

BTA NEWSLETTER



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New Centre Manager, Allison Gook (middle), with GIANT Tennis coaches Brandt Fleming (left) and Aidan Fitzgerald (right).

ALLISON GOOK - NEW CENTRE MANAGER

The Bendigo Tennis Association has appointed Allison Gook as the new Centre Manager at Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre.

Allison has a long association with the Bendigo tennis community and brings strong corporate management experience to the BTA. "I am looking forward to building on the excellent programs the BTA is running, working with stakeholders, coaches, clubs and sponsors to boost the profile of tennis in the Bendigo region" Ms Gook says. "I am so excited to be returning to the Bendigo tennis family".

As a former player and now local Bendigo performer Allison is uniquely placed to not only work with sponsors, clubs and coaches to increase tennis participation she will also ensure that BRTC is the venue of choice for events.

"Bendigo now has a strong record for delivering exceptional local, domestic and international tennis competitions and Allison is the perfect Centre Manager to bring more tennis and better events to BRTC," says Barry Green, BTA President.



COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

President - Barry Green

Vice President - Frank Hill

Secretary - Jayd Davis

Treasurer - Danielle Bowles

General Member - Sarah Fallon

General Member - Cathy Ward

General Member - Mark Perdon

General Member - Kylie Evans

General Member - Phil Truscott

BRTC OPENING HOURS

Monday

8.00am - 1.00pm

Tuesday

8.00am - 3.00pm

Wednesday

8.00am - 8.00pm

Thursday

8.00am - 9.00pm

Friday

8.00am - 7.00pm

Saturday

8.00am - 6.00pm


Sunday

Event Dependent

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GIANT TENNIS

Tennis at BRTC will get a further boost with the appointment of GIANT Tennis as the official coaching team.

GIANT Tennis is well established in Bendigo and will run a wide variety of programs including Hot Shots, junior and adult coaching, Cardio Tennis, holiday programs and squads at the Nolan Street centre.

The new three year coaching contract will compliment Bendigo's existing coaching community, and will start strong in January with Junior Holiday Clinics at BRTC. "GIANT Tennis is thrilled to bring our extensive coaching programs to BRTC, particularly as this means our existing and new squad students will benefit from the fantastic facility," said Aidan Fitzgerald, Head of Coaching at GIANT Tennis.

"Our contract at BRTC allows us to provide more match play for students who choose to access our coaching at the Centre and we're looking forward to working closely with Allison. What an exciting time for tennis in Bendigo," said Aidan.

For more information regarding coaching go to www.gianttennis.com.au

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Welcome to



GIANT Tennis



COACHING PROGRAMS

**HOT SHOTS 3-12YRS
JUNIORS & ADULTS
GROUPS & PRIVATE LESSONS
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
CARDIO TENNIS
SQUADS
MATCH PLAY**



TERM 1 SCHEDULE BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CARDIO		9.30-10.30am <i>Cardio Kids</i>	9.30-10.30am	9.30-10.30am		
ANZ HOT SHOTS	Hot Shots lessons from 4.00pm Groups & times to be determined based on enrolments received					From 8.30am
SQUAD 23 TENNIS	4.30-7.30pm	6.00-7.30pm	6.30-8.00am	4.30-7.30pm		9.00-10.30am
Group & Private Coaching	Group & Private lessons for Juniors & Adults available during the day or of an evening by appointment.					

PLEASE CONTACT US TO DETERMINE THE BEST COACHING OPTION FOR YOU!



TENNIS

SCHEDULE

MON
SOUTH BENDIGO

Cardio+kids

TUES
BENDIGO REG TC

Cardio+kids

WED
BENDIGO REG TC

THUR
BENDIGO REG TC

FRI
SOUTH BENDIGO

Cardio+kids

**ALL SESSIONS:
9.30 - 10.30AM**

COST: \$15/Session
Cardio+kids: Includes 1 child (extra child \$5)

10 CLASS PASS: \$135
No expiry, come when it suits!

**COME & TRY CARDIO
FOR FREE
AT THE BRTC
IN WEEK 1!!
(31 JAN - 1 FEB - 2 FEB)**

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UTR PTT \$25K BENDIGO

The Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre hosted the UTR PTT \$25K Bendigo Men's and Women's from December 12 to 19. The event saw players travel from all across Australia with a few international players representing New Zealand and India.

