

# H.E. Parker Reserve Net Post

**HPRTC Newsletter**

April 2024

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# From the President

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Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2024.

For those members who don't know me, my name is Sue Cornish and I have been President of Heathmont Parker Reserve Tennis Club for the past three years.

My time as President of this wonderful club has been rewarding, challenging at times, and fulfilling. Now, it is time for me to step down and to hand the reins to a new person, giving them the opportunity to help lead us into the future.

I encourage anyone who may be interested in this rewarding role of President to express their interest to a member of the Committee. We will look to elect at least a new President and Maintenance Officer at the AGM, scheduled to be held on 3rd August. Please look out for more information regarding the AGM in July.

Recently, we advertised and interviewed several high-quality candidates for the position of Head Coach. I am pleased to confirm that Ben Longridge has been appointed as our club's coach. Many of you already know Ben and his capabilities as a coach and his encouragement and enthusiasm with all players - juniors and adults alike. (We hope to see as many members as possible participating in our annual Club Championships as well as other tournaments planned for later in the year)

A plant sale will be held at the club in November as a fundraising event. Keen gardeners and those without a green thumb can look forward to this. More details to come.

The Club is going from strength to strength and I would like to thank all those who contribute to such a happy and positive tennis club.

*Sue Cornish*

- President –

# From the Treasurer

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What a significant time to be part of our club! We have now secured Ben Longridge as our official Coach, our juniors are improving every day, and our more senior members are growing by the week! We have some great plans in store for the club, including more junior social/tournament events, and of course some court maintenance to increase the court performance for all players, as well as some parking improvements by Council that should ease our woes. Stay tuned for more!!

A friendly reminder that membership fees are due and payable by **Jul 1, 2024** (with increases likely, unfortunately, to keep up with inflation). Please note: all players in competition, representing HE Parker Reserve Tennis Club, need to be financial members for insurance purposes. It is in your best interests to be a member!

Hint: PAY NOW TO AVOID FEE INCREASES...

12 monthly memberships run from July 1 2024 to June 30 2025 - Adult: \$170 : Junior (under 18) \$85 : Family \$360 (2 adults and children) - Key Deposit (adults only) \$50

Payment of memberships are available through our website, or directly to our account -

Website: [hprtc.org.au](http://hprtc.org.au) - OR

Direct payment -

Account Name: HE Parker Reserve Tennis Club

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 133 850 826

Reference: YOUR NAME

*Devina Ditchfield*

- Treasurer -

# Night Tennis

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### **Night competition is available on the following nights:**

Monday – Two mixed doubles in the KDNTA competition

Tuesday – Open doubles in the KDNTA competition

Wednesday- Mixed doubles in the LDNTA competition

Thursday – Singles/Doubles in the KDNTA competition

Being an emergency for a team is a great way to be introduced to night competition. It doesn't matter if you haven't played for a while, or aren't available every week.

Anyone interested in night competition can contact Edda Zhou 0475 429585 [night@hprtc.org.au](mailto:night@hprtc.org.au).

New teams are welcome!

*Edda Zhou & James Wotherspoon*

- Night Representatives –

## Monday Men's Social

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Men's social tennis is held every Monday morning from 9am onwards. So, if you want a game or two of relaxed, organised social tennis, join us at the courts any Monday morning – you'll be made to feel very welcome.

It's a great way to start your week with some invigorating (or otherwise) exercise.

*Don Hamilton*

- Monday Men's Social Rep -

# From the Coach

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2024 has been brilliant for tennis so far, kicking off with the AO in January and seeing lots of Aussies doing well. Ten lucky Hot Shots kids from HPRTC were given the opportunity to be part of the Australian Open's 'Kids On Court' showcase experience. On the day, the children were treated as players, and played ANZ Hot Shots on mini courts before the professional players came out and played their matches. It was an amazing experience and a life-long memory for the kids involved.

We are seeing many new faces around the club in recent months and from a coaching perspective, the one thing we like to see is students using the courts to practice and have fun in their own time! Good luck to all those players who are starting a new comp season this Winter.

A timely reminder as the days and nights are getting colder, it is more important than ever to do a warm up before taking to the court. Leave home 10 minutes earlier and do a dynamic warm-up to mitigate the risk of injury.

