

BTA

NEWSLETTER

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What's Happening

2024 has started off really well at the Centre with the conclusion of our Summer Pennants being our number one focus.

We have many events coming up throughout the year, so please keep an eye out and show your support.

We have had a change in our business hours as we approach the cooler months, so will now be opening at 8.30am Monday to Friday.

Our relationship continues to grow within local Media, so we are hoping to see more and more events being promoted through different mediums.

Thanks again for your support of the BTA and the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre

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About me. . . .

What's your name and position with the BTA?

Kyle Smith - Competitions Co-ordinator

How long have you had that position?

3 Years

Why are you passionate about your role?

I have always been passionate about working within the sporting industry, and this role provides me with the opportunity to do so. Once I completed my secondary studies, I studied a Bachelor of Business majoring in Sport Management at La Trobe University Bendigo, I undertook a placement with the BTA and thoroughly enjoyed my time and was fortunate enough to be offered further employment.

Do you have a tennis background?

No I don't have a tennis background, unless you count 3 coaching sessions in a primary school class or sitting on the couch watching the AO. Although Sid Vijay is trying to get me on the court more.

What are your interests outside of tennis?

I enjoy spending quality time with my partner and our new puppy. On the sporting front, I am heavily involved with my local soccer club, The Epsom Football Club, currently as a Committee Member and the Senior Men's & Reserves Coach, and hopefully back as a player once I recover from an injury.



What is something about you that people wouldn't know?

I'm an avid Rugby League fan, in particular of the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles. It isn't often I miss watching a match on TV, unless I'm at soccer.



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Cafe has a new look

Agnico Eagle - Fosterville Gold Mine continues to be our Major Sponsor and it is with so much excitement that we now not only have their name on the front of our building, but that we have an amazing new wall to celebrate all that they do.

The design went up in March and has become a wonderful new focal point in the cafe and has people reading about them each and every day.



weekly tennis

Monday Morning

Veterans Tennis

Wednesday Morning

Ladies Competition

Wednesday Evening

Wednesday Mixed

Thursday Morning

Ladies Competition

Thursday Evening

Thursday Open

Friday Afternoon

Juniors

affiliated clubs

- Bendigo Tennis Club
- Castlemaine Tennis Club
- Ironbark Tennis Club
- Kyneton Tennis Club
- Maiden Gully Tennis Club
- South Bendigo Tennis Club
- Spring Gully Tennis Club
- Strathfieldsaye Tennis Club
- Strathdale Park Tennis Club
- Woodvale Tennis Club

Information for 2024

Wednesday Ladies

Commences 17th April, 2024

Concludes 18th September, 2024

Wednesday Night Mixed

Commences 17th April, 2024

Concludes 26th June, 2024

Thursday Ladies

Commences 18th April, 2024

Concludes 19th September, 2024

Thursday Night Open

Commences 18th April, 2024

Concludes 27th June, 2024

Junior Winter Pennant

Commences 19th April, 2024

Concludes 28th June, 2024

Junior Friday Night Pennant

Commences 11th October, 2024

Saturday Juniors Pennant

Commences 12th October, 2024

Saturday Pennant

Commences 12th October, 2024



Women Leaders in Tennis Program

In October 2023, our Centre Manager was selected to participate in a Women Leaders in Tennis Program being run by Tennis Victoria.

Women from various clubs and centres were given this opportunity to create networks and to look at ways to get Women and Girls back involved in Tennis.

The program has had the following participation:

Sun 12th November: face to face workshop at the Royal South Yarra Tennis Club

Thurs 7th December: Online interactive session

Tuesday 13th Feb 2024: Online interactive session

Wednesday 20th March 2024: Online interactive session

Sunday 21st April 2024: Final face to face workshop and graduation at the Royal South Yarra Tennis Club

The program being run by Fiarlie Lamond - Women and Girls Co-Ordinator at Tennis Victoria has been a fantastic experience and has allowed Allison to meet some incredibly inspirational Women, including Jelena Dokic.

It has been a terrific experience and Allison suggests that any Women involved in Tennis participate.



Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre - Allison Gook

Sport is an industry that has been historically dominated by men, which is why the appointment of Allison Gook as Centre Manager at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre is so exciting.

