



# Annual General Meeting - September 2019 *Gosford Tennis Club*

- 1) **Attendance** : See attendance list
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** : – Accepted : Mike Phillips      Second : Dale Murphy
- 3) **Reports** :

**A) President** : Happy to report a financial improvement with a plus of \$80k in the account. The past 12 months has turned to a more strategic approach with the Club to improve the alliance with our main body of TA /TNSW. A Strategic plan will be available by the end of year.

Thank you to the front desk, office and coaching staff. The Staff commitment has been a key driver in the financial improvement at Gosford. Thankyou to Tony H. for all his work on the operations of the business and to Kat L. for assistance with the tournaments. Further mentions go to Mick C. and Mike P. for work on the grounds and Lyn, Dell, Dale and Kylie for catering during our big events. All the support and help from the volunteers allows the Club to save money. Thank you to Alex S. and Katherine K. who have put in lots of time and work with our constitution. Also, a special mention to Vasco and Maria for their assistance with keeping the grounds and maintenance of the facility with their many volunteer hours. Finally, Thank you to the outgoing committee for all your time and assistance over the last 12 months.

Gosford has had some success in the grants department that has led to the Kitchen being renovated. The shade cloth is being replaced with assistance from Ladies Mid Week contribution. We are looking forward to being successful in a LED lighting grant.

This last year, there have been many tournaments held at Gosford with around 40,000 users at the Club which shows the confidence that TA and TNSW have in our ability to perform. Seniors Gosford Open and Club Champs events will be held in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to the players of the Blackwell Cup first the first time in 30yrs including high level players and coaches. Went to final. Further mentions to outstanding members of the High Performance Squad go to Shannon Spencer, singles and doubles winner for the Pizzy Cup as well as Nick DeVivo being the Ken Rosewell Medal recipient. Report Tabled.

**B) Treasurer** : Thank you to the volunteers, staff and main body. Financial difficulties over the last year has required a strong input from the volunteers. The Audit has been completed with thanks to DSR (previous accountant). Currently with PKF accountants with a recommendation we retain the same firm. Accounting services have been provided for free. A profit has been made this year, following a loss of 56k last year. The club now holds 80k in bank. Overseeing the business has seen the Club improve with leadership and hard work implemented. Income totalling was down due to coaching income. Coaches Alex and Bill operated separately and with Bill's departure, Jono has now been appointed joint head coach. Monthly stock takes continues to occur. Grants and sponsorship income totals 50k with an estimated 60k achievement for this financial year. We need to keep this going in order to continue the upgrades of the facility. There is currently a grant entered for LED lights. Reducing wages has been necessary. 9 hours/week for maintenance is needed to work along side the garden club in order to keep the grounds looking their best.

It was necessary to press the reset button in March 2018, with adding special part time rolls, implementing sustainable coaching and generating new sponsorship. We need to grow on this with strong pillars. In order to maintain existing facility, the estimated cost is 1.6 million over the next 12 years. Therefore, \$3,500 per month will be added to the capital works account to go towards this. Financial goals are to increase members to 1000 people. Adult membership to increase to \$50 and \$25 child. No charge to age 10 and under. A goal of 200k received in grants for next year will be worked towards as well as staffing Sundays, opening an on-line pro shop. All this will lead to a positive outcome for the Club and make Gosford a leading regional facility.

**C) Ladies Mid week** : Have organised 2 main comps. Semi-finals were played, where Terrigal took out the win. At the Ladies Mid Week AGM, the committee was voted in with Katherine Kelly taking on the role of President. The annual presentation of awards will be held of Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at Gosford Racecourse. The aim going forward is to have new

ladies to join. Round robins will be started once the current comp is complete. Pink day will be held at Gosford with a combined check to be presented at the luncheon.

#### 4) General Business :

- Life membership – the 2 nominations are for Dell Campbell and Tony Haworth. Dell nominated by LMW that comes with a unanimous approval by the standing committee. Dell has held many positions within LMW including President, Treasurer as well as a member on the GTC committee. We want to show her that she is a valued member of the tennis community.  
Tony was nominated by Bonnie. He has donated so much of his own time in the running the club especially over the last 12 months. Not including the last few years of service to the club.

