

ESPERANCE TENNIS CLUB

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Alysha Castelli- President

Welcome, both new and old members to the 2021/22 Tennis Season. It is great to see some new faces enjoying themselves on the court, and old faces bringing back their competitive spirit. Thanks to our great coach Kelvin Maclean for all his efforts in helping build the positive culture we see at the club. Seeing the courts full of young families playing together, along with some seriously competitive 50+ doubles games is all we can hope for. This is particularly encouraging for the future of our club. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself if you haven't met me at the club already. My name is Alysha Castelli and I have recently taken on the role of club president.

I would also like to introduce our 2021/22 Committee;

Vice President-	Shane Spengler
Treasurer-	Jill Wehr
Secretary-	Chantelle Hoffrichter
Committee-	Neville Welke
Committee-	Kim Jones

This quarterly newsletter has been put together as a way of further improving the communication to our members. If you are not aware, we have a website, facebook and Instagram page which has up to date information about the up-and-coming club events, along with any membership and contact information you may require. Please don't hesitate to contact myself on 0407 192 768 or approach the committee members, if you have any concerns. I look forward to the warm weather approaching, which brings with it a tennis fever.

JUNIORS

Thank you to all juniors and their parents for signing up for Junior fast 4. This is held in both term 4 and term 1 on a Saturday morning from 8.30am. Juniors play matches in the Fast 4 format to practice game play and scoring. It is essential for parents to help out as much as they can with scoring and court etiquette. This ensures players are learning the skills necessary for an easy transition into tournament play as they get more experience. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to attend the Friday Social hit, as we have some incredible junior players that would benefit from hitting with the adults to further improve their skills. We are aiming to create a positive family vibe on a Friday night, and it would be great to get as much support for this as we can.

Juniors will be having their club championships on Saturday 4th December. Bacon and Egg burgers will be for sale for \$5 during the event. The following week juniors will join in social round robin games to break up the term before Christmas.

Junior Fast 4 will resume week one in Term One- Saturday 5th February.

SENIORS

The 2021 Club Championships are on the 11th of December. We are hoping to have a Christmas celebration on this day as well. If each member could **bring a plate to share** for a mid-afternoon luncheon during the games, that would be great. This will be both a singles and doubles Fast 4 event starting at 1pm. Please contact Alysha Castelli by the 4th December on 0407192768 if you are interested in putting your name or team down. It would be great to get all members down to the club on this day to bring everyone together. The more the merrier!



For your information...

WEEKLY TENNIS CALENDAR

We are lucky enough to have the support of some long-time members to help coordinate weekly tennis meets.

Noel Wilson hosts a mixed doubles on Wednesday morning 9am and Saturday afternoon from 1.30pm all year round except Christmas Day.

Julie Kirkup leads the Tuesday Social Doubles and Thursday ladies' Doubles Pennants from 9am for the duration of the school term.

Thank you to both of you for your ongoing support.

If you are at all interested in joining these sessions, come on down and sign up.

Friday Night social has been a hit this term with the weather only holding us back once. This is open to members of all abilities and ages from 5.30pm. The bar is open, and a \$2 Sausage Sizzle is on offer. Please invite anyone you know that may be interested and they can pay a casual fee for 3 weeks until a membership is required. Feel free to come down and socialize even if you don't feel like playing.

The last Tuesday and Friday social hit for the year will be held in the week of the 13th December and be on hold for the Christmas/ New Year period. These sessions will start back up in the week of the 17th January.

BOOK A COURT

The club has recently changed programs when members sign up. This has enabled us to link your membership with the online 'book a court' program. If at any time you want to come down for a hit, you just need to go to the following website; <https://play.tennis.com.au/court-hire>. Click login and create an account. Once you have an account, you can book a court at the Esperance Tennis club and will be sent a code to access the bottom green courts. Non-members pay a \$15 fee when booking, and members are free. We will be trialing a lock sent by tennis west which will generate new codes each week. This is to save volunteer time and ensure the club courts are still secure. If this process runs smoothly we are hoping to have access to the blue courts for members in the future.

FENCING PROJECT

As mentioned on our Facebook site. We have unfortunately hit a few barriers regarding the completion of the fencing project. This had placed it on hold for a few months. We have currently received quotes from a new contractor to complete the project, however as the building industry is very busy now, it is difficult to lock in a date. The contractors have confirmed they are able to come in early January sometime. To save money for the club, the original front fence will be removed by volunteers at the end of this term to minimize impact on lessons and events. This will ensure the fencing can be replaced once Christmas is over. If anyone comes down for a hit on the blue courts, please make your way to the other end to ensure your game isn't affected by loss of balls. Sorry for any inconvenience.

COACHING

As you all would have noticed, the courts have been slowly filling up with more and more players joining coaching with Kelvin. This is a strong representation of both his skills as a coach and the time and effort he has put in to building strong connections in the community. Thank you to those members using word of mouth to push Kelvin's name out there, but well done to Kelvin on what he has brought to the club. We need to thank him for the buzz he is bringing to our clubrooms. Along with this, Kelvin has been mentioned in the Esperance Anglican Community School newsletter where they have acknowledged the great work he has done with the students at their school. The connections he is also making with the many primary schools in our area is very positive, which is great in strengthening the game of tennis in our region. It is so great to have you a part of our club Kelvin. Thank you.



SPONSORSHIP

Jill and Kim have been working together over the last few years to bring sponsorship to the club. This is greatly appreciated, especially during fencing upgrades and the necessary future lighting upgrade required. Thank you to the sponsors listed below, we wouldn't be the successful club we are without your help.

- Farm & General Ag & Trade
- Afgri Equipment
- Mr Peter Rundle MLA
- CSBP
- South East Air Ag
- ANZ
- Viterra



MARCH TOURNAMENT

Following a special committee meeting on the 19th of November, the committee have decided not to apply for the March Tournament in 2022. The committee made a decision together to work at increasing memberships within our club, and focus our energy on bringing more playing opportunities for our members throughout the year. It would be great to strengthen our relationships with clubs in our region and encourage more social and competitive play. If anyone has any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact Alysha on 0407192768.