



EASTERN REGION
TENNIS

ANNUAL REPORT



2017-18

ERT Office-Bearers 2017-18



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Mary George

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13th August 2018

Notice is hereby given of the 23rd

Annual General Meeting of Eastern Region Tennis Inc.

WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2018 at 8.00pm

Whitehorse Council Offices (Waratah room),

Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (Mel Ref 48 G9)

At least one (1) delegate from each club **MUST** be in attendance on the night. **Any club failing to attend and sign the register will incur a fine of \$25.**

Any club who has not paid their affiliation fee or any outstanding overdue fines will NOT BE ENTITLED TO VOTE on the night.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes**
 - 3.1 Minutes from the 2017 AGM
4. **Business Arising**
5. **REPORTS**
 - 5.1 President
 - 5.2 Tournament/Development Executive Officer
 - 5.3 Competition Executive Officer
 - 5.4 Treasurer
6. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & PERMANENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
 - 6.1 **EXECUTIVE**
 - 6.1.1 President
 - 6.1.2 Vice Presidents x 2
 - 6.1.3 Secretary
 - 6.1.4 Treasurer
 - 6.1.5 Committee Members x 2
 - 6.2 **COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE**
 - 6.2.1 Executive Officer
 - 6.2.2 Record Secretaries x 4
 - 6.2.3 Committee x 3
 - 6.3 **TOURNAMENT/DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**
 - 6.3.1 Executive Officer
 - 6.3.2 Committee x 3
 - 6.4 **Auditor**
 - 6.5 **Independent Tribunal Chairperson**

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7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 To ratify affiliation with Tennis Victoria.
- 7.2 Honoraria - to be confirmed.
- 7.3 Team Entry/Affiliation fees - to be confirmed for Winter 2019 and Summer 2018-9.
- 7.4 Presentation by Tennis Victoria.
- 7.5 Discussion - expansion and growth of club tennis.
- 7.6 Any from the floor.

REFRESHMENTS will be served following the Meeting.

Judith Dungey
ASSOCIATION SECRETARY
13th August 2018



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Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting of Eastern Region Tennis Inc held on Wednesday 6th September 2017, at Waratah Room Whitehorse Council Offices, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading at 8.00pm

- 1. WELCOME** –President Robert Jackson welcomed all Life-Members, current Executive, Club Delegates and Visitors from TV –V.P. Maria Keyes, Anne Baldwin, Jamie Stefanato and all Life Members.
- 2. APOLOGIES** – TV CEO Matthew Kennedy, TV Nick Hinneberg, LM Roma Shipp & Shayne Collins and others as listed on the Apology sheet.

3. MINUTES –

From the previous Annual General Meeting (2016) were presented in the Annual Report

MOTION: “That the Minutes of 2016 AGM be accepted”

Moved C. Roberts seconded H. Fernandes [Wantirna] **CARRIED.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

5. REPORTS

5.1 President's : As presented in the Annual Report booklet plus the additional comments.

Robert Jackson's additional comments included an Outline of the ERT roles in particular the Treasurer's role and finally Mary George assumed this role. Mention was made of the chart of Senior teams over the past 5 years, also spoke about the need for Working with Children Check and new Child Safety policy.

MOTION: “that the President's report be accepted”

Moved R. Jackson / seconded J. Dungey [North Ringwood] **CARRIED**

5.2 Tournament /Development Exec Officer – available in the Annual Report

.R. Jackson gave a special thanks to Fran Absolom and her committee as Fran has decided to retire.

MOTION: “that the Tournament/Development report be accepted”

Moved F. Absolom / seconded . G. Morse **CARRIED**

5.3 Competition Exec Officer – available in the Annual Report booklet

MOTION: “that the Competition report be accepted”

Moved R. Van Weert / seconded C. Roberts **CARRIED**

5.4 Treasurer's Report – available in the Annual Report booklet

Rob Jackson spoke on Treasurer's behalf outlined the financial statement stating that the account had been split in half in August and that \$90,000 was in Term deposit and remainder in the general account.

