



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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## NOTICE OF AGM

# 2024 Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that 115<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of members will be held in the Clubhouse at Central Park, Kenneth Street, Longueville on **Saturday, 23 March 2024**, at 12:00 pm for the purpose of dealing with the following business:

- 1** Adoption of Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on Saturday, 15 April 2023
- 2** President's Report
- 3** Adoption of the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023
- 4** Election of Members of the General Committee
- 5** General Business

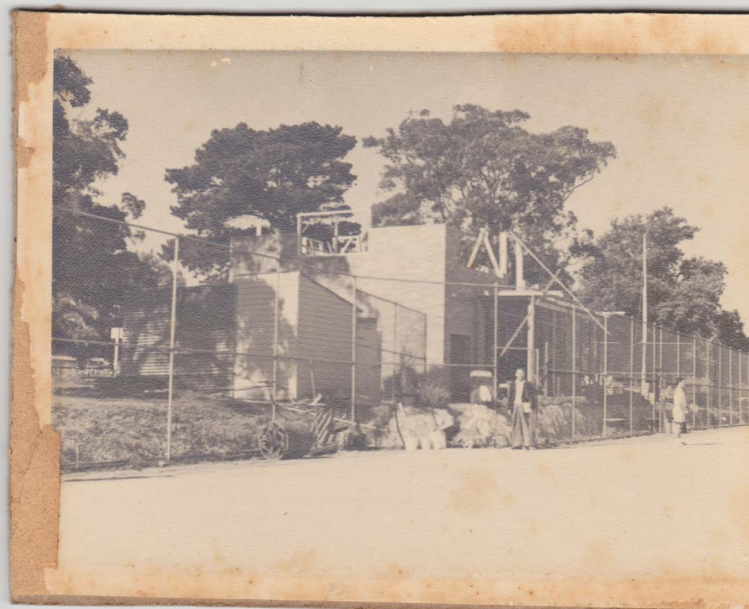
For and on behalf of the General Committee.

**Sue Woodward**  
LCTC Honorary Secretary

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

A copy of the Annual Report, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Income and Expenditure follows.







# President's Report

by Garry Butler

Hello Members,

The Club continues to thrive under our devoted committee, including our new members Kat Cho and Matt Hawkins. I again must make special mention of the workload of our Secretary, Sue Woodward and Tim Cook our Maintenance Manager. I would also like to thank, Peter Jeregui for the upkeep and presentation of the courts.

The new coaching arrangement with Paul's Tennis Academy has proved a success and we look forward to a continued cordial relationship and the promotion of juniors to join the Club.

This year some necessary remedial work will be carried out under the clubhouse, which may cause some interruption to play. The major item for 2024 is the expiration of our current lease with Council on 31st October.

Formal discussions with Lane Cove Council will be happening soon and I am confident the lease will be renewed for a further five years. This is the maximum term allowed to date by Council.

The Club is in a sound financial position as evident by the financial reports. Membership numbers are improving with an overall good standard of play.

Keep healthy and enjoy your tennis.

**Garry Butler**  
LCTC President

## Ode to Garry

Oh Garry, the man we all adore,  
Seventy years young, but there's so much more,  
Born in '53, on June's thirteenth day,  
A Lane Cove legend, in every single way.

From nappies to racquets, you've come a long way,  
Your mom, dear Shirley, paved your path, they say,  
Lowered the age limit, just to let you in,  
Our youngest member in '58, where it all did begin.

With a racquet in hand, you began so small,  
Mastering forehands, and that double fault at fifteen all,  
Chasing both balls and the girls with a smile,  
In your formative years, you went the extra mile.

"Hi, I'm Garry," you'd say with such flair,  
"Two 'r's' in my name, it's a name beyond compare!"  
Known as "Mr. Reliable," in doubles you'd excel,  
Though a game point double fault, we all know so well.

On the dance floor, you'd light up the night,  
Footloose like Kevin Bacon, your moves shining bright,  
First to arrive, last to leave, without fail,  
With fancy footwork matching your tennis tale.