The event only required the use of the front four courts for match play and also a few practice courts at the centre, allowing the majority of our social and pennant competitions to be played at the centre which meant there was no need to use another venue, a great outcome for our local comps.

The event consisted of only singles matches, no doubles events, seeing the 20 participants in each draw being split into groups of 5 to play a round robin before being placed into the playoff rounds. The playoff rounds were single elimination and consisted of five draws of 4 players depending on the player's group finishing (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th).

In the Women's final, New Zealander, Katherine Westbury (pictured bottom right) was victorious with a dominant 6-0, 6-0 win over fellow New Zealander, Monique Barry. Westbury took home the \$3.6k USD prize money with her unique double handed forehand and while also not dropping a single set all tournament.

In the Men's final, Jeremy Taylor (pictured bottom left) was victorious against Tomislav Papac with a straight sets 6-4, 6-2 win. The Australian and University of Memphis player dropped 1 set all tournament which saw him take home the \$3.6k USD prize money.

A massive thank you to those who assisted in the set-up/pack-up of the venue, especially Frank Hill. Thank you to Isaac Watson who was here all week to provide players with restringing services,



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67TH INTER-REGIONAL COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 Inter-Regional Country Championships Victoria was the 67th edition of the tournament held at the Yarrowonga Lawn Tennis Club on January 6 to 8 and had players represent Loddon Campaspe, Goulburn, Barwon, South West, Wimmera, Mornington Peninsula, Central Highlands, and East Gippsland.

We had plenty of local players represent and help guide Loddon Campaspe to victory at the Inter-Regional Country Championships with 297 points, 49 points more than Goulburn (2nd) and 55 points more than Barwon (3rd). Loddon Campaspe also received the Cooke Shield for Most Improved.

Local Winners:

- Michael Smyth & David Starling - Mens 50+ Doubles
- Brandt Fleming - Mens 30-49 Singles
- Danielle Bowles - Womens 30-49 Singles
- Bella Marchant & Philippa Bush - Girls 18/u Doubles
- Willow Barnett & Matilda Cameron - Girls 16/u Doubles
- Lewis Murray - Boys 14/u Singles

Local Runners Up:

- Michael & Narelle Smyth - Mixed 50+ Doubles
- Narelle Smyth - Womens 50+ Doubles
- Danielle Bowles & Bronwyn Osborne - Womens 30-49 Doubles
- Isaac Watson & Isabella Crossman - Mixed Open Doubles
- Isaac Watson & Ryan Pool - Mens Open Doubles
- Peter Pochettino & Matilda Cameron - Mixed 16/u Doubles
- Joaquin Demaria O'Sullivan - Boys 14/u Boys Singles
- Lewis Murray & Joaquin Demaria O'Sullivan - Boys 14/U Doubles
- Skylar Austin & Tayla Starling - Girls 12/u Doubles



BENDIGO RISING SUN JUNIOR AND OPEN ZONE SERIES

The 2022 Bendigo Rising Sun Junior and Open Zone series held at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre on December 9 to 11 saw only 15 out of 25 events finish as rain hit the courts halfway through the final day.

258 players descended to the BRTC from across the state and beyond the Victorian border to compete in the final Zone Series event in Bendigo for 2022.

Olivia Symons won the Womens Open Band 1 event with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Darcy Parke in the final. Olivia then went on to play in the Bendigo UTR Pro Tour Tennis event the following week in Bendigo.



Darcy Parke (L)
Olivia Symons (R)

The Mens Open Band 1 final saw Jackson Varney 6-2, 5-3 up over James Elia before the rain halted play and saw the match abandoned.

