



READE PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC

READE PARK RESERVE
COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS, SA 5041
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ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2025/2026

COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Tom Twelftree
VICE PRESIDENTS	Ian Randell Heath Vogt
TREASURER	Darren Klenk
SECRETARY	Dawn Hurley
CLUB CAPTAIN	Mark Buckland
BAR MANAGER	Michael Bawden
REPRESENTATIVES	Ann Langman Sandra Vallance Rohan Weckert Craig McIntosh Chris Coulter Dave Weygandt Andy Douglas Michael Bawden
GREENKEEPER	Brendan Fisher

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of The Reade Park Lawn Tennis Club will be held on
THURSDAY 18^h June 2026 at 6.45pm for 7pm in the Clubhouse**

A G E N D A

Apologies

- 1. Minutes**
Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 19 June 2025
- 2. Business Arising** from Minutes
- 3. Financial Report** for year ended 30 April 2026 and adoption thereof
- 4. Election of Office Bearers** for the 2026/2027 season
Nominations are invited for the following positions:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

CLUB CAPTAIN

- each of the above to hold office for 1 year

TWO VICE PRESIDENTS – 2 year appointment

SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES – 2 year appointment

Michael Bawden remains to complete the second year of his term.

Resignations from:

Darren Klenk, Andy Douglas, Chris Coulter, Ian Randell, Craig McIntosh, Dave Weygandt

Nominations must be on the form attached (or copies thereof) and must be received by the Secretary Dawn Hurley **by Tuesday 17th June 2026** at 5 Station Road, Blackwood SA 5051 or by email <dawnhurley@internode.on.net>.

Only where insufficient nominations are received by that time will nominations be accepted at the AGM.

- 5. Any Other Business**
- 6. Presentation of pennants to the club**
Presentation of the Bill Franzi Trophy

D. Hurley
Secretary
5 Station Road,
Blackwood SA 5051

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Many thanks to President Tom Twelftree for again presiding over the committee and continuing to lead us in another challenging but successful year for the club. Tom's dedication to overseeing our renovations and dealing with council has been stressful and frustrating. Thanks Tom. Also he continues to organise the Wednesday night Fast4 tennis. Thanks to coach Josh Boots and assistants for their coaching efforts and junior activities. A big thank you to all those who assisted in the running of the club during the past season, in particular to Darren Klenk as Treasurer, to Mark Buckland in his role as Club Captain and to Mike Bawden, our Bar Manager and assistant Ian Randell. After 16 years in the role of Treasurer, Darren is retiring from the role. Many thanks Darren for getting the club into a very healthy financial position. Thanks also to Dave Weygandt who has continued to organise the juniors and also to Penny Twelftree who continues to be the driving force behind our always successful quiz night. Penny also opens the clubhouse on Thursdays and writes up courts allocation. Thanks to Chris Verrall and others for bringing many cakes for afternoon tea.

Ann Langman ran a very successful junior tournament in December with \$3,000 prize money. A big thank you to those who assisted during these events and to all of the regular helpers.

Chris Coulter and Josh Boots were instrumental in again running the club tournament, which attracted 60 participants and all enjoyed the day.

Thank you to all members who contributed to the running of the club. We appreciate the efforts of our greenkeeper Brendan Fisher for maintaining our excellent courts and for his extra work for tournaments.

The membership numbers for 2025/2026 showed an overall steady number with some categories increasing and some decreasing. The club fielded 14 Saturday morning, seven Metro and nine midweek ladies teams. The junior competition remains strong, and there are 12 teams playing in the winter comp. The Saturday social side was steady, but we are keen to welcome more players. The midweek Wednesday men's group remains strong. It is great to see so many juniors at our club and we thank all their parents for their support.

Please invite your tennis playing friends to enjoy our great courts and facilities for next season.

