

BTA

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024



What's Happening

May was a much better month for the Centre in regards to functions. It's always great to see new people coming through and enjoying what we have to offer.

At the end of April, we hosted the Regional Team Event held by Tennis Victoria.

We got some fantastic comments from both Tennis Victoria and the competitors and we look forward to holding this again in the future

We have so much happening in the remainder of the year so make sure you keep your eyes open for our upcoming events.

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?

Frank Hill - Vice President Bendigo Tennis Association.

How long have you had that position?

I have been on the CoM and additional Committees for approximately 36 years.

Why are you passionate about your role?

Because I am passionate about Bendigo Tennis and the Bendigo Tennis Association.

Do you have a tennis background?

Yes. I played tennis in Bendigo for 36 years in the Juniors and Seniors before I moved to Melbourne. For 25 years of this, I played A grade. Both of my children played and now my grandchildren play.

What are your interests outside of tennis?

I enjoy playing golf, watching football and supporting my grandkids in their sporting endeavours.

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

I'm a Geelong supporter in the AFL and support South Bendigo locally. I played football for multiple teams in the Bendigo and Golden City Leagues. I've owned and managed businesses over the years and now spend a lot of time in volunteering and supporting the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre.



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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 - Term 3

Commences 17th July, 2024

Concludes 18th September, 2024

Thursday Ladies

Commences 18th April, 2024

Concludes 19th September, 2024

Thursday Night Open - Term 3

Commences 18th July, 2024

Concludes 19th September, 2024

Junior Winter Pennant - Term 3

Commences 19th July, 2024

Concludes 20th September, 2024

Junior Friday Night Pennant

Commences 11th October, 2024

Saturday Juniors Pennant

Commences 12th October, 2024

Saturday Pennant

Commences 12th October, 2024





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BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

21 - 24 September, 2024



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**Watch this space for an
announcement of a new
event in December**

Bendigo Academy of Sports Gala/Awards Evening:

Young tennis star Isabella Crossman was recognised for a terrific 12 months of performance at the Bendigo Academy of Sport's Annual Presentation Gala Event last Friday night.

Crossman joined a long list of storied Bendigo athletes to be awarded with the Gary Tierney Memorial Scholarship Award along with the Athlete of the Year award for tennis. Her phenomenal year included being a quarter-finalist at the 18 and under 2023 Australian Championships and runner-up placings in the same age group at the ITF J200 Sydney and ITF I200 Waniu, South Korea.

She is also a member of the Victorian Tennis Australia State Development Team and ranked third in the state for her birth year.

Crossman is completing her VCE studies this year and hopes to play College Tennis in the USA, potentially on a full scholarship, in 2025.

Jack Burford received the Encouragement Award through the Tennis Squad.



Dr Ashleigh-Jane Thompson
(Chair Bendigo Academy of Sport), Isabella Crossman (BAS Athlete of the Year), and John McGrath (representing Tierney Family)

(Bendigo Academy of Sport Tennis Coach Calan McCarthy (left) and Isabella Crossman



Pizzey Cup 2024

Bree Smith was one of Team VIC's coaches for the 2024 Pizzey Cup in Hobart. Team VIC finished in 3rd claiming the Bronze Medal, the best result they have had in over 10 years. Bree said, it has been an absolute honour coaching this team alongside Matt (boys coach) and Joe (team manager). She couldn't be prouder of the team.

The Pizzey Cup is a prestigious national schools tennis championships open to students from year seven through to year 12. The event provides secondary school students the opportunity to represent their state. The Pizzey Cup is conducted by School Sport Australia in partnership with Tennis Australia.

Bree's next coaching adventure with Team VIC will be in Darwin for the 2024 Bruce Cup in August, School Sport Australia's (SSA) 12 Years and Under Tennis Championships.



12/U Regional Zone Squad

All Tennis Victoria 12/U Regional Zone Squads were invited to participate in the 12/U Regional Zone Squad Camp at Melbourne Park at the end of May. The Bendigo Zone Squad and coach Bree Smith travelled to Melbourne to participate in the wonderful event and had a unreal day down at Melbourne Park gaining unrivalled experience playing against other Zone Squad players from around the state.



Spring Gully Tennis Club - Court 5 resurfaced

Spring Gully TC have recently had Court 5 resurfaced, with works now complete the new resurfaced court is looking fantastic and ready for tennis action to re-commence.



Strathdale Park TC & Hazara Community - Introduction to Tennis & Pickleball:

Strathdale Park Tennis Club opened their doors to welcome members of our local Afghan (Hazara) community on May 26th. With the support of Sports Focus and Bendigo Community Health Services, the club provided a very fun introduction to tennis and pickleball. Sports Focus will now continue to support the club to provide an ongoing opportunity. A tremendous effort by all involved in setting this up and introducing the sport to wider parts of the community!



