



News

IMPORTANT DATES 2024

Wednesday 31 July

Membership fees due

Sunday 20 October

Working Bee – from 9.00 am

Follow us on social media

[Instagram@AlbertParkTennisClub](https://www.instagram.com/AlbertParkTennisClub)

Keep informed with latest news, announcements and alerts.

We're on the lookout for our very own APLTC social media broadcaster to help with our instagram page. If you're keen to get involved contact the club at apltconline@gmail.com

FOUND!

An item of jewellery was found on the tennis courts. Please contact apltconline@gmail.com

with a description of the items and date you were at the club if you believe it may be yours.

CHRISTMAS SHOUT OUT!

A very special thank you to Michael for putting on an amazing spread for our Christmas celebration!

Welcome to another edition of the Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club Newsletter

What an exciting few months we've had at the club commencing with the marvellous **On day** at the tennis club in January where we hosted a day at the club with the sportswear brand.

The team at On came down and put on an event to remember. Kitting out members from head to toe with On gear, and seeing members demonstrate their talents on the courts was a sight to see.

The days climax was a surprise visit by world number 1 female player, Iga Swiatek who graciously came down to our humble club and hit a few balls with members and guests.

The day culminated with an all inclusive evening event held at the Carousel on Albert Park Lake. Food and refreshments were provided as we played table tennis and danced the night away.

Our 140th Anniversary lunch was held in March on a beautiful spring day. A significant milestone for the club was celebrated on the courts and included guest speakers Mayor Heather Consuolo and President of Tennis Victoria Jacqueline Pirone.

The Mens Club Championships culminated in a new club champion in Leon Katelis. Leon managed to overcome 8 time club champion and stalwart Dean Stewart in a hard fought and entertaining 3 set match enjoyed by many at the club.



“ **Congratulations... for another terrific day for members...**

And congratulations to the Champions... it was great tennis to watch.

This event builds on the spectacularly successful 140th Anniversary Lunch in March.

Superbly organised and executed the lunch was fine evidence of the Fellowship we enjoy in this club and about which Bill and other speakers spoke so eloquently.

We are very fortunate to belong to such a club.

So again my thanks to the Committee for the hours of work planning and delivering both events (I was sorry to miss the January 'On day'). Your efforts on our behalf are very much appreciated.

Particular Herogram to Joy Bandy, our resident historian and catering 'whisperer'.

Mary



Mens Club Championships

Congratulations to our finalists: new club champion Leon Katelis (above) and 8 time club champion Dean Stewart (below).





Our 140th Anniversary Lunch



More images can be found at: www.apltpc.com.au/news/140years





Even if it's just a quick hit up

Don't forget to bag the court

It's not just a courtesy to the next players: bagging spreads any build up of sand evenly across the court and reduces wear and tear to the baseline.

Please remember to bag the entire court including the area behind the baselines. This not only keeps the court clean for the next players, it ensures the sand stays even across the surface.—You may need to use both the heavy and light mats to move the sand and leaves.

Getting Digital

We have amassed an amazing archive of documents and images over our 140 year history which we are now planning to digitise as a historical resource and for safety.

We welcome any items that you would like to contribute to the archive that reflect the club's history, events and achievements.

The club is also looking for volunteers that would be interested in helping curate the archive: digitising/scanning, adding captions and names to images and collation.

Please contact apltconline@gmail.com to get involved.

OPT OUT OF IMAGE DATABASE

If you would prefer that your image and records are NOT included in the Club archives, please contact the club on apltconline@gmail.com or select the OPT OUT box on the upcoming subscription renewal form.

Ladies night?

We are seeking expressions of interest for the club to establish a weekly 'casual play' timeslot for adult female members on **Thursday nights from 7.30pm.**

The suggested format is a game by game rotating doubles, allowing for all skill levels and ample time for side line catch ups and meeting other members. Guests are welcome, signed in by a club members at the visitor fee of \$10.

If it's been a while since you've picked up your racquet or find it hard committing time to a regular game, it's a great option to get back on the court and connect on a casual basis.

Contact Melinda on 0403 056 547 to find out more and join a WhatsApp group.

Subscription Fees 2024/2025

Annual subscription fees will be sent out early July and are due by 31 July.

The club senior waiting list is over 300 strong, and some have been on the waiting list for over 5 years. We cannot offer membership to those on the waiting list until we reconcile fees for our current membership base. The quicker we have all members reconciled, the sooner we can welcome new members to the club.

Please keep an eye out for the subscriptions email complete by 31 July: delinquent payments could result in your membership being forfeited and your having to go back on the waiting list.

We also know there are many members who have not played tennis for some time and as each year passes, the likelihood of them returning to play diminishes.

If you're considering relinquishing your membership but still wish to retain a connection to the club, Social Membership is available. It doesn't allow you to play but if that changed, you'd be able to play as a guest of a member. By giving up your full/playing membership you'll be allowing someone new to join the club.

- **If you have not received a subscription notice by mid-July** please contact the Secretary.
- Remember, **always ensure you keep the club updated on change of email addresses.** We would like to keep our database up-to-date to ensure you receive all club correspondence.
- Note: If you convert your membership to a Social Member and wish to revert to a full Senior Member, you will need to rejoin the waiting list, but you can continue to play as a guest.