MOTION: “That the Annual Financial statements for 2016-17 be adopted “

Moved R. Jackson/ seconded C. McKenzie **CARRIED.**

R. Jackson handed the chair over to Life Member Peter Gallacher who conducted the next part of the Elections

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following officers were elected for 2017-18

	EXECUTIVE	
PRESIDENT	Robert Jackson	Bayswater North
VICE PRESIDENT	Vacant [1]	
	Robert Kane [2]	Mt. Evelyn
SECRETARY	(Mrs) Judith Dungey	North Ringwood
TREASURER	Mary George	Mt. Evelyn
COMMITTEE [1]	Charlie Roberts	North Ringwood
[2]	Ian Adderly	Donvale
	<i>TOURNAMENT/DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</i>	
EXEC OFFICER	Vacant	
COMMITTEE (3)	Chris Thomson	Canterbury
	Nat Allsop	H.E. Parker Reserve

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COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE

EXEC OFFICER Ray Van Weert Seville
RECORD SECRETARIES (4) (Mrs) Cynthia McKenzie [Jnr] Miller Park
[Mrs] Mary George {Snr} Mt. Evelyn

Vacant

COMMITTEE (3) **Vacant**
(Mrs) Deb Driessen Wonga Park
Matt O'Toole Mt. Evelyn
Brooke Driessen Wonga Park

AUDITOR Vin Crowe
Moved "that Vin Crowe be reappointed Auditor for 2017-18" Moved M. George Sec C. Roberts

CARRIED

INDEP. TRIBUNAL Wayne Spencer
Moved "that Wayne Spencer be reappointed as Independent Tribunal Chair for 2017-18" Moved R. Jackson / J. Dun-
gey **CARRIED** [if available]

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

The Executive recommended the addition to the ERT Constitution of the following –
"that the Committee will maintain a set of Guidelines to assist with the governance of the Association". Moved R.
Jackson Sec R. Kane **CARRIED**
MOTION: " that the amendment plus a set of guidelines to assist with the governance of the Association be adopted".
Moved C. Roberts Sec R. Kane **CARRIED**

SPECIAL MENTION – Special thanks were awarded to Fran Absolom who is retiring after 18+ years on the Tourna-
ment/Development Committee including as CEO. R. Kane spoke on behalf of the Association and Maria Keys spoke
on behalf of TV., praising Fran for all her work with young players.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS -

- 7.1 Affiliation to Tennis Victoria** - "that Eastern Region Tennis Inc affiliate for the year 2017-18" Moved R.
Jackson [Bayswater North]/ G. Armstrong {Mitcham} **CARRIED.**
- 7.2 Honorariums for 2017-2018** – to remain unchanged..
MOTION:"That the Honoraria for Office Bearers be confirmed 2017-18 be approved" Moved M. George [Mt
Evelyn]/ C. Roberts [Nth Ringwood] **CARRIED**
- 7.3 Affiliation/Team Entry Fees** – Treasurer M. George recommended "that the team entry for Summer 2017-
18 & Winter 2018 continue at \$35.00 per team plus must be made by EFT and at time of entries of teams.
Affiliation Fee of \$20 also be confirmed" Moved M. George / C. Roberts **CARRIED**
Discussion re alternative methods of payment plus penalties were also discussed.
- 7.4 TV REPORT:**
Maria Keys of behalf of TV thanked all the volunteers in Clubland for their work with their clubs. Robert Jack-
son had indicated at a prior meeting of TV and TA about lack of volunteers in clubs.
- 7.5 PENNANT:**
Numbers were slightly down. Masters [over 45yrs] are looking at their format. AJL was a lot of effort / no
Tournament during that time but still the numbers were down / no Senior Girls [16+]. Thanks to Fran and Waverley for
their efforts with the AJL Constitution.
Last Summer and Winter Perpetual Shields are due back to the Association Secretary by 15/9/17
- 7.6 PRESIDENTS DINNER:**
Reminder re Presidents Dinner on Friday 20TH October at Chirnside Park Country Club.
- 7.7 WORKING WITH CHILDREN/CHILD SAFETY:**
C. Roberts spoke about the need for all clubs to be up-to-date with WWC with volunteers and that the new
Child Safety regulations came in on the 1/1/18.
- 7.8 ERT JUNIOR TOURNAMENT** will be in April 3 – 6 2018 and advertising will be on a brochure.