After building an impressive resume working in Corporate roles, it has been a terrific change for Allison to move into a position where she can utilise her experience whilst combining her passion of Tennis.

Since January 2023, Allison has been able to develop some new initiatives at the Centre with the intent that these will become annual events.

"Tennis was such an important part of my life growing up. Whether it was competing in local pennants, tournaments or representing the region, Tennis certainly helped me to become the person that I am today" Allison believes that participating in sport is so important to people of all ages as not only does it help with fitness, but it encourages friendships, being a part of a team and becomes a legacy that is passed down through generations.

"My favourite memories growing up was spending time with my family when we all played tournaments together and even had my Nan sitting behind the court cheering us all on"

Outside of her role at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre, Allison is a doting mother of a 17 year old son and a 5 year old daughter. Apart from this, she is a singer / guitarist who plays most weekends at local venues. "I love performing and meeting new people. This has been a major part of my life for over 20 years and is something that I'd like to do for as long as possible."

Having recently been selected to participate in a Women Leaders in Tennis Program, Allison hopes to encourage women of all ages to get involved and to create a strong culture of inclusivity and support.

UPDATED OPENING HOURS

MONDAY / TUESDAY

8.30AM - 1.00PM

WEDNESDAY

8.30AM - 1.00PM

5.00PM - 9.30PM

THURSDAY

8.30AM - 1.00PM

5.00PM - 10.00PM

FRIDAY

8.30AM - 1.00PM

3.00PM - 7.00PM

SATURDAY / SUNDAY

CLOSED

**OPENING HOURS VARY ON
FUNCTIONS, EVENTS, MEETINGS**



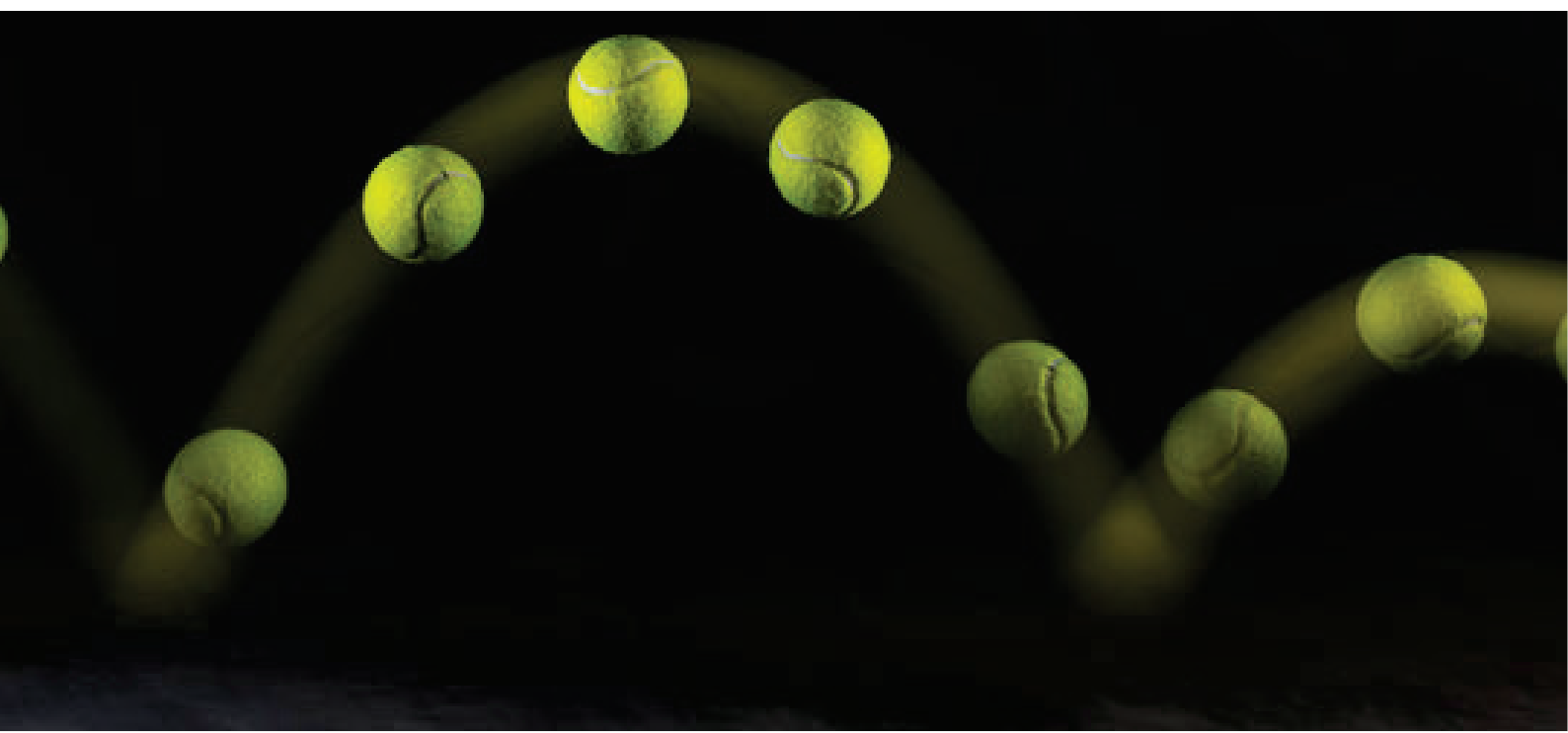
SPECIAL DEAL FOR AFFILIATED CLUBS

As an affiliate of the Bendigo Tennis Association, we would like to support your club by passing on our bulk purchase discount to you.

From today, you can purchase a 4 ball tin of the Dunlop AO tennis balls, the official ball of the Australian Open for only

\$8.00

directly from the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre.



Pennant Results