Membership at the end of the season was: 2025/2026 2024/2025

Life/Honorary Members	10	14
Full Membership	113	92
Midweek/Saturday Social	61	75
Students (tertiary)	14	9
Juniors playing senior comp	4	9
Juniors – winter	-	11
Juniors summer	39	41
Pop tennis	<u>9</u>	<u>00</u>
Total	250	251

Fees for the summer season 2026/27 will be: Paid by 31st Oct

Full Membership - competitive	\$480 (pensioner discount available)
Midweek Competitive and Social	\$370
Family (includes four or more members, member with lowest fee is free)	
Student (<i>full time tertiary</i>)	\$240
Junior (<i>u'18 years as at 1/1/26 senior comp</i>)	\$210
Junior (<i>Under 12 non competitive</i>)	free
Junior comp summer season	\$170

Payment of Fees

Fees are due and payable in full, on or before 31 October 2026. Any variation to these terms must be submitted in writing to the committee. Late payment will attract a \$20 penalty. 50% category is the only other adult fee now available. Captains need to notify the treasurer which player will qualify for this fee (50% of matches to be played).

Competition players are reminded that they are not entitled to play matches if unfinancial after 31 October and must be a financial member to play in finals. An invoice for fees will be sent by the treasurer to members.

Court Hire

The Club has very reasonable court hire fees for those members who wish to bring a group of friends out to the Club. Corporate functions can also be catered for.

Visitors/ Match Fill-ins (home matches) - Members/team captains are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that visitors' fees are paid. Envelopes are located in the green cupboard by the roller door and envelopes complete with details and cash can be handed in at the bar or email treasurer and request an invoice. Team fill-ins may NOT play in finals unless they become members of the club. Visitor fee for the coming season will be \$15.

Dawn Hurley/Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another busy and exciting year at Reade Park in which we celebrated 100 years of enduring tennis and friendship at our special home here in Colonel Light Gardens.

I have been known to say that the only reason I live in Adelaide is that I get to play lawn tennis for eight months of the year for a relatively cheap price compared to what it would cost anywhere else! That's tongue in cheek of course as there is a lot to love about Adelaide. But playing the great game of tennis at Reade Park is a significant factor! I know that all our past and current members would attest to Reade Park being a special part of calling Adelaide home.

I am pleased to be able to report that Reade Park has fully evolved from being a summer club to a year round club with many players representing Reade Park in both senior (four teams) and junior (eight teams) formats over winter. We now compete in about nine different competitions including the traditional lawn options and this has extended our profile in the Adelaide tennis community and enhances utilisation of the facility.

Of note, we have a boys' Junior State League Team for the first time. This is the highest level of junior tennis in SA and we will be playing on our new hard courts against powerhouse clubs like Peake Gardens, Glenlea and Tea Tree Gully. In a couple of years we might be able to have a senior men's or ladies' State League team!

It is my annual task to report on the progress regarding **facilities development** and the spending of the \$490,000 pledge from the Labor Party in the March 2022 State Election. Last year I indicated that we had a February 2026 completion date from Council and as I type the lines are being painted meaning that in the second week of June we will have our new entrance with wonderful signage and hard courts with lights. Please drive into Hereford Place next time you are passing by and have a look.

We did not get everything we wanted in the project but I am taking the perspective that 'perfect is the enemy of good' and what we have is going to really support our junior club into the long term. We are now talking to Council about the fences on our lawn courts that are due for replacement and remediating the hedge on the Eastern edge of the reserve.

The **Junior Club** had a great year, maintaining our team numbers in summer, winter and internal format despite the challenges with losing access to our hard courts from January through to the summer season conclusion due to the works. A number of other kids performed super well in playing in adult competitions, representative teams and tournaments. Other highlights included the continuing development of Max Edwards as a leading junior player and Opal Weygandt who was a ball kid at the AO having been crowned SA 'Top Gun' ballkid! Dave Weygandt is retiring from the Junior Coordinator role after four years of stellar service and I cannot thank him enough.