As there was no further General Business, Robert Jackson thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the
Meeting closed at 9:45pm. Everyone was invited to stay for supper and enjoy fellowship.

President's Report

By Robert Jackson



With this 2017/18 President's Report, I would like to highlight the need for a lot of our member Clubs to become a little more diligent in the awareness of the new Governance responsibilities imposed on Sporting Clubs, including Tennis Clubs by both the Victorian Government, Sport Victoria and Tennis Victoria. As your Tennis Clubs will be aware, ERT recently held a Convenors Meeting in June 2018, when we had a specific topic of Club Governance which covered a wide variety of topics. Some of those topics included: Child Safety policy, Member Protection Policy, Privacy policy, Code of Conduct involving a wide variety of people involved, including even spectators, Coaching, Fair Play Code – very important, which I stress should be acknowledged and be compulsory for all Club Administrators to be aware of and compliant with. Some of the information pages, especially a specific page on "Responsibilities" should be a mandatory page which everyone should be aware of. All Clubs should be compliant with a "Guidelines for Working with Children" which is a Victorian Government legal requirement, so if anyone is not compliant, then they should become complaint as soon as is possible. This State Government requirement was introduced in January 2017, and is a requirement for all Sports, not just Tennis, which means that this forms part of your Governance requirements at a Club level and is a legal requirement for all sporting bodies, no matter what the sport. I can only repeat the words provided in last year's report - **These new requirements are for all ERT Member Clubs and it is now a statutory/legal requirement for anyone involved in Sport including all forms of Tennis with any oral, verbal, written and/or electronic communications to be complaint, and this is a non-negotiable requirement at Club Level and this should be followed up immediately if nothing has been done. Please visit the WWC website and/or Justice Dept website for information to assist, if anyone is unsure.**

Here is a link to the "play by the rules" regulations <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/resources/templates> See also www.sport.vic.gov.au

Tennis Victoria have a lot of the policies in a template form via their TV website in the Clubs tab <https://www.gamsetmatch.net.au/Clubtoolkit/Cluboperations/Governance.aspx>

There is also a new TV/TA Extreme Weather Policy, that is now determined by a Thermal Comfort policy, WGBT policy available at www.bom.gov.au/products/ID65079.shtml and is no longer an ambient temperature cut-off. TV are trying to establish an equivalent ambient temperature to which we could apply this new Extreme Weather Policy, and we are still waiting for TV to revert to ERT on this subject. Until we hear from TV, we will assume that our current ambient temperature of 32 degrees C, will apply as will common sense on a day of extreme weather with hot temperatures and humidity.

I am again requesting that these ERT Inc AGM reports and information from all ERT meetings be provided with feedback to the individual Club Committee's, but I am still to be convinced that this actually occurs. Based on the above information, it is important for these details and information to be made known at Club and grass roots levels.

We can report that Eastern Region Tennis Inc Annual Report for 2017/18 confirms we are in a very sound position financially and with no fixture books being printed this year, this has saved us some money. Unfortunately, this again created an extra workload to some people within the ERT Executive with computer skills etc where this detail is now required to be available from the ERT Website. Thanks to all involved here as it was initially a bigger job than envisaged. The Role of our ERT Publications Officer in this area is now a very important when looking to the future.

We all need to again congratulate the contribution made by all the ERT Executive and all the various sub-committees who have again done a brilliant job and given up their time and effort, and at times with some reduced personnel.

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We need to especially recognise the people involved with our ERT Junior Tournament, who has now done this job brilliantly this year with much reduced personnel, which must be improved on for 2019 and beyond. This is one area of support that needs some attention from the Clubs and to foster and improve the Junior Tennis within ERT. It is difficult to understand how some of the bigger and larger Clubs have not offered any nominations to be involved at the association level over the years. Tennis Victoria has now been in an early consultation process with ERT and other Associations to commence a conversation in this area to see how the combined entities could work together and this may involve ERT having to pay for this role as we are short of personnel, and if this is to be the case, we will be looking to recovering these costs from ERT Clubs with increased costs, which is to be assessed and reviewed depending on the outcome from Tennis Victoria.