Lastly, on a personal note, I'm really proud of our coaching team, noting they have really stepped up this year and taken on bigger roles within our business! See you all out on the court and GO BOMBERS!!!

*Ben  
Longridge*

- Head Coach -

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## Juniors News

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Welcome back to our Juniors. I hope you all had an exciting and relaxing break and let's continue 2024 by playing great tennis. Good luck!

Congratulations to Angela and Isabel who won the ERT Open Rubbers Section 2 Summer 2023/24, also to Jayden, Xavier and Harvey who were Runners Up in the ERT Open Rubbers Section 12 Summer 2023/24. Of the 10 teams entered last season, seven teams made it to the finals - what a huge effort from all players!

### **Reminder:** Role of Duty Parent

For HOME games at HE Parker Reserve, the duty parent is asked to assist in supervising soft drinks sales (money bowl in fridge) and offer tea / coffee. Please help organise the players to warm-up, make a start in a timely fashion and support them in a morning of great tennis. As usual, any issues to be reported to the junior convenor.

For AWAY games, in the case of any dispute (i.e. with an opposition team), if this matter cannot be readily resolved among the parents, please again refer the issue to:

**James Ni (Junior Convenor)**



## 2023 Club Champs



We had a great day of tennis at our Club Championships over the Cup Day long weekend in early November, with many juniors and seniors enjoying some competitive tennis at our wonderful club.

## 2024 Open Community SRVE Tennis Supplies Tournament

Congratulations to our Tier 1 winner Jon Longridge, who defeated Jamie Cranston. In our Tier 2 match, Jason Renneboogh won over Aidan Crampton. In the Juniors comp (Tier 3) Patrick Baxter defeated Liam Ryan. Well done to all our winners and thanks again to Ben at SRVE Tennis Supplies for sponsoring our tournament.



Liam, Ben from SRVE, and Patrick after the Tier 3 final.

## Bendigo Bank AGM

Last December, Mal McDonald attended the Bendigo Bank AGM and collected a cheque for \$1000 which is being used to subsidise uniforms for club members . It was a great night where Community Groups met the Board and staff who provide many benefits to the community.

Once again thank you Bendigo Bank, for your continued support!



Ben with our cheque towards uniforms, courtesy of Bendigo Bank.



## In Memoriam

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**David John Ingamells 21.10.32 – 1.4.24**

David was the driving force in the creation of the Heathmont Methodist Tennis Club. When they outgrew their meagre tennis courts, the committee approached Ringwood Council (now Maroondah Council) for some land, and so, HE Parker Reserve tennis Club was born. David was a founding member of HPRTC and was instrumental in securing the “log cabin” which became our clubhouse and continues today. David and his family played tennis at HPRTC for many years and he is fondly remembered as a pioneer in Heathmont.

## Upcoming Events

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is set to be held on Saturday 3rd August at 12.30pm in the clubhouse. The meeting should only go for an hour at most and all positions will be declared vacant at the beginning of the meeting.

We encourage all members to become involved in the committee. We are seeking members particularly to fill the roles of President and Maintenance Convenor, but all roles are up for grabs, to assist with the development of our amazing club and help to maintain and continue the club's future.

We will make this day a day of celebration and will have a BBQ following the meeting and a hit of social tennis. Please feel free to bring family and friends.

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### Reminders

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#### Bagging Courts

Please ensure that the courts are bagged, from FENCE TO FENCE, after you complete your period of play. Also, please return the bags to the "Court Bags HERE" signs so they are easily found and available to all members to use.



### Support our Sponsors

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Our Sponsors continue to be an extremely important part of our Club providing much needed support. We would ask that all of our members take the opportunity to support these local businesses:

#### Barry Plant

Mention *HE Parker Reserve Tennis Club* when selling your property to enable a \$500 donation to our Club.

#### Ritchies IGA Heathmont

Join the Ritchies Loyalty program and nominate *HE Parker Reserve Tennis Club* as your preferred charity.

#### Bendigo Bank East Ringwood

We thank Bendigo Bank for their continued support and contribution to our Club uniforms.



## 2023-2024 Committee Members

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