Maiden Gully Tennis Club - Court Update

General access to the Maiden Gully Tennis Club courts for members of the public will become available when construction of the new pavilion is complete. This is expected to take place in September 2024.

When the pavilion project is completed, a new court booking system will be introduced to enable members of the public access to the courts.

Please note these tennis courts are currently for use by members of the Maiden Gully Tennis Club only.

Balls available at the BRTC



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

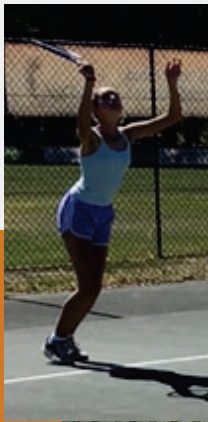
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directly from the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre.



Fantastic Families at Strathfieldsaye Tennis Club

At Strathfieldsaye Tennis Club we have a wonderful group of parents who supported their children in their tennis training and throughout weekly competition. At the end of the summer tennis season at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre, STC celebrated a family day and sausage sizzle. What a wonderful community event! Thank you to everyone for your support!



Strathfieldsaye Veteran Tennis (STC)

Strathfieldsaye Tennis Club veterans enjoyed a celebratory day with morning tea to acknowledge their participation in tennis and their contribution to STC over the years. Many comments were made regarding the length of time they have been playing at the Uxbridge tennis courts. Some believe it could be for 35 years! What a milestone for a few of these longstanding players. Well done, Ray, Keith and Barry!



Regional Academies – High Performance Day

A High Performance Day for all regional academy athletes was held recently – a fantastic opportunity for regional athletes to come to the home of the Australian Open for a day of tennis.

Storm Hunter shared her story with the attendees, telling of her journey through tennis in Western Australia before moving to Victoria to continue her professional career. Her story highlights the ups and downs of a career in tennis and how the tennis journey is a long game.

Paul Mick from Victorian Tennis Programs and the Tennis Australia Coach Development Team facilitated an on court session with the day's theme being CONSISTENCY, ACTIVATION & INTENSITY. The intensity and work ethic over the 2.5 hours was high quality and a credit to all athletes involved.

The day was supported by the Regional Coaches: Jackson Varney (Barwon Academy), Calan McCarthy (Bendigo Academy), Wes Isles (South West Academy) & Adam Lasky (West Vic Academy).

Thank you to all involved for a fantastic day for regional tennis players!



Vic Sports Award - Hayden Eastwood

Castlemaine Lawn Tennis Club President, Hayden Eastwood, was the recipient of the VAILO Volunteer of the Year at the 2023 Victorian Sport Awards hosted in the Victory Room at Marvel Stadium on June 12th and was presented in conjunction by the State Government of Victoria and Vicsport.

Hayden Eastwood's tireless efforts and commitment to inclusivity at Castlemaine Lawn Tennis Club earned him the prestigious VAILO Volunteer of the Year award. Through initiatives like Rainbow Sets and the Future Stars program, Hayden has made significant strides in connecting the community through tennis.

This prestigious award acknowledges the tremendous effort Hayden has accomplished at the Castlemaine Lawn Tennis Club as a volunteer. Volunteering is vital to all community clubs, and volunteers are hard to find so it is great to see Hayden get this recognition especially coming from a small regional town.



Tennis

TOURNAMENT

2024 03K J125 BENDIGO JULY EVENT

9TH-12TH
JULY



ENTRIES
CLOSE **29TH**
JUNE

BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

26 HARDCOURTS

PLAY UP TO 4 EVENTS*

NEW COMMUNITY SERIES EVENTS

NEW RED BALL EVENT

Something for everyone!
Register online now at:

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EVENT DETAILS & ENTRY OPTIONS

***PLEASE READ BEFORE ENTERING**

Players may enter 2 Singles & 2 Doubles events, comprising of:

- 1 JDS, JS or Open Series Singles event, plus 1 Community Series Singles event
- 1 JDS, JS or Open Series Doubles event, plus 1 Community Series Doubles event

JS & OPEN SERIES EVENTS

Compass Draws for: 12&U, 14&U and 16&U

Consolation Draws (2 Rounds): Open Series Events

Singles Format: 2TB Sets + 10MTB

Doubles Format: 2TB Sets + 10MTB (No Advantage Deuce)

Round Robin draws for: 10&U

JDS Singles Format: 1TB Set

Doubles Format - Combined: 1TB Set (No Advantage Deuce)

COMMUNITY SERIES EVENTS

Elimination Draws for: 13&U, 15&U, A Grade and B Grade

Singles Format: 8 Game Set

Doubles Format: 8 Game Set (No Advantage Deuce)

Red Ball Event

- Aimed at children under 8
- Matches will be played on Red Ball courts
- Round Robin format, timed based matches

OTHER

Doubles Pairings: Both players must enter and nominate each other to be paired up

IF ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED: Please email...