Sue joined your life, adding to the Butler clan,  
Another Sue, in your heart, the perfect plan,  
Our longest-serving President, with dedication so vast,  
Twenty-nine years strong, a legacy unsurpassed.

Your name on our boards, with titles in tow,  
Championship victories, your prowess did grow,  
In NSTA competitions, your all-out swing,  
With towels in beige, lemon, and off-white, on the net they cling.

Your charm, sportsmanship, and dedication so true,  
Earned you NSTA Honorary Associate Membership, it's tennis' due,  
Saturday Social, you're a regular face,  
Putting on sets with style and grace.

Baseball, another sport where you excel,  
With that fancy footwork, we can surely tell,  
Rainy days may keep you away,  
But your presence at our club, it's here to stay.

Fresh cherries each year, you always bring,  
And prawns for President's Day, that's your thing,  
So here's to Garry, our club's shining star,  
In our hearts, you travel both near and far.

Seventy years young, a milestone so grand,  
With a lifetime of memories, you truly understand,  
The Lane Cove Tennis Club, your home and your heart,  
We salute you, dear Garry, for playing your part.





# Secretary's Report

by Sue Woodward

## Game, Set, and Match: A Year to Remember at Lane Cove Tennis Club - 2023 Recap

Let's look at our fantastic year at Lane Cove Tennis Club in 2023.

We kicked off the year by welcoming both returning and new members. Our membership has grown, counting around 222 adults, students, and juniors. The courts buzzed with activity throughout the year, open 365 days for everyone's enjoyment. The annual court surface service was undertaken and did affect court bookings.

Our courts accommodated member play for social and competition, coaching, and permanent court hirers, including Sydney Veterans Tennis and Redlands. The local community accessed the courts with 345 court bookings – it is great to see the local interest!

The Committee welcomed two new members, Kat Cho and Matt Hawkins, at the March 2023 AGM.

The Breakfast Comp was a hit again, with 4 comps, 2 divisions, 22 players braving all weather conditions on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 6:30am to 8:30am. Congratulations to the winners: Scott Button, Riki Uehara, Jamie Vandenberg, Michael Travares, Bryan Palmer and Ian Hilton. Thanks again to Guy Wynn for organising the comp.

Mornings and afternoons at the club were a hive of activity; special thanks to our fantastic coaches, Ella, Dom, and Gabriel, inspiring young kids to play the game. Also, thanks to Paul McNamara, who is training an elite group of teenagers at the club.

Our club remained a proud Northern Suburbs Tennis Association member, actively participating in various competitions, championships, and member forums. In 2023, we supported NSTA's Centenary dinner and continued to field teams in the Saturday afternoon and junior competitions. Special shoutout to Kat Cho, Louis Turner, Glen Wilkins, and Jenae Carroll, regular players in the Association's popular night competition. And congratulations to Alex Morris for clinching the NSTA Open Men's Singles title.

Congratulations to Corey Lewis, who was awarded NSTA 2023 Male Sportsperson of the Year for embodying fairness, ethics, respect, and sportsmanship on and off the court.

In December, we bid farewell to Redlands and its students, who had been hiring our courts for years. This farewell marks a new chapter for junior players, guided by Paul's Tennis Academy.

The Garry Butler Shield returned to our club in 2023, adding a junior division for the first time. Over 20 players competed to bring the Shield back home. Kudos to our juniors – Sabrina Mohabbat, Jakob Merna, Aidan Li and Ben Muir who secured victory in their division. Our Men's Premier players, Paul McNamara, Glenn Knox, Alex Morris, and Zain Yasser treated spectators to sensational play. It was a terrific day of intense play and friendships.

Congratulations to Mischa Jeregui, who triumphed in the inter-club Lane Cove-Chatswood Championships, extending our club's championship reign for three consecutive years.

A huge shoutout to Sydney Veterans Tennis, who kept our courts busy with social play for their 50+ players. We appreciate their loyalty and flexibility, especially during school holiday camps.

We enjoy sharing our facilities with the clients of Ingrid Shaw's Gyrotonic, Pilates and Yoga Studio. The studio hosts state of the art equipment, led by leading instructors including Ingrid Shaw herself.