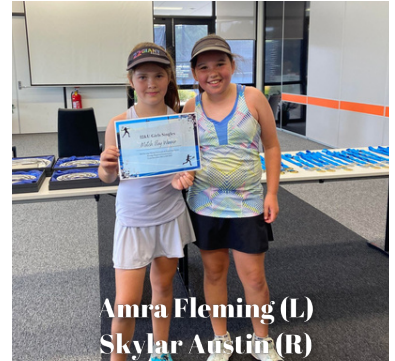
Willow Kelly was runner-up in the 14/u Girls Singles Band 1 event. South Bendigo's Maliha Dean was runner-up 14/u Girls Singles Band 2 event. South's duo of Maliha Dean and Samantha Hill won the 14/u Girls Doubles Band 2 event, Ciana Armstrong with her partner Matilda Nave were the runners-up.



Lewis Murray (L)
Jason Wirth (R)

South Bendigo's Amra Fleming beat fellow South's player Skylar Austin in the 12/u Girls Singles Match Play Final.

Castlemaine's Lewis Murray won the 16/u Boys Singles event with a 6-3, 6-4 win in the final. The Castlemaine duo of Lewis and Jacob Juriansz were facing off with Jamie Windust of South Bendigo and Strathdale Park with his partner Jason Wirth but rain abandoned the 16/u Boys Doubles final.



Amra Fleming (L)
Skylar Austin (R)

A huge thank you to Jake Dunn our Tournament Director for another fantastic tournament which is likely his last one in Bendigo. Thanks to John Vanstone the sports trainer and to all the officials.

PRO SHOP - HEAD SPEED MP NOW IN STOCK



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ALICIA MOLIK CUP - 12/U TEAM EVENT

The Alicia Molik Cup, Tennis Victoria's premier 12 & under teams event, was held at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club in early December, representing Team Loddon Campaspe Region was Callum Fyffe (Spring Gully TC), Carlo Gamboa (South Bendigo TC), Rielle Armstrong (Spring Gully TC) and Willow Kelly (Spring Gully TC).

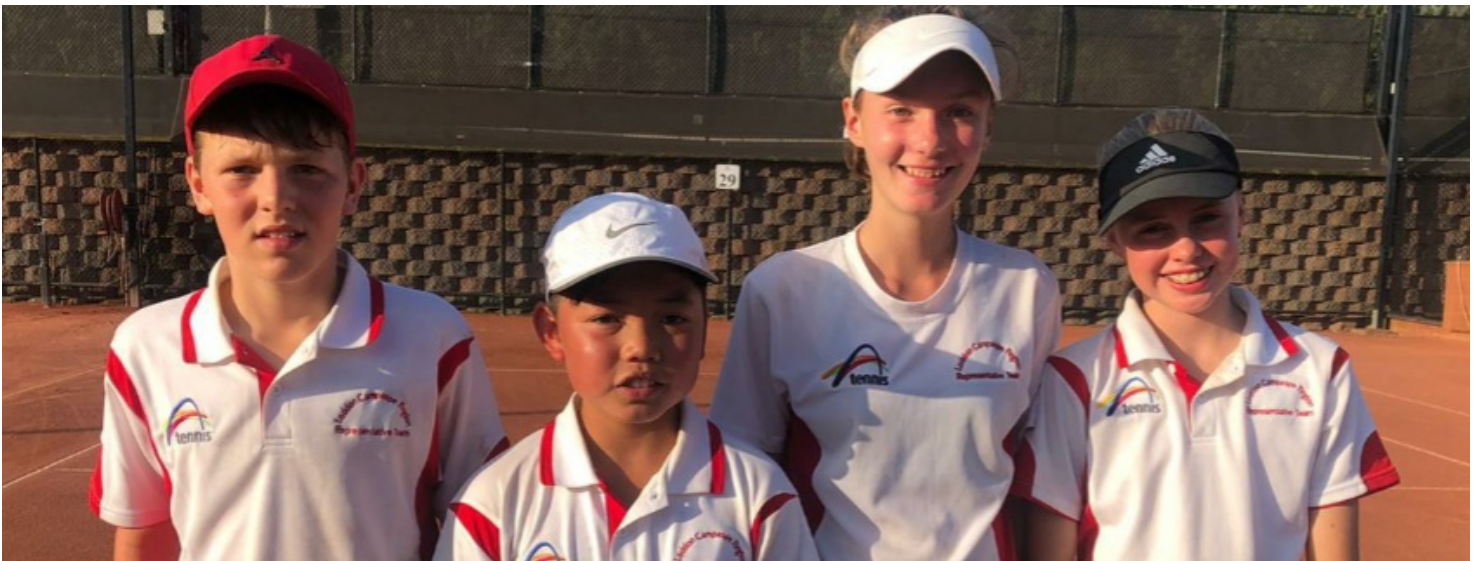
Playing singles and mixed doubles in hot conditions on Kooyong's clay courts against 16 teams of the best from around the state, our team of Carlo Gamboa, Callum Fyffe, Willow Kelly and Rielle Armstrong started with two 4 sets to 2 losses in tough battles against Melbourne powerhouses NEJTA and Waverley.