Social Tennis continues to see stable numbers on Saturday afternoons but we want a few more and will keep working on it! The Wednesday afternoon men's group goes from strength to strength where a number of new players have joined. This really is an important social outing for these blokes and I know they value it highly. The Wednesday evening social FAST4 had excellent numbers and continues to be a great source of new and fill in Saturday competition players. POP Tennis on Fridays (like Pickleball) is getting great numbers - as high as 14 on one occasion. If the full game is beyond you and you want to retain a connection to Reade Park please consider POP Tennis.

The Club Tournament happened again after being reincarnated last season and was another fun day and thanks go to Coach Josh Boots and committee member Chris Coulter for organising it. There are a few learnings for next year as we cement this into the annual calendar.

Senior Competition Tennis had a terrific season with excellent team numbers - more details in the Captain's report and visit the club website to see the winning team photos. Once again we recorded great success with nine pennants across junior and senior competitions.

Club Coach Josh Boots launched his new business **Evolve Tennis** and provides high quality coaching supported by many other coaches that have come through our junior program, which is

great for their connection to the club. Josh is very committed to our club and we thank him and the other coaches. It is a great pleasure to have lighting on the hard courts available to him very soon.

Brendan Fisher in his role as **greenkeeper** has continued to present magnificent courts that are the envy of most other clubs. We know that there were some unusual bare patches on the courts which were due to a combination of factors including heavy tournament schedule, poor early season growing conditions and general heavy usage.. The committee recognises this and has implemented changes to avoid reoccurrence.

We were very pleased to be able to invest \$54,000 in a **Mowmaster roller**. We are the only lawn tennis club in Adelaide with it's own roller and many thanks to volunteers (like Richard Vogt) who have volunteered their time to roll the courts - regular rolling has improved our already excellent courts.

We continued to see good demand for our **clubhouse and court hire** including the normal regular hires. These types of events provide important revenue but also expose the club to the wider community. These events are a good source of revenue in addition to exposing our club to people who often live nearby and may join our tennis programs.

The 100th Birthday event was successful albeit impacted by the windy weather on the day. It was wonderful to see so many past members attending - a few more current day members would have made the day even better! Thanks to Larry, Heath and Penny for organising the event.

We have great continued **sponsors** in Ken Hall Plumbing, Holiday Wonders, Giblin Real Estate and Urban Gin. Please consider our sponsors when you are in the market for the products and services they offer – and tell them that you appreciate the support they give our club.

Your **committee** has functioned extremely well again this year, and I want to thank them all for their contribution to our great club. We had many others chipping in during the year including Max Williams, Richard Vogt and Dene Hazel and thanks to them and all other volunteers who have contributed to the success of the club during the year.

We do have a number of people leaving the committee including

- Ian Randell who has been a great support to Mike Bawden in running the bar over numerous years
- Chris Coulter who got our club tournament up and running again
- Dave Weygandt who has done an amazing job as Junior Coordinator for the past 4 years
- Darren Klenk who has racked up 16 years as Treasurer and has done an amazing job bringing in modern systems and tools to support the growth of the club

Fortunately we have had four expressions of interest from current members to join the Committee and if elected at the AGM I look forward to seeing what they can contribute.

If re-elected, this coming season will be my last as President having served 11 years and I look forward to delivering another great year for our club and its members before passing on the baton.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club.

Tom Twelftree
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

Financial Performance

The Club recorded an operating deficit of \$4,246 for the year, compared to a surplus of \$45,166 in FY25.

This result reflects several non-recurring and timing-related factors rather than a deterioration in underlying operations.