Wednesday Morning Ladies

Our winners in the Wednesday Morning Ladies were the Rebels with a win of 5 sets / 32 games against Red with 1 set / 17 games



Thursday Morning Ladies

Our winners in the Thursday Morning Ladies A Grade were Balic with a win of 4 sets / 32 games against Vagg with 2 set / 25 games. B Grade saw Simply Smashing win with 4 sets / 29 games against Vets with 2 sets / 19 games.



Wednesday Evening Mixed

Demons were declared the winners after KFC Blues unfortunately had to forfeit the final



Thursday Evening Open

BTC Scorpions were the winners of our A Grade Thursday night scoring 3 sets / 29 games over the BTC Stingers at 3 sets / 25 games.

Our B Grade winners were the Wild Cards with 3 sets / 31 games over Pitsville with 3 sets / 28 games.



Fosterville Gold 2023/24 Junior Pennant

For our Fosterville Gold Junior presentations on the Saturday morning we had a special guest in Grace Tait assisting. Grace is a life member of the Bendigo Tennis Association and has been playing tennis for 70 years. She is an icon of local tennis and continues to play each week.



A Mixed Final - saw SG Backspin Bandits with 4 sets / 41 games win over BTC with 2 sets / 38 games

A Boys Final - SB Mr Strong with 4 sets / 30 games defeated Strath Aces with 2 sets / 28 games

A Girls Final - SB Little Miss Lucky with 4 sets / 32 games defeated SB Little Miss Giggles with 2 sets / 22 games

B Mixed Final - BTC / Strathfieldsaye with 4 sets / 29 games defeated BTC JBR Greats with 2 sets / 25 games

C Mixed Final - Strathfieldsaye Storm with 7 sets / 45 games defeated SG Court Jesters with 1 set / 25 games.



BTA Fosterville Gold 2023/24 Senior Pennant

Our Grand Finals in the Senior Pennant left people on the edge of their seats, with the winners only being decided in the last couple matches of the day.

Congratulations to BTC / Spring Gully with 7 sets / 75 games win the A Grade final over Strathdale Park with 4 sets / 56 games.

Our B Grade final came down to the final match of the day. Congratulations to Strathdale Park 2 with 7 sets / 70 games nudge out BTC United with 4 sets / 64 games.



Special thanks go to Kyle Smith - Competitions Coordinator and our Junior and Senior Match Committees for all of their efforts in running our pennants.