They followed with strong wins against Wimmera (6-0), Western Region TA (4-2) and Mornington Peninsula (5-1).

After another tight 4-2 loss to Moorabbin, Callum's singles win in the last match on court gave Loddon Campaspe a win over North Suburban JTA (3-3, on countback) which secured 7th place of the 17 regions, the highest of the eight non-metro regions.

Other highlights included Rielle remaining undefeated across six singles matches, Willow winning six of seven singles (including one incredible comeback win from 2-5 15-40), and Carlo's tenacious efforts against some of the strongest boys from Melbourne.

The players showed amazing attitudes and team spirit on and off the court. Congratulations to all involved!



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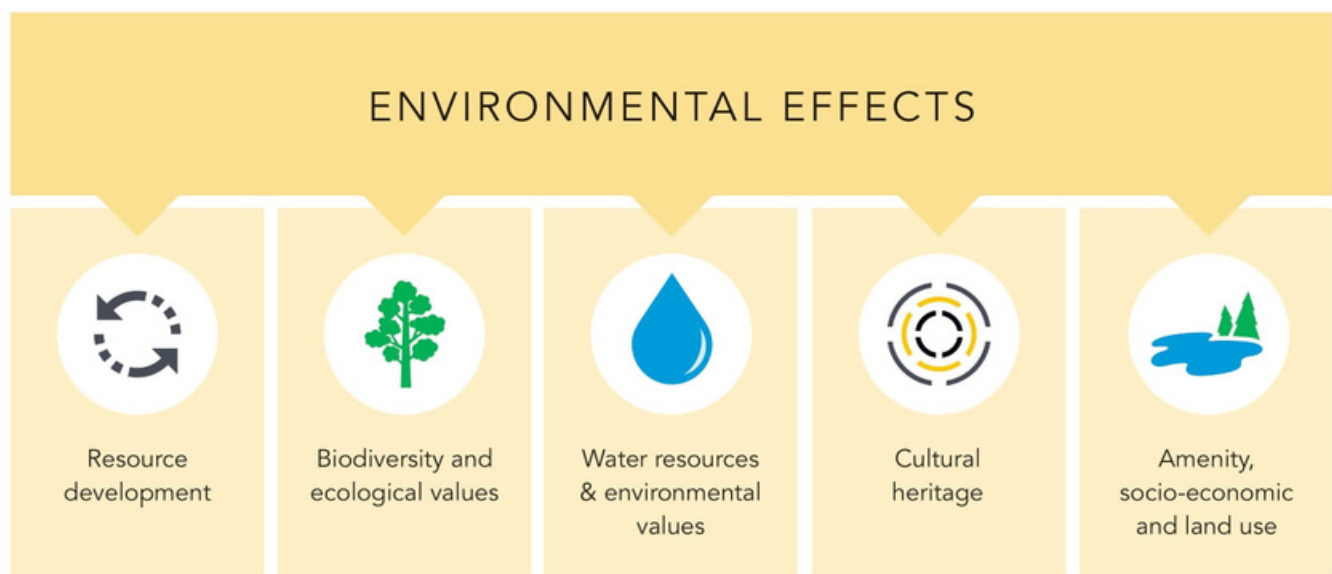
Sustained Operations Project update

The FGM Sustained Operations Project team, together with lead consultants AECOM are preparing the documentation required for the EES to adequately address the scoping requirements.