An area of some possible concern to our Association is the occasional manner in which some parents/relatives/friends are getting involved in ERT Competition matches. Sometimes we have had occasional interference which must be avoided at all times. We must remind all parents and family members and players etc that the home Court Convenor for the match is the person in charge at the venue and if anything occurs with any query, that the away Team Convenor should communicate directly and only with the Home court convenor to resolve a query, if one occurs. There should be no interference in the matches by anyone. We have had to address a couple of unfortunate incidents in the last 12 months which should be avoided. We would also remind Clubs that ERT will only handle communication from Club Officials/Convenors and will not address/accept any communications/complaints from individual parents and/or other team members etc. If any parent has an issue, they should take up the matter with their individual Member Club and not ERT and/or Tennis Victoria.

Here is a summary of our ERT Team Entries for each of the last 9 seasons, which are all self-explanatory as usual. With a change in some of our Junior formats/teams in the last couple years, the number of Junior Teams is slightly misleading when we have a lot more 3 person teams as opposed to the traditional 4 person teams. We still have a gender imbalance with a lot less girls playing now, compared to recent years, which we cannot explain. The AFL Junior Women's leagues involving the various age groups up to Under 18 has grown from 37 Girls only teams in 2016 to 130 + teams in the local EFL Competition in 2018, and the same increased support has occurred in all other Metropolitan Football Associations. Tennis needs to closely monitor and address this issue now if our Sport is to foster and survive with an effort to increase participation in our ERT competition structures. I think the local Government/Council position is an area of concern, as these local Councils need to be swamped by Tennis Clubs for support, as we seem to be obtaining less support, when compared to other Sports.

Please see below a 9 year comparison of our Senior and Junior Teams with the Senior Teams decline still a major issue for any planning for the future and the other concern is the decline in the number of Clubs with Competition Teams. Some Club amalgamations plus some more to occur in late 2018, will also affect our forward planning. It is opportune to keep a very close and working relationship with the local Councils to ensure they support and foster the growth of all Tennis Clubs within their local municipality and that Tennis is not discriminated when having any conversations involving other sports.

ERT Team Entries Summary

Winter Teams	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Senior	134	122	121	118	107	110	113	94	90
No of Clubs	54	52	44	49	48	48	48	42	42
Junior	473	434	470	481	503	503	506	500	491
No of Clubs	70	67	64	63	64	60	59	60	60
Summer Teams	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18

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Senior	207	190	191	179	172	170	168	160	151
No of Clubs	58	57	58	58	54	51	54	51	52
Junior	518	518	501	511	556	523	552	568	560
No of Clubs	65	71	68	68	65	59	63	60	62
ERT Summer Team Entry Summary									
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
XR									
XS	36	34	19						
SD	39	40	45	39	48	58	54	58	51
MR									
OS	93	88	96	109	105	96	98	91	82
OSD	39	28	31	31	19	16	16	11	18
Total Senior	207	190	191	179	172	170	168	160	151
SAT GR							15		
SAT OR				66	103	102	124	152	156
SAT XSD	124	121	79	59	37	26	00		
SAT XD	8	4							
SAT BSD	168	168	176	154	150	129	110	98	87
SAT BD	24	18	11	25					
SAT GSD	75	77	77	65	67	53	53	53	44
SAT GD	8	6							
SAT U/9		4	9					5	6
SAT JOD		3	6	8	41	40	43	39	39
SAT JOSD		9	16	24	37	46	63	80	79
SUN JOSD			6				7	4	6
SUN OR				7	14	15	17	22	25
SUN XSD	7	14							
SUN BSD	62	61	85	65	61	57	59	64	59
SUN GSD	42	29	35	29	29	36	34	32	31
SUN U/9		4	1	9	17	19	22	18	28
Total Junior	518	518	501	511	556	523	552	568	560
TOTAL	725	708	692	690	728	693	720	728	711

On behalf of ERT we would like to say a thank you to North Ringwood Tennis Club for allowing ERT to hold their bi-monthly Executive meetings there and also more recently where we have held several meetings for Convenors and also Club President's and Secretaries. Thanks for your support.