Organised social play continued Tuesday mornings and Saturday afternoons, thanks to Anna Barwell and the Committee. Special thanks to Matt Millward for lending a helping hand on Saturdays. In 2024, Anna is handing the baton to Reza Alizadeh.

Our Committee successfully organised two memorable member social events in 2023 – Wimbledon Day and President's Day. Wimbledon Day held a special place in our hearts as we celebrated President Garry Butler's 70th birthday.

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2023

Name	Position	Meeting Attendance
Garry Butler	President	10
Graham Metcalf	Vice President	10
Keith Stewart	Treasurer	11
Sue Woodward	Secretary	10
Corey Lewis	Competition Secretary	11
Tim Cook	Club Captain	9
Jenae Carroll	Bookings Secretary	9
Olivah Tisbury-Brown	Committee Member	8
Kat Cho	Committee Member	5
David Frish	Committee Member	4
Walid Mohabbat	Committee Member	8
Matt Hawkins	Committee Member	4

Over 60 people attended Wimbledon Day, including Life Member Warren Welch and his wife Sue, past members including Belinda Giffin, Jenny DeVivo, David and Lynn Feather, Peter Flottman, NSTA president Kat McNamara, NSTA Life Member Sue Delmege and Kooroora President Helen Ackerman.

The event unfolded on a spectacular winter afternoon, with a clear blue sky, no clouds in sight, and perfect tennis conditions. Players donned their whites, engaging in thrilling matches, with many eager to share a set with the birthday boy and our president, Garry. A particular highlight was the live harpist, who entertained players and spectators with a delightful mix of classical and modern-day music.

President's Day, held in December, enjoyed strong member support and featured the customary indulgence of prawns.

Our club's facilities remain top-notch, thanks to Tim Cook and Reza Alizadeh, who handle everything from signage and fixing nets to safety barriers. They tackle every task with a smile.


Finally, we'd like to pay our respects to George Fleming Payne, a Life Member, who left us at 94 years. His love for tennis and contributions to our club will always be remembered.

Thanks for making 2023 a smashing year at Lane Cove Tennis Club!

**Sue Woodward**  
LCTC Honorary Secretary

**222** MEMBERS **6** LIFE MEMBERS  
**140** ADULT MEMBERS

**59** JUNIOR MEMBERS



**39** TEAMS IN NSTA COMPS



**345** CASUAL COURT BOOKINGS



**\$6,260** CASUAL COURT HIRE FEES



**115** YEARS

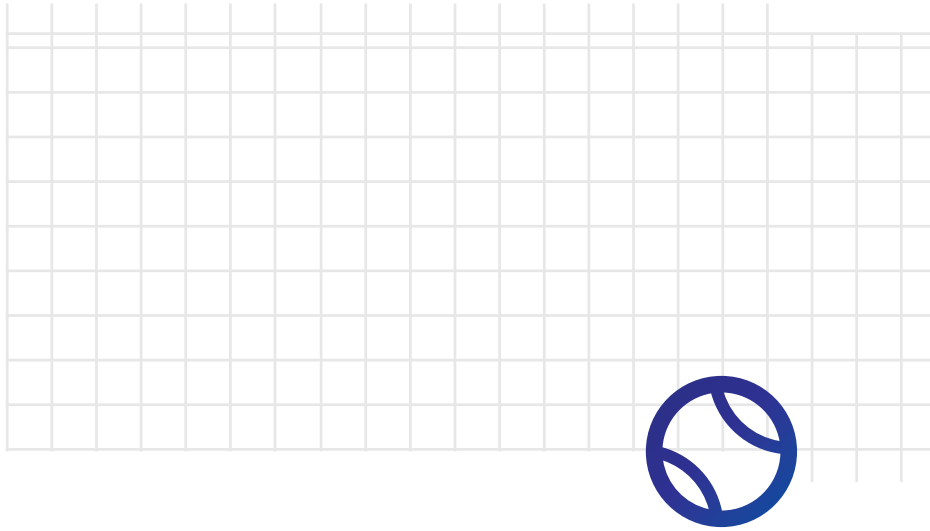




WIMBLEDON DAY 2023 with GARRY'S 70<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY







# Competition Secretary's Report

by Corey Lewis

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 Club Championships was another very successful event, with over 50 players entering it and many of the eventual champions claiming their first titles at Lane Cove. Special thanks to those who went out of their way to make it possible to finish as many events as possible in time for the presentation day.