STEP 1

Identify which environmental effects are to be assessed

The scoping requirements outline the matters to be addressed in the EES and includes the assessment of specific environmental effects as detailed below:



STEP 2

Undertake technical studies

In order to meet the scoping requirements of the EES, the following technical studies are being undertaken:

1. Aboriginal cultural heritage impact assessment
2. Historic heritage impact assessment
3. Air quality / Greenhouse gas emissions impact assessments
4. Ecology impact assessment
5. Geotechnical impact assessment
6. Groundwater impact assessment
7. Ground vibration impact assessment
8. Landscape and visual impact assessment
9. Land use planning impact assessment
10. Noise impact assessment
11. Surface water impact assessment
12. Traffic impact assessment
13. Social impact assessment
14. Economic impact assessment

While the scoping requirements are intended to cover all relevant matters, the EES will also need to address other issues that emerge during the EES investigations, especially potential impacts and environmental issues relevant to statutory decisions that will be informed by the assessment.

STEP 3

Public review / exhibition

Public exhibition

Once the Minister is satisfied that the EES adequately addresses the scoping requirements, it is released for public comment – or public exhibition – for a period of approximately 30 business days (as per DELWP requirements).

Submissions

The public exhibition period allows members of the public to review the EES and provide written submissions on the project to Planning Panels Victoria. These submissions inform the panel in making its recommendations to the Minister for Planning and are a key opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on the impacts of the project.

More information about the submission process can be found here: engage.vic.gov.au/project/fosterville-sustained-operations-project-ees-draft-scoping-requirements/participate

Inquiry

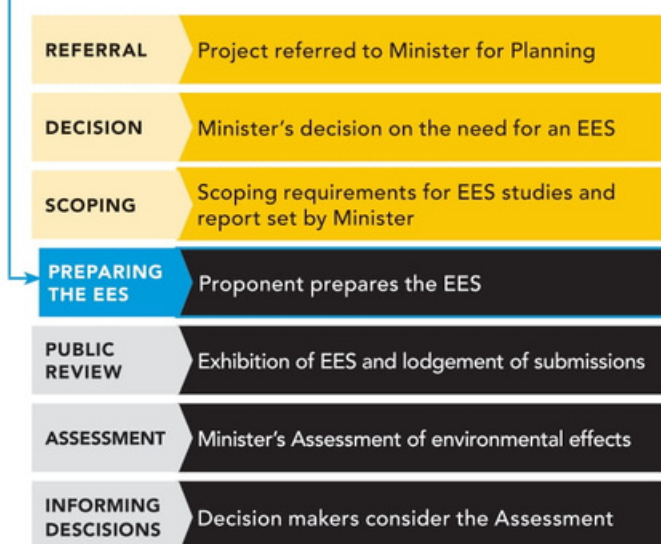
The Minister may appoint an inquiry to evaluate the effects of the project, having regard to the EES studies and public submissions. The inquiry may take one of three forms (depending on the complexity of the issues):

- › A desktop review of written submissions
- › A conference of submitters and review of submissions
- › A formal hearing, where the proponent and submitters are invited to speak and present expert witnesses.

It is anticipated that a hearing will be held for this project.

WE ARE CURRENTLY HERE

Final scoping requirements were issued by the Minister for Planning in September 2022. These provided the final scoping for the EES. The FGM Sustained Operations Project team, together with lead consultants AECOM are now preparing the required documentation.



Want to know more?

Visit the FGM Sustained Operations Project Virtual Consultation Room (VRC):
fgm.consultation.ai

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- Eligibility to play in BTA Junior, Senior Pennant and Midweek BTRC Night Competitions (Wed/Thurs)
- Free RSL Membership and access to Tennis Centre at RSL
- Registration with Tennis Victoria
- 10% discount on club merchandise

