BTA NOVEMBERNEWSLETTER



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SUMMER TENNIS HAS STARTED

Welcome everyone to the Summer of Tennis at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre. It is super exciting to see our courts in use again as we have kicked off all of our weekly competitions including our Junior and Senior Pennants.

We have a new affiliated club joining our Tennis Family for this season, so welcome to the Kyneton Tennis Club. Woodvale has also joined our Competition this year, so it is great to see some new faces around.

We have lots of events coming up, so keep an eye out, and make sure you get involved.

Cheers

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About me ...

What's your name and position? My name is Allison Gook and I am the Centre Manager at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre.

How long have you worked here? I started at the Centre in January of 2023.

Have you ever played tennis? Absolutely, especially in my younger years. I am the youngest of 3 girls, and we all played tennis. I even used to play tournaments and partnered with my Mum. There is still a photo in the Centre of when I was a part of the representative teams.

Why did you want to work here? I have a great love of tennis and one of my passions is business growth. I love being able to make a difference and try to get the best out of everyone involved.

What do you like to do outside of work? I enjoy spending time with my kids. I have a 16 year old son and a 5 year old daughter who keeps me on my toes. Apart from this, I sing at local venues and run karaoke nights.

What were you doing before you got this role? For the past 16 years I have worked in the Employment Sector where I have managed large groups of individuals over multiple locations.



I am happy for anyone to contact me at any stage.

My email address is: gm@bendigotennis.com.au and my mobile number is 0422 510 211





weekly tennis

Monday Morning

Veternans Tennis

Tuesday Evening

Social Tennis

Wednesday Morning

Ladies Competition

Wednesday Evening

Wednesday Mixed

Thursday Morning

Ladies Competition

Thursday Evening

Thursday Open

Friday Afternoon

Juniors

Saturday Morning

Juniors

Saturday Afternoon

Seniors Pennant

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



December 7 - 10

Australian Junior Wheelchair Tennis Camp

December 7 - 10

December Junior & Open Event

December 8 - 9

Rally 4 Ever 24hr Tennis Marathon

December 9

Christmas Raffle draw

December 21

First day of School Holidays

Australian Open 2024

Sunday 14th January - Sunday 28th January







BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE 2023 Christmas Raffle

\$5 per ticket or \$50 per book



WINNERS NOTIFIED VIA PHONE/EMAIL

1ST PRIZE

Tennis Australia X2 A0 tickets to Rod Laver Arena

- night session, 25 Jan 2024 + Quest East Melbourne Studio Exec Suite
- + Yonex Racquet
- + Yonex Pro Racquet Bag
- + Harvey Norman Photo Frame
- + Waterwheel 6 x bottles of wine

2ND PRIZE

Tennis Australia X2 A0 tickets to Executive suite - John Cain Arena, 15th Jan 2024

- + Dunlop Tennis Racquet
- + Oliver Birch Glasshouse Hamper
- + Harvey Norman Photo Frame
- + Bendigo Pottery Heritage Bendigo Pottery Items
- + Balgownie 3 x pack of wine

3RD PRIZE

JM Leech Jewellers Olivia Burton Designer Watch

- + Harvey Norman Everdure Cube **BBQ** Graphite
- + Lakeside Hotel One nights accommodation in the King **Executive Room**
- + Harvey Norman Philips Huewa Light Set



FIRST PRIZE \$1869.85

2 Tickets to rod laver arena night session for the 25th january 2024

I nights accommodation at quest east melbourne studio executive suite 25th january 2024

yonex ezone 981 tennis racquet

yonex pro racquet bag - 6 piece

harvey norman photo frame

waterwheel 6 x bottles of wine

\$1360.90

2 Tickets to john cain arena day session - executive suite for the 15th january 2024

dunlop tennis racquet

oliver birch glasshouse hamper

harvey norman photo frame

bendigo pottery heritage pottery collection

balgownie 3 pack of wine

THIRD PRIZE \$1078.00

jm leech jewellers olivia burton designer watch

Harvey norman everdure cube bbq graphite

lakeside hotel I nights accommodation in the king executive room

harvey norman philips huewa light set

ADDITIONAL PRIZES at time of raffle commencement

3D Physiotherapy & Pilates -Gift Voucher \$200

Bendigo Heritage Attractions -Gift Voucher \$100

Star Cinema - Double Pass

GIANT Tennis - 10 x Cardio Tennis Sessions \$150

Hair Chi - Hairdressing Voucher \$60

Rising Sun Hotel - 2 x Gift Vouchers \$50 each (separate Prizes)