This year's Open Singles event started with one of the largest fields seen at Lane Cove for quite a while. After multiple great matches it came down to two of the top seeds battling it out in the finals. Congratulations to Joshua Muzik who completed his run through the event, defeating Matt Fisher 7-5 6-3 in an entertaining match. Congratulations also to tiebreak specialist Zaki Mohabbat, who spent a record amount of time on the court in multiple of the matches of the tournament.

Matt had more success in the Open Doubles, where he and his long-running partner Walid Mohabbat won in the finals 6-3 6-3 over John O'Brien and Zaki Mohabbat. Jenae Carroll and Sarn Ng were the champions of the Open Mixed Doubles, over Corey Lewis and Sue Woodward.

While timing issues meant that the Junior Singles events were unable to be played this year, Ben Muir and Risheet Mazumdar were the champions of the 18U Junior Doubles. In an extremely close match, they beat out Amelia Foate and Sabrina Mohabbat 7-5 6-7(4) (10-7).

After a couple of years break, congratulations to Paul Muller who claimed his third Veteran's Singles title, with a very close fought 7-6(6) 3-6 (10-7) win over Sarn Ng. Sarn did gain his revenge in the Veteran's Doubles though, partnering with John O'Brien to defeat Paul and Steve Smyth 7-5 6-0. In the Super Veteran's Doubles, Warren Welch and Mahmud Choudhury were too strong, beating Gordon Miller and Reza Alizadeh 8-3.

Dustin Roos claimed his first title in the Reserve Singles event, 6-2 7-6(5) over Kat Cho, while Tim Cook and Mahmud Choudhury claimed the Reserve Doubles title, beating the new partnership of Julia Song and Simon Li. Finally, Reza Alizadeh and Tim Cook were too strong on the day, winning the Handicap Doubles event over Norman Donato and Warren Welch.

## NSTA COMPETITION

There were many great results by Lane Cove players in the NSTA Competitions throughout 2020. There were a record 59 teams that played for us throughout the year, with 19 of them making it to the finals of their divisions and 12 winning them!

Particular congratulations to Felix Liddy and Patrick Bates, who were the Division 7 SJTT champions in their first season of competition. Congratulations also to Nicholas Shanahan, Emma Leung and Jade Kirlaw, and Caleb Heng, Ilya Kozlov and Tristan Lee who similarly made the finals in their first competitive seasons.

However, team of the year goes to Jenae Carroll, Keith Stewart and Tim Cook, who were the champions of their Saturday Doubles divisions in three out of the four seasons. Well done team!

Separately, two of our top juniors had excellent results in the 2023 NSTA Championships. Congratulations to Alex Morris, who was the champion of the Open Men's Singles event, and to Arin Gowda, who won the 8/U Boy's Singles without dropping a set throughout the whole event.

**Corey Lewis**  
Competition Secretary







# Treasurer's Report

by Keith Stewart

As you can see from the financial statements, our Club continues to thrive and has maintained a positive result for 2023.

We have had the usual maintenance activities as described in Tim's report, or hopefully as you may have seen at the club. In addition to these items, the Club has continued to support our junior members with competition fees and keeping any membership increases to a minimum.

Our net earnings are reflective of an increase in membership, higher interest income and a growing hiring and coaching base. In addition, we have enjoyed continued patronage from the Sydney Vets and our Pilates, Gyrotonic and Yoga partner continues to grow.

It is great to see new faces on the court enjoying both tennis and the facilities we offer.

It is pleasing to report that the Club remains in a strong financial position and has sufficient reserves to meet expected future capital expenditure. The Committee would be pleased to hear your thoughts on any items that we could consider planning for that would add to the facilities. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting is one opportunity to raise an idea or feel free to send an email to the Club.

As always look forward to seeing you on the courts enjoying your tennis.