Robert Jackson

PRESIDENT
EASTERN REGION TENNIS INC.
20th August 2018

Competition Report

By Ray van Weert

For the 2017/2018 summer and 2018 winter seasons, we had a 1% increase in the numbers of teams playing in comparison with the 2016/2017 summer and 2017 winter seasons. Given the numbers are similar, there was however a decrease of 39 teams for the Saturday competitions but an increase of 50 teams for the Sunday competitions. An increase of 14 teams for the Sunday competition was attributable to the new Red Ball competition. The formats that had decreases on a Saturday are the Boys format (decrease of 30 teams) and the Girls format (decrease of 18 teams). The formats that had increases on a Sunday are the JDC format (increase of 28 teams -including 14 for the new Red Ball format) and the Open Rubbers format (increase of 14 teams). In regards to the Senior competition, the number of teams was maintained with a small decrease of 4 teams.



The Red Ball format commenced in the Summer 17/18 season. The format has started slowly but we anticipate the number of teams playing the Red Ball format to increase. We will also be reducing the Orange Ball format for the Summer 18/19 season. We have created a junior progression chart showing the junior progression through the various formats from junior commencement until junior completion. This is attached for reference.

We re-iterate to ALL clubs that they must pay their team entry payment when they lodge their team entries each season. Except for a few clubs, clubs have adhered to this requirement and we appreciate their efforts in ensuring this occurs. To assist clubs for this coming season, we have given clubs 3 weeks to put together their team entries. This gives clubs plenty of time to organise their team entry payments. Please note that no pay means that a clubs team entries will be null and void. The Summer 17/18 team entries (and team entry payments) close at midnight on 6 September. All team entry payments must also be made by EFT. Please note that ALL payments to ERT going forward must be made by EFT

The introduction of entering on-line washout notifications has worked extremely well. We thank all clubs for their use of the on-line washout notification system.

The heat out policy has also been updated recently by Tennis Australia. The updated policy is attached for your reference.

The use of emergencies by club convenors needs to be managed by clubs as required in the By-Laws. Over 40 emergency players have been made ineligible in the past 2 seasons given those players have strengthened the teams they played in. There are a few convenors that are consistent offenders in this category. The continual use of emergencies that are too strong will not be tolerated. The convenors that are continual offenders will be put on notice and if this issue continues, we will address the issue with their club office bearers.

I would like to thank Cynthia McKenzie and Mary George for their outstanding efforts in managing the requirements of both the Junior Record Secretary role and Senior Record Secretary role respectively. We would like also like to thank Deb Driessen, Brooke Driessen and Matt O'Toole for their contribution and hard work for the competition committee throughout the year."

Regards

Ray van Weert

Competition Executive Officer

Tournament/Development Report

On behalf of the Tournament & Development Sub-Committee I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 2017 / 2018.



By Chris Thomson

This subcommittee conducts programs that encourage ERT's leading junior players to develop their tennis careers to their capacity, whilst instilling in them the essential message that they should always be enjoying their tennis, so as to hopefully bring on an increasing supply of regular tennis players who support a strong association.

At the 2017 AGM Fran Absalom, the long-time Executive Officer of the subcommittee retired, capping very many years of dedicated and very hard-working service to ERT, to the Tennis Victoria Junior Pennant subcommittee and to the interests of tennis generally. We owe Fran a huge debt of gratitude for her tireless efforts, and we all wish her a happy retirement from tennis administration. We also have a challenge to honour her work by not letting her legacy be diminished. One of the tasks confronting the new committee is how to manage the workload, which is substantial. Hopefully there may be a little administrative back-up available soon through an initiative of Tennis Victoria to offer such a service to several associations on a share basis, yet to be fully defined.