Erindale Butcher Bendigo Marketplace - Gift Voucher \$50

Tyreplus - Wheel balance, adjustment & Alignment \$150

Axedale Tavern - Gift Voucher \$50

Chatterbox Lounge - Drinks Package \$250

Toyworld Bendigo - Monopoly Bendigo Game \$69.99

SportsFirst - 2 x sporting bags \$30 each (separate prizes)

Accredited Distributors - Towel Set \$50

Hairhouse - Hair products package \$ 140

Harvey Norman - Echo Show 8 (2nd Gen) \$199

Santons of Bendigo - Chainsaw \$240

The Bridge Hotel - Gift Voucher \$50

Harvey Norman - Coffee Maker \$500

Harvey Norman - Soda Stream \$249

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weekly pennants - Information for 2023/24

Wednesday Ladies

Commenced 4th October 2023. Last play for this year is 6th December. Will recommence on 31st January 2024. Finals commence on the 20th March 2024.

Wednesday Mixed

Commenced 4th October 2023. Finals to be played on 13th December 2023

Thursday Ladies

Commenced 5th October 2023. Last play for this year is 7th December. Will recommence on 1st February 2024. Finals commence on the 21st March 2024.

Thursday Open

Commenced 5th October 2023. Finals to be played on 14th December 2023

Fosterville Gold Junior Pennant

Commenced 6th October 2023. Last play for this year is 15th December. Will recommence on 2nd February 2024. Finals commence on the 15th March 2024.

Fosterville Gold Senior Pennant

Commenced 7th October 2023. Last play for this year is 16th December. Will recommence on 13th January 2024. Finals commence on the 16th March 2024.

BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERING FAMILY



The Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre is opening up the opportunity for Volunteers to join our team.

We would like to give back to our local community and offer opportunities to gain experiences in a wide range of areas.

Volunteering is something that works within your availabilities and skill levels so there is never any pressure on you to be involved long term or to do things that you're not interested in.

What you could participate in:

- Helping out at tournaments and events
- Food preparation
- · Coffee making
- Customer service
- Cash handling
- Cleaning
- Gardening
- Administration

Benefits:

- Gain experiences
- · Meet new people
- Staff discounts
- Family atmosphere
- · Supporting local sport

03 5442 5744 21a Nolan Street Bendigo www.bendigotennis.com.au Contact us by scanning the QR code. Email through your details to discuss this exciting volunteering opportunity.



Bendigo Melbourne Cup Junior & Open Event 4-6 November, 2023

From the 4th to 6th November, the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre hosted the Melbourne Cup Junior & Open Event. This Tournament may have had less numbers than our September Tournament, however the competition didn't disappoint. With perfect weather, we were very lucky to see some incredible tennis and were amazed by the talent on display.

Results from the tournament were:

Mens Open Singles Main Draw

Ren Asai defeated Jack Bassett 7-6 7-6

Mens Open Matchplay Singles

Lewis Murray defeated Davis Alexander 6-3 6-1

Mens Open Doubles

Jack Bassett / Brendan Liddell defeated Matthew Allen / Sam Allen 6-3 6-1

Boys U14 Singles Main Draw

Aditya Thakur defeated Henry Seeber 6-3 6-3

Boys U14 Matchplay Singles

Hamish McNaughton defeated Hugo Gray 6-0 6-0

Boys U14 Doubles

Hamish McNaughton / Aditya Thakur defeated Jeremy Kay / Harry Seeber

Boys U12 Singles Main Draw

Arham Tariq defeated Liam Tarrant 6-4 6-4

Boys U12 Matchplay Singles

Aydin Yazici defeated Tyson Vo 6-3 6-4

Boys U12 Doubles

Aarav Makadia / Arham Tariq defeated Jabob Eddy / Aydin Yazici

Womens Open Singles Main Draw

Isabella Crossman defeated Kerrie Clarke 6-1 6-0

Womens Open Matchplay Singles

Tamara Pudelka defeated Rhiann Eddy 7-5 6-3

Womens Open Doubles

Kerrie Clarke / Isabella Crossman defeated Rhiann Eddy / Samantha Hill 6-3 6-0

Girls U14 Singles

Aarya Nori defeated Emily Liddell

Girls U14 Doubles

Emily Liddell / Suranjana Rathish Maanam defeated Aarya Nori / Amelia Quintana 6-2 6-4

Girls U12 Singles Main Draw

Amra Fleming defeated Skylar Austin 7-5 6-0

Girls U12 Matchplay Singles

Ava Walkenhorst defeated Amelia Quintana 0-6 7-6 10-7

Girls U12 Girls Doubles

Chloe Liddell / Amra Fleming defeated Tayla Starling / Temperance Thu

Congratulations to all of the competitors on such a great job

2023 O3K J125 Bendigo December Junior & Open Tournament

Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre Friday 8th December - Sunday 10th December



2024 Regional Academy of Sport Trials Bendigo

The trials will be held on Sunday 19th November 2023 from 3pm until 5pm at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre.

