a racquet touch
- Keep 1.5m away from other people

## Who to contact at ETDTA!

- Our main avenue of communication is through the front page of our website. Please make this your first port of call before contacting staff.
- If you can't find what you are looking for on our website, please then contact the Pro-shop staff on 9980 5259 or [tourncomp@etdta.com](mailto:tourncomp@etdta.com) for general enquiries/court booking enquiries. Please do not email [admin@etdta.com](mailto:admin@etdta.com)
- For account related enquiries please direct to Anne at [accounts@etdta.com](mailto:accounts@etdta.com)



- For adult comp enquiries, please head to our website [www.etchedta.com](http://www.etchedta.com) and under “Tennis Offerings” you will find information related to all competitions, and the contact details for each Competition Secretary
- If you are still needing further assistance, please only then contact our manager, Sandi, at [tennis@etchedta.com](mailto:tennis@etchedta.com) or 0452 525 832

## Court Hire Hours

Our hours have now gone back to normal, with courts available to be hired from 7am-10:30pm 7 days a week. These hours are consistent across both locations, with the exception of Sunday night at Midson Road closing at 9pm.

## Online Bookings

**All court bookings will need to be made online bookings from now on. Members will need their membership number to obtain the court hire discount. Feel free to contact the Pro-shop if you do not know yours or to enquire about becoming a member.** If you are making a booking for a group, the ideal would be that all your group are ETDTA members. The Association heavily relies on membership fees for ongoing maintenance of the courts, grounds and facilities. The number of members within the Association also helps with applications for grants, submissions to Council etc. For the small annual fee, it certainly can bring the tennis community many benefits, please help by doing your part!

### Please see below for a step-by-step process on how to make a court booking online:

1. Head to our website: [www.etchedta.com](http://www.etchedta.com)
2. Click the “Court Hire” tab to find the link to access our online booking system
3. Make sure your preferred centre is set correctly; Pennant Hills or Midson Road
4. Select the date on the calendar you would like to book
5. Scroll down to see courts available (listed across the top row) and the times they are available (down the column on the left)
6. Click on “available” in the box that aligns with your preferred court and time
7. Follow the prompts to select your preferred duration, type of booking (casual/member), first name, last name, contact phone number and email address
8. Submit booking and proceed to payment (If payment is not completed your booking will automatically be deleted)
9. An email receipt will be sent to you once your booking is complete

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Pro-shop staff on 9481 0970 or [tourncomp@etchedta.com](mailto:tourncomp@etchedta.com). When hirers using the automated system, booking and paying for courts themselves, it will save costs in staff time which in turn will assist the committee to keep a lid on court hire costs.

# VOYAGER TENNIS COACHING

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions that are in place limiting 4 players to a court, Voyager Tennis Academy are currently running only lessons and squads that adhere to this restriction. To book, please email [pennanthills@voyagertennis.com](mailto:pennanthills@voyagertennis.com) or text 0402 018 685. More information can be found through this link: <https://voyagertennis.com/pennant-hills>.



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## **Social Tennis**

**Monday Morning Mixed Social.**

**Standard:** Intermediate

**Age:** 50+

**Time:** 9am-12pm

**Cost:** \$7 includes ball, court hire and coffee/tea

### Monday & Thursday Morning Men's Social.

**Standard:** Intermediate +

**Age:** group 55+

**Cost:** \$7

### Wednesday & Friday (2 groups) Morning Ladies Social:

**Standard:** Intermediate/+

**Age:** 45 / 55+

**Cost:** \$7 includes ball, court hire and coffee/tea

### Saturday Afternoon Mixed Social:

**Standard:** Advanced

**Time:** 1pm- 4.30pm

**Age:** 21+ Cost: \$10.00

**Sets:** 8 game doubles

Contact: Kerrie Marshall - 9875 3216

*For more information on any of the social groups or all information about ETDTA  
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