Tournament

Each year the subcommittee conducts a junior tournament in the first week of school holidays leading up to Easter. Rob Kane, ERT vice president and ex officio member of this subcommittee, an experienced referee, took on the role of tournament director of this year's tournament, ERT's 20th. He conducted an extremely successful event, with 243 entrants from 9 & under to 16 & under, within and outside ERT, and fortunately we were blessed with good weather. Many thanks are due to his merry helpers, Rowena Orr, Geoff Armstrong, Charlie Roberts, Judith Dungey and Mary George. A surplus of around \$3,000 was made, which is being partially directed to subsidise the cost of uniforms for ERT's representative teams, as well as to purchase two banners for display at future tournaments and challenge events where ERT is participating.

A number of ERT players were successful in the tournament, including :

- Daniela and Vanessa Alfaro (winners 14 Girls' doubles)
- Jay Coxon and Ludolph Wiggett (winners 12 Boys' doubles)
- Auray Hu (winner 11 Boys' singles and 3rd in doubles)
- Alison Healey (winner 9 Girls' singles)
- Aaron Huang (runner up 16 Boys' doubles)
- Kadell Kuti (Runner up 11 Boys' singles; his twin brother Orlando came 4th)
- Honourable mentions also to Emily Kapsalis, Junhong Bie, Helen Marzocca, Ella Beanland and Tabatha Hargreaves.

Associations Junior League

This competition, previously known as Junior Pennant, is conducted each year by Tennis Victoria as a metropolitan inter-association competition on Sunday mornings from August to September. It runs for 10 weeks, with one final between first and second in each age and gender group. ERT entered 16 teams, of which 6 won their sections and 3 came second, an excellent effort. Players must have played at least 6 matches for their home club within the association they represent, thus it acts as an incentive to talented youngsters to continue playing club tennis within ERT's competitions. This in turn helps strengthen the competition through encouraging more youngsters to play in the ERT competitions. One parent has described it as the best value entertainment for her son that challenged him but within a supportive team environment. Our thanks go to H E Parker, Heathmont, Wantirna, Wonga Park and Guy Turner clubs for making their courts available through the season.

We have just entered 20 teams for this year's competition, the largest contingent of any association, including a third 10 and under team comprised wholly of girls. ERT is finding the interest of girls in tennis wanes in their teenage years and they become seduced by football. We have noticed that a number of younger, talented girls are excited to find a

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competition where they can play against similarly talented girls of a similar age, rather than being always confronted by older players, often boys, in an effort to find competitive teams. Thus hopefully we can better maintain their interest as they advance.

Challenge Events

Tennis Victoria conducts a number of challenge events open to all Victorian metropolitan and regional associations each year, and ERT is a regular participant in these. Since the last AGM we have placed 7th in the Alicia Molik Cup for 12 & unders (2 boys and 2 girls), 3rd in the Wayne Arthurs Cup for 10 & unders, 3rd in the Pat Cash Cup (2 boys and 2 girls in each of the 12, 14, 16 & 18 age groups) conducted at Bendigo, and, most pleasingly, we were recently the winners of the Frank Sedgman Cup for 11 & unders held at Bairnsdale. Congratulations to our winning team of **Michael Korobitsin (Wonga Park), Baxter Errey (Templestowe Park), Felicity Wei (Box Hill) and Anika Sutterby (Upwey South)**, along with the team coach, **Stuart Sutterby** and the team manager, **Rob Kane**. The team participated in selection trials, had an afternoon training and familiarisation session, and were out on the court early each morning of the competition warming up so that they were ready to play at their best from the first point.

In addition, we fielded teams in the **Daphne Fancutt Event** in January this year; hosted by Waverley, and featuring a Fancutt Tennis team from Queensland, for 2 x boys and girls in the 14 & 16 age groups plus 1 x boy and girl in the 18 's. ERT placed 4th of 6 in this event. Daphne Fancutt was a Wimbledon finalist in the 1950's and is hosted at the Australian Open each year. Her family brings a team from their Brisbane tennis centre for this annual challenge event.