* Offer valid until midnight January 31st, 2023

** Under the age of 18

*** Non playing membership

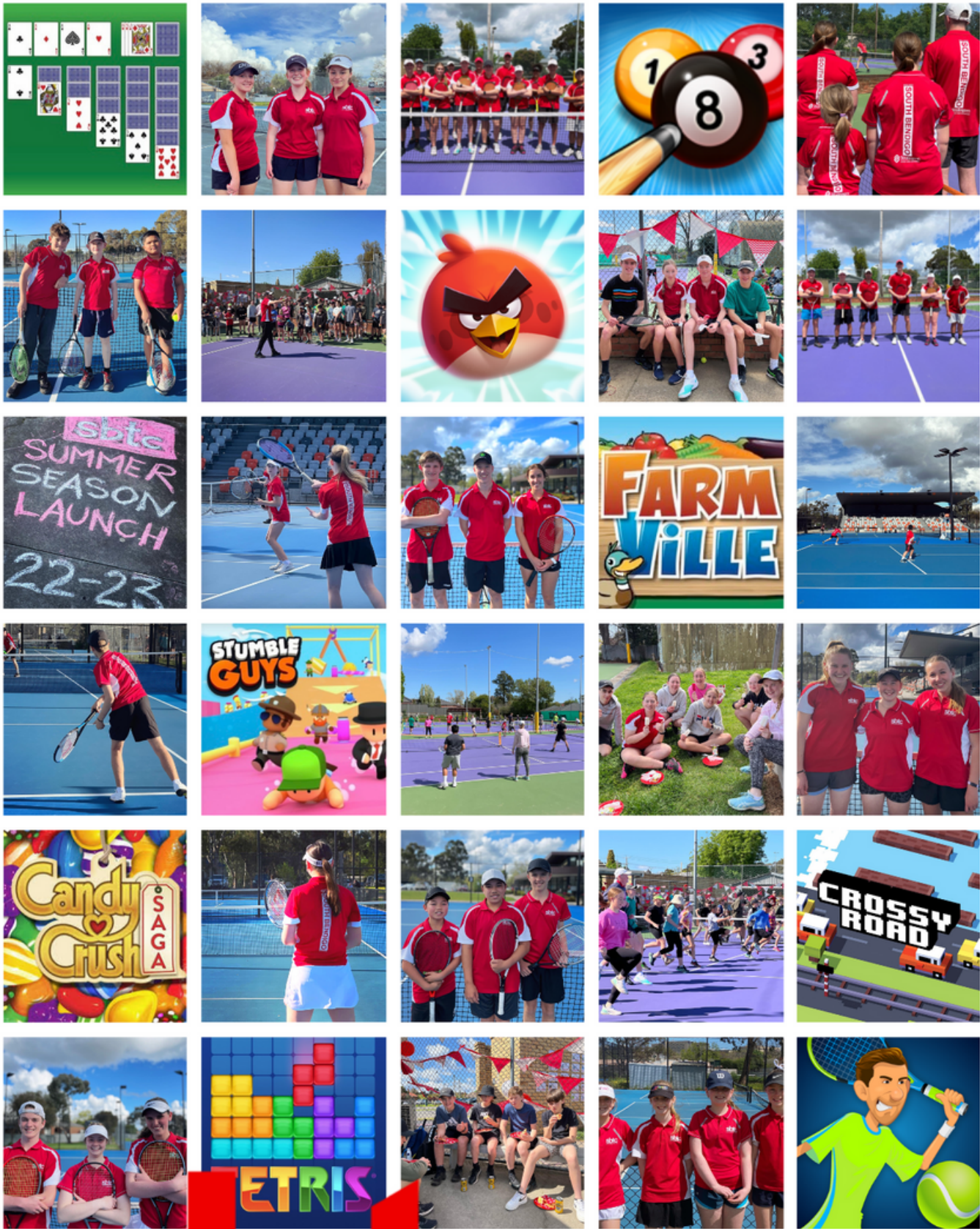


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Best of luck to all of our Junior & Senior Pennant Players for the 2022-23 Season!

Enjoy the Game!



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SPARKIE

COMPETITION!

We hope you all had a very merry Christmas and a lively New Years, but the time has come to dust off the tennis

racquets

Tuesday 31st
Thursday 2nd

7pm Tuesday night - beginner to intermediate.

8pm Tuesday - intermediate to strong.