Please register for the trial day by visiting the below site by close of business on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

https://forms.office.com/r/5U8sSietjV

Further information about the program can be found at https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/competitiveplay/pathways/regionalacademiesofsport

The Regional Academies of Sport tennis programs including the Bendigo Academy of Sport, are part of the official Tennis Victoria pathway program and Tennis Victoria, in partnership with the Victorian Institute of Sport and Sport and Recreation Victoria, supports emerging elite athletes from country Victoria through the Regional Academy of Sport network.

Any further enquiries, please contact Mark Perdon Manager of Programs - Bendigo Academy of Sport 03 5444 7702 & 0429 132 229 m.perdon@latrobe.edu.au



On September 19, the BTA in conjunction with Be.Bendigo launched the inaugural Corporate Tennis Challenge.

For a first time around, we were really happy in attracting 8 teams to participate in the 7 week competition that finished on October 31st.

The Teams consisted of:

- The Professionals
- Butterfly Audiology
- RMCG
- Team Villawood
- Team Philla"Poo"Sus The Pipe Doctor
- Be.Bendigo Allsorts &
- The Spin-Digo All Stars Bendigo Club

Each evening after play, all teams were invited to stay around and enjoy a cold drink and some very yummy catering.

Each team enjoyed the experience of participating, and fingers crossed we can make the next one even bigger and better.





Corporate Tennis
Challenge
Champions 2023

Butterfly Audiology



Corporate Tennis Challenge Runners Up 2023

RMCG

Final Results

1st: Butterfly Audiology

2nd: RMCG

3rd: The Pipe Doctor - Team Philla"poo"sus

4th: Be. Bendigo Allsorts

5th: Professionals Real Estate

6th: Team Villawood

7th: Proactive Finance - There Goes My Back 8th: The Bendigo Club - The Spin-Digo All Stars

Congratulations to all of our teams and thank you for your support



Tennis Australia National Junior Wheelchair Camp

The Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre will play host to Tennis Australia's National Junior Wheelchair Camp, taking place Dec 7-9th, 2023.

The camp will bring together ten of the top junior wheelchair tennis players from around the country to take part in a targeted development camp to prepare the players for the Australian Wheelchair Summer Series in January.

Australia has qualified a Junior Team to compete at the 2024 World Team Cup which will take place in Antalya, Türkiye in May 2024. This camp will also serve as preparations for Australian junior wheelchair players in the lead-up to next year's World Team Cup.

National Wheelchair Development Coach, Greg Crump, will lead the camp alongside former Australian Paralympian, Anthony Bonaccurso, who won a Bronze medal in the Men's Doubles event at the 2024 Athens Paralympic Games.





NOTICE OF BENDIGO TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 2023

TIME: 6.30PM

LOCATION: BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

21a NOLAN STREET BENDIGO

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GIANT

WELCOME TO TERM 4!

UPDATE



Term 4 is well underway, the weather is warming up and a GIANT Summer of Tennis is on the cards! The team is running coaching programs at Axedale, South Bendigo and the BRTC as usual. We are pleased to add Saturday mornings at Marong and Thursday evenings at Elmore to the Term 4 schedule. We're also thankful to Marist College for the use of their courts, whilst Maiden Gully TC is undergoing an exciting upgrade! Looking forward 4 new courts out there in 2024!

TRARALGON SQUAD TRIP



Our most recent GIANT Squad trip had 10 senior members participating in the J125 Optus Traralgon Open and Junior Event. Students travelled to Traralgon by train, slept in the local scout hall, took responsibility for planning and preparing meals, creating experiences and developing skills beyond just their on court play. This was our first GIANT trip to Traralgons fantastic facility, but may very well become a regular event on the GIANT Squad calendar!



GIANT TENNIS AT ELMORE

Following a super fun School Holiday Clinic, we are thrilled to be taking our GIANT Coaching program to Elmore Tennis Club in Term 4! The generous sponsorship of local businesses Nutrien Ag and Community Bank Elmore, Lockington & Rochester has enabled over 30 local kids to join our 10 week coaching program, where they are rapidly developing their tennis skills and having a great time doing it!



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Tennis program Rally4Ever helping to improve mental wellbeing



FUN ON THE TENNIS COURT: Torin Harper-Seears, Michael Carter, Simon Beasley and coach Aidan Fitzgerald at Wednesday's Rally4Ever launch at South Bendigo Tennis Club. Picture: BRENDAN McCARTHY

A NEW tennis program has launched in Bendigo aiming to help improve mental wellbeing.