Further, we participated in the Pat Pearce Shield over the Easter weekend. This challenge used to feature a South Australian side, but is now between ERT, Waverley, North Eastern and North Suburban Associations. Teams comprise 4 boys and 4 girls in the 13 and 15 age groups. ERT placed third, and all players enjoyed the camaraderie of the team's event and the challenge of sustained high quality tennis. Vanessa Alfaro was awarded the best 15 & under girl trophy, Aaron Huang the 15 boy trophy, and Felicity Wei won the 13 & under girl trophy.

The subcommittee is undermanned, and in addition to the possible administrative assistance referred to above, could do with another couple of members. However, the current team of Rob Kane and Nat Allsop are extremely hard and cheerful workers, dedicated to providing an enjoyable and challenging environment for our junior players, and I pay tribute to them. The subcommittee has also benefitted from the assistance of Michelle Kapsalis, Charlotte Gibson and Stuart Sutterby who have provided valuable insights to team selections.

I also thank the extra hands who assisted in dealing with over a hundred parents and players for the recent AJL uniform and roster night at Heatherdale Tennis Club: Deanna Sutterby, Charlotte Gibson, Mary George, Rob Jackson and James Allsop, press ganged into action by his mum, and the committee and members of Heatherdale club itself, who tolerated this mass invasion of their clubhouse over a couple of hours on a Friday evening.

Thanks also to Wantirna Tennis Club for making its courts available for AJL trials and competition, and Ringwood, Heathmont, Ringwood Catholic, Nunawading, Guy Turner, and Parkwood clubs for making courts available for AJL matches this year.

Finally, I thank the committee of ERT itself for the support they provide to us, the parents who act as team managers for AJL and the junior convenors who do their valuable work of filtering applicants for the AJL and generally ensure that the junior competition can flourish.

Chris Thomson

Executive Officer ERT Tournament & Development Committee

August 2018.



Figure 1 Sedgman Cup Team



Figure 2 Wayne Arthurs Team



Figure 3 Pat Pearce Shield 2018

Treasurer's Report

By Mary George

Last Financial Year 2017-18 saw us purchase a large quantity of AJL uniforms and a new laptop computer for the Record Secretary.

We are still looking healthy with a total cash balance of \$119,345.

One of our main expenses is the President Dinner – now known as Eastern Region Tennis Annual Awards night.

This year has also seen us go completely electronic with both payments and receipts been done by electronic banking.

The Annual ERT Junior Tournament was a great success making a substantial profit.

Financially our future is stable and we look forward to another successful year.

Mary George

Treasurer



COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Committee members present the following report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The name of the committee members in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year; unless otherwise stated,

Committee Member	Meetings eligible to attend	Meetings attended
ROBERT JACKSON	6	6
ROB KANE	6	6
JUDITH DUNGEY	6	6
MARY GEORGE	6	5
CHRIS THOMSON	3	3
RAY VAN WEERT	6	6
IAN ADDERLY	6	6
CHARLIE ROBERTS	6	6

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

- * to provide tennis competitions and tournaments for members of the association;
- * to provide tennis training for juniors; and
- * to organise junior teams to represent the association.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

OPERATING RESULT

The deficit from ordinary activities amounted to \$857.61.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Robert Jackson (President)
2 September 2018

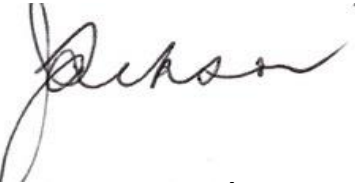
Mary George (Treasurer)
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COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION

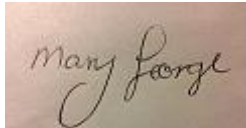
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We, Robert Jackson and Mary George, being members of the Committee of Eastern Region Tennis Inc., certify that -

- a) the accompanying financial statements and notes comply with accounting standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements and give a true and fair view of the financial position of Eastern Region Tennis Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2018.
- b) at the date of this declaration there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



2 September 2018
Melbourne



Mary George (Treasurer)
2 September 2018
Melbourne

Independent Auditor's Report

The Independent Auditor's Report is not yet available.

The Independent Auditor is continuing the Audit and when finished the Report will be presented to the Executive Committee and then forwarded to each of the Clubs.

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