

FTC ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Fitzroy Tennis Club Inc.

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2022

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PRESIDENT – Christopher Ryan

Dear Fitzroy Tennis Club members,

At the time of last year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), FTC was closed due to COVID lockdown, but, to the relief of all, we finally re-opened on the 29th September. The remaining restrictions gradually eased during October, so that tennis was almost back to normal in November. We were all happy and excited to once again see and play with our fellow club members. Tennis as a sport has been booming since, and FTC has shared in the growing popularity of our game.

The club's redevelopment plans were also in limbo at last year's AGM and the Committee faced a stressful period immediately before Christmas as we lobbied for FTC under the threat of insufficient funding. The strong support of our neighbours in the Edinburgh Gardens Sporting Community (EGSC) and local MP Richard Wynne's commitment to the project saw the necessary funding approved, and the project is now on track to begin early in 2023. The Committee has begun discussions with nearby tennis clubs to investigate ways to mitigate the disruption which construction will inevitably cause.

An emerging theme over the last year has been the club's willingness to explore how we can improve by looking at how and why we do what we do and being prepared to listen and try new things. The new social tennis opportunities on Thursday evenings and Tuesday mornings along with the new Facebook members' group are good examples. The Committee is keen to expand the opportunities for members to meet and play, and we have established a special sub-committee to review our annual schedule of events to ensure we are as representative and inclusive as possible with the offerings we provide to members.

Another example is the 2022 Club Championships where we tried out the benefits of utilising a tournament manager, referee and tournament software, with considerable success. In a break with tradition, we also split off the Delmo Carli round-robin tournament to its own date in September and have seen almost a doubling in the number of entries on last year.

Other changes and experiments begun in the last year are the arrival of a ball-vending machine, a new ball-recycling partner, and a change in our electricity supplier to one with a much better rating as a green provider.

The post-lockdown boom in tennis has provided plenty of business for our coaching team at Racquet Lab who continue to expand their range of offerings. Despite a world-wide shortage of tennis coaches, Luke and Bryce have managed to put together a full team of quality coaches, who are enhancing the game for juniors and adults at FTC.

I also want to recognise the invaluable contributions of our caretaker Michael Valiente who reached the milestone of 25 years with FTC in December, and our Office Administrator, Kata Pinter, as well as the essential assistance on many fronts from our

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City of Yarra liaison officers and our Tennis Victoria contact, Luca Gallo.

On a less happy note, in December the Club lost Life Member and Club Champion, Mary Garvin, who will never be forgotten for her enthusiasm for tennis, skilled catering and endless volunteering.

Finally, I, and all of you, owe a vote of thanks to the Committee members, who give their time freely to make the club function. Particular thanks to retiring committee member Eddy Tait who has added style and originality to our posters and social media presence. The club is also very lucky to have many members who are not on the committee but have contributed generously, including: Peter Geha and Tony Appleyard with maintenance, Simone Tracey, Raewyn Crighton and Luke Phillips with new social tennis arrangements, Adam Huddlestone, Sara Kernick, and Bryce Devlin with comps, Chris Canavan with the Club Championships, and Tim Dun with the Juniors.

Best wishes,
Chris Ryan
President
FTC Committee 2022

2022 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Ryan	President
Erin Aulich	Vice-President
Cath Pearl	Secretary
Heidi Schwegler	Treasurer
Nell White	Membership secretary
Joanna Lawrence	Juniors coordinator
Matthew Russell	General Committee
Edwina Tait	General Committee
Brenda Kenny	General Committee
Mark Tellefson	General Committee
Cheryl Coughlin	General Committee
Matt Ryan	General Committee

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FINANCE – TREASURER'S REPORT - Heidi Schwegler

FTC continues to be in a very healthy financial position.

Profit and Loss (Appendix 2) - points of interest:

- With lockdowns ending in October 2021, bookings via Book-a-Court continued to be strong given limited competition for the Spring Season.
- Coaching revenue also increased once lockdowns ended.
- The Club benefited from another Government Covid-19 grant of \$20,000 for the Cashflow Boost.
- Membership revenue reduced due to discounted membership fees but membership is still very strong.
- Expenses for the Club Championships increased due to contracting external support for the competition

Balance Sheet (Appendix 1):

- The Club rolled over a new term deposit for \$300,000 in July 2021
- The Club continues to build its cash reserves in readiness for the Redevelopment and potential future expenses that are not covered by the Project Budget

MEMBERSHIP – Nell White

The total level of membership has increased over the financial year 2021/22 by around 10%. At 30 June there were 526 members.

Membership Category # of Members

Adults	249
Concession	90
Families	132
Juniors	29
Honorary	18
Staff/Coaches	7
Deferred	2
TOTAL	526

The growth in Membership is considered to be due in part to the popularity of tennis throughout Covid and the growth population in the local area. The Committee feels that the membership has now reached its practical limit for a club with 6 courts.