Thursday 6:30- beginner to intermediate.

Thursday 7:30- intermediate to strong

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPTC

We trust you all had a safe summer break filled with laughter, joy and happiness.

Strathdale Park TC would like to thank all our wonderful members who attended our Christmas Party. It was a wonderful night and a fantastic way for us to say thank you to the continued support you and your membership provides our club.

Would you like to join the Sparkie family too? 2022/2023 memberships are due in for our new season starting September the 1st. To renew your membership or to join, head to Clubspark. Adult Memberships are \$60 with your kids playing for free or for non playing adults, junior memberships are \$20. All memberships attract a \$2 card transaction fee.

We are also currently on the hunt for junior members. Do you know anyone looking for a club to represent in competition tennis this summer? Send them our way!

We wish our Sparkies who are attending the annual Charlton Australia Day tennis tournament the best of luck. We look forward to hearing all about it upon your return.

We cannot thank everyone enough for their support over the past three years and we know we have the people to continue growing this club! See you on the court

SHOW US YOU'RE A PROUD SPARKIE

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Stubby Holder \$7 Singlet \$25
Polo shirt \$40 (or \$45 with your name!)



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WANT COACHING?

Coaching is available for all ages & abilities... from the **ANZ Junior Hot Shots** program through to **Adult** groups or one-one-one sessions, mums & bubs, cardio tennis... the list is endless! Contact our head coach Jim Widdowson directly by visiting: www.jimwiddowson.com & Jim or his amazing coaches will be in touch!





Strathfieldsaye Tennis has had a very successful last quarter of 2022!

Our membership has doubled from 2021-22 to over 100 members and we have had great coaching results from Bree Smith of Breeze Tennis Academy.

Bree has also been conducting one-off clinics over the holiday period attracting new young people into the game of tennis.

Our Committee continues to work with the City of Greater Bendigo regarding new plans for a rebuild of our courts. These plans have entered the 2nd phase of planning, with both the City and the Club Committee working to finalize the first draft.

All Court bookings are now online using ClubSpark and the newly installed IglooHome locks. The former key system from IGA Strathfieldsaye is no longer in use. Our thanks go to management and staff at IGA Strathfieldsaye for the many years of assisting Strathfieldsaye Tennis with our former manual booking system.

We have four Junior teams in BTA competitions...all teams are experiencing success and having fun playing tennis!

We have Social Tennis Tuesday evenings for the first time and Veterans continue to play on Thursday mornings



GIANT

Tennis

WELCOME TO A GIANT 2023!

UPDATE



Hello BRTC!!

The GIANT Team is thrilled to be offering our programs at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre in 2023!! This is a great addition to our established communities and we now invite all new and existing students to register their position for Term 1 Coaching at their closest GIANT Tennis venue.



GIANT SUMMER OF TENNIS

The GIANT year kicked off in early January with a series of Holiday Clinics for students across the region. It was fabulous to have plenty of eager juniors in Wedderburn and Marong, before running sessions at Maiden Gully, South Bendigo, and finally our first Holiday Program at the BRTC! Aidan also took a bunch of lucky Hot Shots players to the Australian Open for the Kids on Court Showcase: playing on John Cain Arena and free tickets to Rod Laver created an amazing experience for these little GIANTS!



INTER-REGIONAL CHAMPIONS!



Congratulations to Team Loddon Campaspe! Winners of the Inter-Regional Country Champs in Yarrowonga! It was fantastic to have these GIANT students (and Coach!) contributing to the first win for our region in a very long time. Well done to Peter, Lewis, Brandt, Amra and Skylar!



2023 GIANT SQUAD LAUNCHED



The 2023 GIANT Squad Program kicked off with a training camp to Shepparton, where students took part in team-building, training, and grass-court match play with local students and coaches. A Launch event followed, setting the scene for a year of developing together as a team.

LEARNING FROM THE BEST



The GIANT Coaching Team was fortunate to undertake a master class in January with internationally-acclaimed coach, Martin Rocca. His passion and experience in the area of junior development was super inspiring, providing many great ideas to implement with our own little GIANTS!