Votes for Tony : 19 yes 0 no

Votes for Dell : 20 yes 0 no. Dell voted for herself.

- A Special General Meeting was held however as there was no quorum. The meeting was held over to tonight. Resolution to remove the current constitution and adopt a new one. The new Constitution has been developed over the last 15 months as the current one is outdated and not fit for purpose. In order to approve the new constitution into action, a 75% majority is needed. A change in the circulated draft has been made to section 26.2 that deals with LMW as a sub-committee. The current document refers to LMW as an 'affiliated body' which is not defined. The main body wanted this formalised in the new constitution as did the LMW. Subsequently the LMW voted and have requested to remove this section from the new Constitution. The main body will support the LMW whichever way they want to go and are happy to maintain a close association with the group.

Dell – it was voted at the last Ladies meeting that we still affiliate with GDTA but not as a sub-committee. The difference being that we haven't been covered by insurance for the office bearers. As a sub committee we come under the main body and its delegations as well as control over the LMW bank account. In her opinion this was a worry to the ladies. Ladies don't fully understand what the change between affiliated and a sub-committee mean. Another option is to organise our own insurance as a non-facility group that affiliates. Its difficult to understand what an affiliated body is.

Catherine – Alex S spoke with the LMW about the differences between the various options. 6 votes for affiliation 2 abstained, 2 were not present. LMW want to 'Run their own show' and 'be autonomous'. However, they want to maintain a close affiliation with GDTA. It was explained that the LMW may need some more time to explore what they want to do. At any time, LMW can hold a special resolution to either join as a subcommittee or exit the constitution. Member feels like the LMW should have discussed this with everyone, not just the 6 ladies on the Committee. Currently, the new Constitution does not specifically state that Ladies Mid-Week will be a sub-committee, but it does allow the main body to approve sub-committees in the future should they wish to join GDTA.

**Resolution :** Adopt a new Constitution for Gosford Tennis Club. All in favour. 21 for and none against. Resolution passed. The new Constitution will be registered with Fair Trading with notification to members.

- Increase to membership fees. It is proposed that the membership fees for 2020 – 2021 be increased to \$50/adult and \$25/child. Question : What's the rational in putting up the membership. Answer : The operation of a large centre has larger associated costs that can't be compared to smaller complexes. Membership in the 1970s was \$70.  
**Resolution :** Financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. Membership to increase to \$50 and junior to \$25. Social to remain. 19 in favour - 2 against. Resolution passed.
- Discussion regarding the retention of PKF auditors.  
**Motion :** To continue with PKF as the preferred auditors for GTC. All in favour - Nil against.

## 5) Election of Office Bearers :

Elected Office Bearers : Kindly performed by Peter Campbell.  
Show of hands motion passed.

President –	Chris Lees	Unopposed	Accepted
Vice President –	Alex Silcock	Unopposed	Accepted
Secretary –	Katrina Lees	Unopposed	Accepted
Treasurer -	Tony Haworth	Unopposed	Accepted

### Elected Committee members :

	Lee Spencer	Mike Phillips
Lynn buchannan	Rob Littlefield	
Rob Devivo	Dell Campbell	

## 6) General Business :

\* Peter happy to see more harmony within the club and the tennis community. This also goes through to council. Has there been any further to do with crown lands and council. Tony agrees there is definitely more harmony with council. GTC are wanting them to do a site visit. We are not considered to be in open spaces, we are part of property when dealing with council/crown lands.

\*Maurice states that TNSW will be doing participation and tennis strategy so they can identify hot spots and allocate money. There are 30 venues in central coast.

\*ANZ tournament. The morning show will be here at Gosford on the Friday to broadcast. Raising money for coast shelter to go in the corporate cup. Hopes to raise 20-30 k.

Meeting Closed 8.55 pm