Over 60% of members live in the City of Yarra. The makeup of our membership remains constant with 38% female and 62% male, with 14% under 18 years of age and 16% over 65 years.

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In response to the COVID-19 restrictions and closure of the Club for extended periods in 2021, the committee provided renewing members with a discount in their fees to the equivalent of 12 weeks. This was the second year that adjustments to membership renewals were made due to Covid.

The structure of the memberships available remained unchanged in 2021/22, with an adult membership costing \$219 for the full year, plus the once-off new membership costs of \$137.

Our thanks go to Kata Pinter who has continued to provide valuable assistance in the administration of memberships.

BRUNSWICK ST OVAL PRECINCT (BSOP) PROJECT – Matthew Russell & Chris Ryan

At the time of last year's AGM, the Brunswick St Oval Precinct Project faced considerable uncertainty, due to Heritage Victoria's rejection of the proposed design for the new football and cricket pavilion adjacent to the grandstand. We were expecting to see new plans released in October, but a major hurdle was thrown up by the revised budget, which significantly exceeded the funding promised by the State Government and the City of Yarra. For a time it looked as if only the football and cricket pavilion could be built, with FTC's new courts and clubhouse postponed indefinitely.

Fortunately, strong support for the BSOP project from local MP and Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne, saw a further \$6.7 million added to the project in the State budget. This meant that the project is fully funded and allowed the City of Yarra Council in May to unanimously approve the new plans and to move ahead into the next phase of development. This includes internal Council review - including items such as incorporating pavilion standards and building standards. This process is expected to take 2-3 months to complete.

The Club Committee has established a sub-committee of interested members to advise on responses to the developing plans and to assist our representatives on the Project Control Group, Chris Ryan and Matthew Russell. The club's BSOP sub-committee is chaired by the President and comprises Cheryl Coughlin, Nell White, Cath Pearl, Matthew Russell, Wayne Stephens and Chris Canavan.

FTC has continued to review and provide strong feedback on the Schematic Design over the past 12 months. The Club has raised numerous points to ensure that we achieve the best outcome for the club in terms of tennis requirements, indoor and outdoor spaces and environmental credentials of the facilities within the overall constraints of the project. We have secured two new courts, resurfacing of all courts, new court infrastructure (lights, fences, etc.), functional outdoor area and practical use of old clubhouse for both storage and coach's office.

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The schematic design is now final and there will be only changes to details such as kitchens, storage, finishes, etc from now on. This will ensure the management of the costs and consistency with the town planning requirements and council-approved design.

The project plan currently indicates that construction is due to commence in February 2023. Whether this date will hold is reliant on tender outcomes and any subsequent requirement for project cost management.

FTC is now engaging with other clubs in nearby areas to ascertain availability of court sharing to permit access to courts (at other locations) throughout the construction process. The starting date and duration of disruption to the club's operation is still unknown but is unlikely before mid-2023.

COMPETITION –

North-East Night Tennis Group (NENTG) – Adam Huddlestone

In the last 12 months the night tennis teams have enjoyed great quality tennis together with a reconnection with friends made over many years as we start to play familiar faces again after the pandemic enforced hiatus. We currently have 3 mens teams, 3 ladies teams and 1 mixed team, who recently won the Section 1 flag for a second time - HUGE congratulations to Michelle, Quimby, SJ, Wayne and Matt.

Here's to another fun year playing together.

Saturday comps: Pennant/BRTA – Bryce Devlin, Sara Kernick

Pennant – In 2022 FTC again had one grade 3 team participating in the Tennis Victoria Mens Pennant League. We had 10 players registered in the team and with 8 of those players having their name on the Club Champs honour Boards, we were going into 2022 fairly confident. We were quickly brought back to the real world where we lost 6 - 0 in the very first round to our most immediate competition (Royal Park).

Even with our 10-player all-star roster we were plagued with injuries/Covid isolation and some much needed overseas R&R so we struggled to put a 4 player team in each week. Despite having some tight early rounds we weren't able to gain our first win until week 9, but since then we have gradually built with confidence and have won 3 out of our last 4 rounds. With only 1 week to go in the season we sit 7th on the ladder.

Special mention to Aaron Rodrigues for being our mid-season saviour.

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Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) - We have one women's team entered in this winter season. Last season the team made it to finals but went down fighting! This season the 'Roys' are second on the ladder and hope to bring home a pennant!

HDTA (Heidelberg District Tennis Association) – Jenny Clark

FTC had one team in the HDTA Thursday Ladies Doubles competition in the last summer season, where they were grand finalists.

Unfortunately, numbers have been dwindling in this competition and there were insufficient teams for the winter season to go ahead this year. While the future of the HDTA comp is being considered, some of the teams, including FTC, have organized a casual round-robin on Thursdays once every month.