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BENDIGO TENNIS ASSOCIATION

FLEXI PENNANT



**Bendigo
Tennis**

HOW IT WORKS

Divisions

When registered, players will be placed into a division based on experience, UTR and competitions/grades they have competed in previously. We will aim to ensure divisions are comprised as even and fair as possible to ensure the experience for everyone involved is positive.

Moving Up & Down Divisions

Players will have the opportunity to move up or down divisions for the following 4 week season based on performance and results. We will carefully analyse results towards the conclusion of the season and make the required adjustments to keep divisions fair and reasonable for all participants prior to the next 4 week season commencing.

Organising Matches

1. Once all players are registered and divisions are created, players will be sent the information of their opponents in their division, including contact information.
2. The player named first as the 'Home' player will be required to contact the opposing player to organise a time and date throughout the 4 week season to play their match.
3. Once a date and time is organised, the 'Home' player is contact the BTA to inform the BTA of the date and time so the BTA can book a court and organise tennis balls.
4. The BTA will then send a confirmation of the match to both players, including a PIN to the Book-A-Court gate to access the BRTC courts, and information on ball collection.

Format & Rules

The match format for the Flexi Pennant is a 1 Set Match to 8, if the score gets to 7-7 a tiebreak game is played to determine the winner of the set & match. The Flexi-Pennant will be using the Tennis Australia Procedures for Matches Played without a Chair Umpire as the rule set.

Recording Results

Once a match is complete, the winner is required to contact the BTA to inform the BTA of the result of the match. The BTA will then publish the result of the match online, which players will be able to view on Match Centre & UTR.

WHAT IS IT?

The Bendigo Tennis Association brand new Flexi-Pennant is a singles competition that provides greater flexibility to players than ever before, as players determine when their matches take place at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre throughout the competition season.

WHEN DOES IT START?

The Flexi-Pennant will start after the July School Holidays, so from Monday July 15th.

HOW TO ENTER

Players will be able to enter via our website (www.bendigotennis.com.au) using the entry link. All players will be required to have a Competitive Player Profile (CPP).

ENTRY COST

The cost will be \$30 per player for the season (4 week season) or you can pay for all 6 seasons up front for \$180. After registering, a payment link will be sent out.

COMPETITION LENGTH

Each season will run for roughly 4 weeks, at the conclusion of the period we will set-up the next one to start immediately with any necessary adjustments in divisions (players going up or down).

COMPEPTITION DATES

Season 1 - July 15th to August 11th
Season 2 - August 12th to September 8th
Season 3 - September 9th to October 6th
Season 4 - October 7th to November 3rd
Season 5 - November 4th to December 1st
Season 6 - December 2nd to December 22nd



GIANT Tennis

GIANT WEEKEND IN GRIFFITH

UPDATE



It was an absolutely GIANT King's Birthday long weekend for our GIANT Squad members and coaching team who travelled to Griffith for the 2024 MIA Open Tennis Championships. A group of over 20 made the 4.5hr trip, for a long weekend full of fun times and plenty of tennis at a great little country tournament. Students entered multiple events, ensuring a variety of opponents and lots of opportunities to familiarise themselves with the sandy courts. GIANT Congratulations to those who starred on the tennis court, well done to the ten-pin bowling champs and huge thanks to all involved for a fantastic weekend all round.



GIANT Tennis HOLIDAY PROGRAM

4TH, 5TH & 8TH JULY

9.00AM - 1.00PM A KIND OF TENNIS BASED GAMES & ACTIVITIES SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS

\$60 PER SESSION ATTEND AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!

BRING: RACKET, WATER BOTTLE, FOOD & SNACKS. PLENTY OF BREAKS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE SESSION

BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

PLAY PARK FUN FOR 5 & UNDER

Introducing GIANT Play Park! A world of tennis fun for kids 5yrs & under. We're super excited to be able to introduce tennis to our tiniest GIANTS through fun games and activities, full of colour, action and customised equipment. Two 5-week terms so far have been super successful and we look forward to the next one once the weather warms up.