**Keith Stewart**  
LCTC Honorary Treasurer



# Club Facilities Report

by Tim Cook

Hi Lane Cove Tennis Club community,

I hope you enjoyed 2023 at the club as much as I did! Lots of great tennis with our terrific tennis community made the year thoroughly enjoyable.

Firstly, here are just some of the many repairs and improvements carried out in 2023 by our amazing club member, Reza Alizadeh:

- fixing the patio "gap" problem with his ingenious work with aluminium chequer plates
- various net repairs
- the ice sculpture (Garry's 70th)
- painting
- bathroom door handle replacements (to bring up to safety standards)

The list goes on and on, and Reza also had time for the odd hit of tennis, including winning the Handicap doubles in the 2023 Club Championships! Thanks Reza, you are a true club champion!

Here are some of the other things done around the club in 2023:

- For safety (and aesthetics), we had the patio handrails replaced with the glass balustrades.

- In August we had the courts serviced by Sports Clean to keep them in top shape. This service includes rejuvenating the grass pile, topping up the sand and treating mould that tends to grow in winter.
- We replaced both our court sweepers, with new "Aussie Clean Sweeps".
- We purchased our new "Super Sopper" court drying machine.
- Replaced the tired, old green shade cloth along the clubhouse fence on court 3 with new black shade cloth.

Moving forward to 2024 our landlord, Lane Cove Council, are working on solutions to address clubhouse issues including concrete cancer affecting the ground floor slab, corroded subfloor and ground floor columns, and the subsided south facing clubhouse window frame.

As usual, if you see anything that needs maintaining, or improving, or if you can help in any way, please let me or your Committee know.

To all our Club members I wish you a terrific 2024 of tennis!

**Tim Cook**  
LCTC Club Captain

# Auditor's Report

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14 January 2024

## LANE COVE TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the accompanying accounts of Lane Cove Tennis Club Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2023.

In my opinion the accounts are properly drawn up:-

(i) so as to give a true and fair view of Lane Cove Tennis Club Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with the notes provided.



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Joon Soh FCPA  
Honorary Auditor





# Profit & Loss Statement<sup>\*\*</sup>

As At 31 December 2023

INCOME	2023	2022	EXPENDITURE	2023	2022
Subscriptions	\$44,477	\$32,154	Audit Fee		-
Other	\$14,240	\$14,440	Ball Account	\$1,787	\$1,503
Court Hire	\$56,704	\$54,608	Registration TNSW (Insurance)	\$1,960	\$1,825
Interest	\$7,200	\$1,982	Court Maintenance	\$10,742	\$4,296
			Cleaning	\$5,969	\$8,448
			Telephone Postage and Printing	\$153	\$144
			Electricity and Gas	\$2,259	\$1,761
			Repairs and Maintenance	\$9,537	\$14,597
			Competition and Registration	\$3,682	\$1,643
			Depreciation	\$13,638	\$23,583
			Lease Payments	\$23,116	\$21,773
			Membership Development	\$3,640	\$480
			Social and Awards	\$1,448	\$1,765
			Catering	\$3,605	\$2,480
			Other Expenses	\$4,351	\$5,021
			Total Expenditure	\$85,899	\$89,319
			<b>INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$36,732</b>	<b>\$13,865</b>
				<b>\$122,621</b>	<b>\$103,184</b>
	<b>\$122,621</b>	<b>\$103,184</b>			





## Form of Appointment of Proxy

I, ..... of .....  
Full Name Address

being a member of Lane Cove Tennis Club Incorporated hereby

appoint ..... of .....  
Full Name Address

being a member of Lane Cove Tennis Club Incorporated, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the Lane Cove Tennis Club Incorporated (annual general meeting or special general meeting as the case may be)

To be held on the ..... day of ....., 20 .....

and any adjournment of that meeting.

.....  
Signature of member appointing proxy

Date .....

- NOTE
- (1) A proxy vote cannot be given to a member who is not entitled to vote.
  - (2) The member appointing proxy must also be entitled to vote.
  - (3) To be entitled to vote the member must be financial pursuant to rule 54) d) and have membership status that carries the right to vote, and have the right to exercise that vote.



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