Metro Masters – Chris Ryan

FTC's representation in the Thursday afternoon, over-50s unisex competition returned to 2 teams in the Feb-July season. Our Section 2 team had a great season, just missing out on the flag in the grand final. They are sitting out the Aug-Nov season. Our Section 3 team (Fitzroy Gorillas) found themselves one section too high for comfort and had a character-building autumn season, but have now begun the spring season in Section 4.

2022 FTC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Heidi Schwegler

The 2022 Club Championships were run over 6 days, with 102 entries, 96 matches, 177 sets and 1,320 games played!

Given the popularity of this event and the enormous undertaking to run it, the Club hired external support from Tennis Victoria to help with refereeing the event. A shout-out to Marcia who helped in the smooth running and refereeing of the tournament on match days.

For the first time the Club introduced an online tournament tool to aid in registration, scheduling and scoring. The feedback about the online tool and the ability to view schedules and see results was extremely positive.

A huge thank you to Chris Canavan and Nell White for helping with the running of the tournament.

A special thank you to all of the Committee members and Club members who volunteered their time on match days to organise catering, cleaning and general help on the day.

We were also pleased to welcome City of Yarra Ward Councillor Amanda Stone and the ALP's Lauren O'Dwyer and Keir Patterson on Grand Final day where they presented

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trophies to the Club Champions for 2022.

Huge congratulations to our Winners who now have their names in gold letters up on the Honour Boards!

Womens Singles:	Sue Marsh
Mens Singles:	Matthew La Rosa
Womens Doubles:	Anne Coveny and Viv Harangozo
Mens Doubles:	Adam Huddleston and Paul Cruze
Mixed Doubles:	Sophia Porter and Bryce Devlin

JUNIORS COMPETITION – Jo Lawrence

Junior competition tennis continues to thrive at FTC. After a successful Autumn season with 8 teams, Spring season is well under way with 6 boys teams and 2 girls teams having made a strong start. This year we have welcomed 8 new girls, which is absolutely fantastic having previously been in the position where we didn't have sufficient girls to field a second team. We have lobbied NEJTA to consider level-based play to replace gender-based play so that all kids can play in a team of their ability. We are waiting to hear the outcome.

We have tried a new initiative: 'Mentoring' on Friday evenings with our more experienced juniors leading a hitting session. This has had varied attendance with anywhere between 8 and 20 players each Friday evening. Whilst many of the older juniors have given up their Friday evenings to support and mentor the younger players, a special mention goes to Elan Dimond and Camille Schultz who between them have attended and led almost every week!

The juniors held their inaugural awards day at the end of the Autumn season. We were delighted to have the 'Junior Pioneers' Jenny Clark, Jenny Vaughan and Pamela McClure come to present trophies. Players were nominated by their peers with the awards going to the player with the most votes for being the most supportive (congratulations Joshua Leujtens), the most effort (congratulations Alex Hobbs), the best sportsperson (congratulations Camille Schultz), the coolest on court (congratulations Billy Asprey) and the most improved (congratulations Nadia Dimond).

Junior Club Championship is planned for the first weekend in October, after not having had a junior championship event for the last 2 years because of lockdowns. There will be opportunity for all young tennis players to participate with round robin competitions for red, orange and green balls as well as our main event – boys and girls singles.

In addition to the fabulous fundraising BBQ efforts by parents and supported by Piedemontes, the juniors have been designing a new club t-shirt with the support of Peter Asprey, one of our clever parents. Not only will this help our teams look even more formidable on a Saturday morning, but there will be opportunities for club

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members to purchase a pretty spunky looking t-shirt or hoodie to support the juniors.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

FTC is very fortunate to have a strong and active committee, supported by so many other members willing to initiate and organise an ever-expanding range of social tennis events.

Thursday night *Sets In The City* has been established successfully this year thanks to Simone Tracey, as well as a Tuesday morning option initiated by Raewyn Crighton.

The new FTC Members Facebook group set up by Luke Phillips facilitates communication between members looking to connect for some tennis.

Luke is also arranging a Leader's Table round-robin singles competition to start in October, offering flexible arrangements for members who find it difficult to commit to regular competition. Players book their own playing times and record results on a shared google score sheet during the season.

The long-term social backbone of our club continues to be the Monday night comp, run very competently and creatively for the last 15 plus years by Linda Hood. Organising 60 plus comps is no mean feat! A huge *thankyou*, Linda!

Monday Mixed Social Slammers continue to fill 3 courts each Monday morning, offering a relaxed rotating format to whoever comes on the day. Overseas and interstate visitors have added significantly to both the tennis and the mixing.