The Rally4Ever program hit off at the South Bendigo Tennis Club on Wednesday.

The program will involve free weekly 60-minute sessions for anyone who may be feeling lonely, struggling with their mental wellbeing or wanting to reconnect with the community.

The program is being led by tennis coach Aidan Fitzgerald.

"I love the idea of providing a free tennis program to the community that gets people on court and creating a fun, stress-free time for everyone, which hopefully continues into the rest of the day and week,"

The Rally4Ever program began in 2019 as an initiative of former professional tennis player and now women's commentator Louise Pleming after meeting a homeless man named Brian while working in an inner-city soup kitchen.

After learning they both had a love of tennis they had a game together and continued to do so, with the positive changes that tennis had on Brian leading to the Rally4Ever program being established.

"It's Rally4Ever's mission to help people through tennis and exercise," Pleming said.

"We don't discriminate. We just provide a safe place to have fun and connect through movement.

"The program aims to not only get people moving again, but also create social connections and long-term friendships.

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"We are breaking down barriers and connecting everyone in our community through the wonderful game of tennis.

"People from all walks of life join the program and no-one judges.

"We've had young people who have had major breakdowns, older people who are lonely and feel isolated, the young and at-risk youth on the street.

"The Rally4Ever community program gives people the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends, motivating them to keep coming back each week once they start playing regularly."

The program will run at South Bendigo Tennis Club in Neale Street, Flora Hill, each Wednesday from 11.30am.

For more information on the program contact Michael Carter on 0402 252 041. Transport can be arranged for those requiring it to participate in the program.







24-HOUR TENNIS RALLY

Join Impact Recovery and RALLY4EVER for a fun-filled 24-hour tennis event to support mental and physical wellbeing, help prevent homelessness, and bring freedom from addiction

Register as an individual, get your business or organisation on board as a corporate sponsor, form a friendly team, join the rally!

SAVE THE DATE > 8-9 December 11am-11am

REGISTER NOW! Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre



impactrecovery.org.au/community michael.carter@impactrecovery.org.au - 0402 252 041





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South Bendigo Tennis Club



Summer Season Launch

The Summer Tennis Season has arrived! We officially kicked things off with a fun Summer Season Launch for our Junior players. This celebration has become an annual tradition, where we blow out some cobwebs, teams are announced, new members are welcomed, Tennis & games are played, and a BBQ is enjoyed.

Thanks to everyone who came this year and helped set the scene for an enjoyable season of tennis ahead.



Summer Pennant 2023/24

The weather is warming up and it's starting to feel like Tennis Season! Thank you to all the SBTC members who have joined us to play their tennis in the local association pennant competition. This year we are proud to have 17 Junior teams and 3 Senior teams gracing the courts at the BRTC each weekend. Team names are always a point of interest, this year going with a Mr Men and Little Miss theme. Think Mr Strong, Happy, Messy, Silly! Let's see how many live up to their names...



#thisgirlcan

In conjunction with Sports Focus Bendigo, it was great to support THIS GIRL CAN week last month. Club coaches GIANT Tennis delivered a Cardio + Kids Tennis Session, encouraging mums and their young families to come and get active together in a fun, social tennis-based setting.

Cardio Tennis sessions take place at SBTC during school terms, 9.30-10.30am Monday's & Friday's. New participants always welcome!



Rally4Ever

For over 12 months now Aidan has joined the RALLY4EVER team, offering weekly tennis sessions for local residents doing it a bit tougher than some. RALLY4EVER was formed to improve the mental and physical wellbeing of our community through tennis and social connection. Sessions are free and include light refreshments at the end. Every Wednesday during School Terms, 11.30am-1.00pm. @SBTC Please contact Michael to register your attendance: 0402 252 041



KIDS COMMUNITY COACHING



16 NOVEMBER

4.30 PM
IROBBARK TENNIS CLUB
ALL CHILDREN/SKILLS WELCOME

REGISTRATION
EMAIL - IROBARK.TENNIS@GMAIL.COM

























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Gold tram on the tracks

Bendigo Tramways and Fosterville Gold Mine recently launched the "Bendigo – Built on gold" tram which pays homage to the foundational role that gold has played in Bendigo's past and continues to have for the future.



Fosterville Gold Mine is currently planning for our future and critical to this is the successful approval of the Fosterville Gold Mine Sustained Operations Project (SOP). The SOP requires the completion of an Environment Effects Statement which is an assessment of the potential environmental impacts of a proposed development.

To learn more about the SOP Check out this easy to understand project fly through video to see all the components of the project.



Visit the Virtual consultation room: https://fgm.consultation.ai/



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