Bendigo April O3K J125 Tournament

Our April Tournament had 169 entries and ran over 4 days from 10th-13th April. Wanting to host a more inclusive tournament, we went for a different structure under the guidance of Giant Tennis. To ensure more match play, we ran the "Compass" system which ensured that players were able to play more matches after losses. In addition to this, more events were listed that weren't UTR. This allowed a lot more players to participate that aren't interested in UTR points, and many more local players were involved.

Mens Open Singles

W: Stephen Tomkins

R: Joshua Chu

Mens Open Singles Tier 2

W: Riley Roberts

R: Jesse O'Brien

Mens Open Doubles

W: Jordan Hicks / Isaac Watson

R: Sibimanyu Jothikumar / Max Phillips

A Grade Mens Singles

W: Gus Maibaum

R: Sibimanyu Jothikumar

A Grade Mens Doubles

W: Sid Vijay / Jamie Windust

R: Kane Bailey / Sibimanyu Jothikumar

B Grade Mens Singles

W: Andrew Thompson

R: Eli Bailey

B Grade Mens Doubles

W: Matthew Head / Gus Maibaum

R: Orlando De Luca / Joey Govenlock

Womens Open Singles

W: Minami Tan

R: Willow Kelly

Womens Open Doubles

W: Hazel Kadera / Minami Tan

R: Siya Kothapalli / Isabella Smith

A Grade Womens Singles

W: Isabella Smith

R: Jasmine Nicholson

A Grade Womens Doubles

W: Hazel Kadera / Sue Maibaum

R: Mahila Dean / Emma Robinson

Boys Under 16 Singles

W: Malachi Hedt

R: Manaia Kara-Cozens

Boys Under 16 Doubles

W: Andrew Thompson / Elisha Wee

R: Eli Jacobbson / Oscar Mulholland

Boys Under 15 Singles

W: Xavier Stewart

R: Eamon Bowe

Boys Under 14 Singles

W: Theodore Gibert

R: Jack Vakrinos

Boys Under 14 Doubles

W: Eli Bailey / Theodore Gibert

R: Jack Vakrinos / Tom Wood

Boys Under 13 Singles

W: Max Ferguson

R: Ozzy Cartwright

Boys Under 12 Singles

W: Levi Ryan

R: Eli Kingma

Boys Under 12 Doubles

W: Eli Kingma / Levi Ryan

R: Lucas Jordan Mikkelsen / Moser Pretorius

Boys Under 10 Singles

W: Zhun Chen Teoh

R: Kosta Vakrinos

Red Ball Tournament

W: William Carter

R: Tegbir Singh Gill

Equal 3rd: Astin Fleming / Annika Rao

Girls Under 16 Singles

W: Willow Kelly

R: Hazel Kadera

Girls Under 16 Doubles

W: Rielle Armstrong / Mahila Dean

R: Willow Kelly / Matilda Nave

Girls Under 14 Singles

W: Sienna Pupillo

R: Wen Hui Teoh

Girls Under 14 Doubles

W: Sienna Pupillo / Amira Wahby

R: Lola Santurini / Edie May Trent

Girls Under 13 Singles

W: Scarlett Lucaci

R: Sienna Pupillo

Girls Under 12 Singles

W: Grace Janjua

R: Scarlett Lucaci

Girls Under 12 Doubles

W: Scarlett Felli / Amra Fleming

R: Margaux Cannell / Grace Janjua

Girls Under 10 Singles

W: Myra Janjua

R: Winnie Kelly

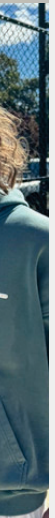
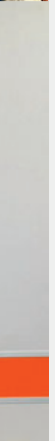
Under 10 Doubles Combined

W: Zhun Chen Teoh / Kosta Vakrinos

R: Joshua Tomaszewski / Winnie Kelly



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Caring for community.

Making our home better for everyone.

That's gold!



The mine currently employs over 740 employees, with the majority locally based.



We're working with community organisations to help restore 25km of Axe Creek to help return it to its natural state.



Deepcore is just one of 647 Victorian businesses that provide goods and services to the mine.



Educational groups are regularly hosted for mine site tours.




The CFA Bushfire Readiness Grants delivered over \$400,000 in funding to nine local fire brigades to improve their equipment and facilities.



Over the past 10 years FGM has invested over \$2 million back into the community.

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