Fortunately, both the Autumn and Spring Mix n Match (MnM) Tournaments can go ahead this year. After the lockdown misses of previous years, it's great to be back enjoying tennis together. A new addition to MnM is currently being fine-tuned, to give juniors and adults an opportunity to play together. The idea is to extend the day by adding a separate junior and adult MnM tournament in the afternoon.

Exciting to have so many new social options this year...a club on the move!

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Appendix 1

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet FITZROY TENNIS CLUB INC As at 30 June 2022

	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2021
Assets		
Bank		
CBA Cheque Account	\$73,125.81	\$121,604.83
CBA Society Cheque Acct	\$1,253.55	\$1,835.25
Term Deposit#002	\$300,000.00	\$181,276.38
Total Bank	\$374,379.36	\$304,716.46
Current Assets		
Cash Drawer	\$50.00	\$50.00
Petty Cash	\$34.98	\$34.98
Trade Debtors	\$7,282.00	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$7,366.98	\$84.98
Fixed Assets		
Bldg/Court Renovation Accum Dep'n	-\$46,365.57	-\$43,514.97
Building/Court Renovation at Cost	\$133,903.00	\$133,903.00
Clubroom Fitt/Equip Accum Depn	-\$11,892.92	-\$10,881.59
Clubroom Fittings & Appliances Accum Dep'n	-\$7,169.82	-\$6,935.77
Clubroom Fittings & Appliances at cost	\$7,885.31	\$7,885.31
Clubroom Fittings & Equipment	\$13,409.92	\$13,409.92
Fencing Accum Dep'n	-\$3,207.20	-\$2,838.15
Fencing at Cost	\$7,381.00	\$7,381.00
Lighting Accum Dep'n	-\$11,304.00	-\$10,121.50
Lighting at Cost	\$23,650.00	\$23,650.00
Outdoor Furniture & Equipment Accum Dep'n	-\$55,080.87	-\$54,666.44
Outdoor Furniture & Equipment at Cost	\$56,926.39	\$56,926.39
Watering Equip Accum Dep'n	-\$2,074.00	-\$2,074.00
Watering Equip at Cost	\$2,074.00	\$2,074.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$108,135.24	\$114,197.20
Non-current Assets		
YCC License Fee Synth Court Replacement (Trust Account)	\$26,679.66	\$24,801.27
Total Non-current Assets	\$26,679.66	\$24,801.27
Total Assets	\$516,561.24	\$443,799.91

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Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
GST	\$3,460.37	\$422.35
Junior Fundraising Asset	\$2,193.70	\$2,624.68
Members Reserve Fund	\$153,313.09	\$153,313.09
Rounding	\$0.06	\$0.00
Superannuation Payable	\$1,381.80	\$1,050.12
Total Current Liabilities	\$160,349.02	\$157,410.24
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Non-Current Liabilities		
FOB Provision	\$11,535.00	\$11,585.00
PAYG Withholding Payable	\$854.00	\$696.00
Provision for Annual Leave	\$8,410.96	\$0.00
Provision for Long Service Leave	\$4,127.42	\$3,482.54
Wages Payable	\$215.99	\$0.00
Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$25,143.37	\$15,763.54
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Total Liabilities	\$185,492.39	\$173,173.78
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Net Assets	\$331,068.85	\$270,626.13
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Equity		
Capital Improvement Fund	\$161.05	\$161.05
Current Year Earnings	\$60,442.72	\$89,249.10
Retained Earnings	\$270,465.08	\$181,215.98
Total Equity	\$331,068.85	\$270,626.13

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Appendix 2

Profit and Loss

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For the 12 months ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
Competition	\$ 8,541.27	\$ 5,072.18
Court Bookings	\$ 62,125.64	\$ 66,681.36
Coaching	\$15,731.81	\$8,360.00
Interest	\$ 480.53	\$ 2,723.73
Membership	\$74,769.22	\$82,544.43
Government Grant	\$20,000.00	\$31,900.00
Total Income	\$ 181,648.47	\$ 197,281.70
Admin Costs	\$ 7,822.26	\$ 7,213.15
Competition Expenses	\$ 6,370.40	\$ 3,242.03
Running Costs/Utilities	\$ 23,946.92	\$ 21,567.25
Staff costs	\$ 62,971.63	\$ 50,745.39
Depreciation*	\$6,061.96	\$9,555.34
Repairs and Maintenance	\$14,032.58	\$15,709.44
Total Expenses	\$ 121,205.75	\$ 108,032.60
Net Profit	\$ 60,442.72	\$ 89,249.10

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Appendix 3

Auditor's Report

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AUDIT REPORT

To the members of FITZROY TENNIS CLUB INC.:

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report of the Fitzroy Tennis Club Inc. (the association), which comprises of the balance sheet and the income statement as at 30 June 2022, and other explanatory information.

Committee's responsibility for the financial report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, the responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagement and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.



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