HOTSHOTS MATCHPLAY TERM 2



Sunday morning Matchplay gives our Hotshots students the chance to come and put their practice into play! Each week players take part in supervised matches at an appropriate standard, earning points towards an overall season tally. Congratulations to the winners of our Term 2 Matchplay Series: Bryson F (Red), Annika R (Orange) and Samarth K (Green)

VCORE WINS TEAM PLAY COMP

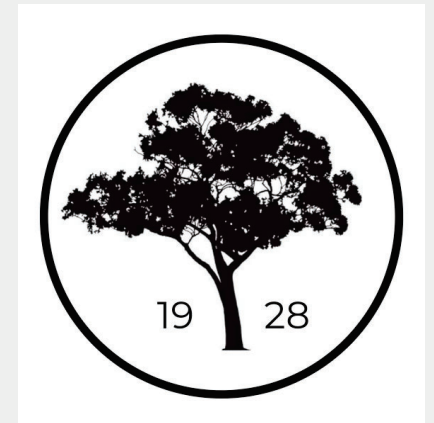


Congratulations to our GIANT Team Play Champions! Team vCore: Jaxon, Jock, Clayton & Coach Ben. This competition places a coach with each team, providing on-court support, instant feedback and real-time learnings for our students during singles & doubles matches. Well done and thanks to all involved this term!

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ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Environment & Community performance

Environmental Incidents

During the quarter, there were 9 low-risk environmental incidents, all involving minor spills that were immediately contained and remediated. Additionally, there were 4 high-risk environmental incidents reported.

- On 02/01/2024, heavy rainfall caused a surface water overflow from the CIL Hardstand 4 perimeter drain. The spill was contained within existing roadside drains and infrastructure, with no risk of offsite release risk. The incident was reported to the Earth Resources Regulator (ERR).
- On 12/02/2024, a minor hydraulic oil spill occurred during maintenance activities on McCormicks Road due to a failed excavator hose. The spill was immediately contained with no significant impact on land or vegetation. As the minor spill occurred offsite, the incident was reported to ERR.
- During heavy rainfall on 02/01/2024 and 07/01/2024, three surface water runoff collection dams (FWR9, FWO5, and FWR11) overflowed, releasing water into Gonyah Creek and offsite. The volume of overflow was less than the creek's flow, resulting in dilution and negligible environmental impact. Additionally, on 07/01/2024, haul road runoff collection dam FWR21 overflowed, causing water to flow beyond containment into the Northern Diversion Drain and offsite.

Fosterville Gold Mine (FGM) conducted inspections of critical infrastructure during rainfall events to ensure pump operation and infrastructure safety. Both overflow events were reported to ERR and EPA Victoria due to the release of sediment-tainted runoff offsite.

Environment and Community Activities

- Progressed preparation for Sharkey's Pit backfilling project, including Campaspe Road closure, final vegetation clearance, and earthmoving contractor engagement.
- Completed major rainfall event follow-up inspections and sampling following January flash flooding events.
- Follow-up rabbit fumigation completed on FGM owned properties.
- Hosted 1000+ visitors onsite for the Fosterville Gold Mine open day.
- Hosted multiple site visits, including Bendigo Senior Secondary College & Rochester Secondary College.
- Held eleven community coffee and chat engagement sessions at Axedale coffee shop.
- Commenced Good Neighbourhood Guide development, including information sessions in Axedale and Goomong.
- Continued significant community engagement presence and sponsorship at community events including Huntly Family Fun Day, Bendigo Fun Run, Bendigo International Madison, Bendigo Pride Festival, Axedale Quick Shear & Family Fund Day and the Bendigo Easter Festival.



Rochester Secondary College School visiting for a site tour



Axedale Quick Shear event



Open Day 2024

Community Complaints

There were 14 community complaints from 3 different landholders recorded during Q1 2024.

Ground Vibration

- Eleven complaints relating to ground vibration from blasting, were received from two different landholders and were lodged in relation to FGM production firings. Investigations confirmed all surface ground vibration results were well below regulatory limits. When requested, the FGM Community Team followed-up with landholders to provide additional information, including surface vibration results, firing locations, and to discuss blasting and vibration management.
- Two complaints relating to ground vibration from mine-induced seismicity, were received from two landholders and were associated with four separate events. Information regarding the seismic events was provided to landholders, where follow up was requested, advising of magnitude, location and ground vibration results from FGM's surface vibration monitoring system.

Noise

- One complaint relating to noise was received from a neighbouring landholder. Immediate investigations undertaken included a review of continuous noise monitoring data from monitors located both onsite and nearby to the landholder's property. The noise monitoring data did not correlate with a change in noise levels at the time identified, and this feedback was provided to the landholder.