Key Drivers

- The 100th Birthday event generated costs of \$24,064, significantly exceeding ticket revenue of \$8,264.
- Net bar income declined from \$36,299 to \$20,860. The FY25 result was unusually strong due to increased patronage from Seniors tournaments. For context, FY24 bar net income was \$16,458 on gross sales of \$30,358.
- Court hire income decreased from \$13,500 to \$3,065. As with bar income, the prior year was elevated due to the Seniors tournaments. FY24 court hire income was \$2,229.
- Repairs and maintenance expenses increased due to significant mower repairs following engine failure. Given the mower was acquired in 2011, it had provided excellent service over its life.

Financial Position

The Club remains in a strong financial position:

- Net assets of \$277,818 (FY25: \$282,064)
- Cash holdings of \$175,374 (FY25: \$228,121)
- Liabilities of \$15,644

A deposit of \$2,339 has been paid towards the installation of a roof solar power system. In total, \$23,387 has been committed to the project, with completion expected by the end of June 2026.

Capital Investment

A total of \$56,901 was invested in plant and equipment during the year, of which \$54,000 related to the acquisition of a new Mowmaster court roller.

Looking Ahead

Completion of the solar project is expected to provide longer-term cost savings.

Darren Klenk
Treasurer

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

What a fantastic season we've had at Reade Park. It has been wonderful to see the club thriving, with members of all ages enjoying their tennis throughout the year. We are fortunate to have outstanding lawn courts, a vibrant junior and coaching program, and a strong, community-minded membership. These are all things we should be proud of, and they make the role of Club Captain both rewarding and fulfilling.

Our courts played exceptionally well this season, thanks once again to Brendon, our greenkeeper, and to the foresight of the committee in purchasing a roller. Special thanks also go to the volunteers who operated the roller each week, helping to ensure the courts were in the best condition possible.

Some baseline damage carried over from the previous season due to a late start to spring, which limited our ability to complete repairs before the season commenced. However, proactive maintenance work began immediately after finals, and we are already preparing the courts to be at their very best for the 2026–27 season.

On the competitive front, the 2025–26 summer season was another successful one for Reade Park. We fielded 14 Saturday Morning teams and 7 Saturday Afternoon teams, winning two pennants in each competition. The growth of our Saturday Morning program meant that we needed to hire courts at Hawthorn Lawn Tennis Club to accommodate one home fixture each week.

A notable highlight this season was the entry of a Saturday Morning Men's doubles team made up entirely of women—the first of its kind in the competition. The initiative was warmly received by both the association and opposing teams, generating overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Our junior program continues to flourish across all age groups, with many of our older juniors now making valuable contributions to senior Saturday teams. This progression is a testament to the strength of our coaching and development pathways.

In Saturday Morning Men's competition, eleven teams qualified for finals, five reached grand finals, and two secured pennants. Congratulations to our Division 3 Blue team and Division 5 Warriors team on their outstanding achievements.

In Saturday Afternoon Metro League, six teams qualified for finals, four reached grand finals, and two won pennants. Congratulations to Mixed Goldies and Division 1 Blue for their successful campaigns.

Wednesday Afternoon Men's Doubles remains one of the club's strongest social traditions, continuing to attract excellent participation and fostering the camaraderie that makes Reade Park such a special place. Our Fast 4 program also maintained strong numbers and continues to provide a valuable pathway for players seeking match experience, while also serving as an important source of emergency players for Saturday competition.

Thank you to all players, volunteers, supporters, coaches, and committee members who contributed to another successful year. Your enthusiasm and commitment are what make our club such a welcoming and thriving community.

I look forward to building on this momentum and enjoying another successful season together next summer.

Mark Buckland
Club Captain

MIDWEEK LADIES' REPORT

This season we fielded nine teams and maintained our three Division 1 teams, which is vital for that division's competition.

Reade Park had teams in all five divisions. We welcomed new players Tammie Butterick, Doris Hajsan, Brie-Anna Leibhardt, Kathy Bersee, Tanja Tijdhof, and Alana Kerin. Three teams, Div 1 Gold, Div 3 and Div 5 Blue made it to the grand final played at Reade Park. After two previous attempts, division 3 was victorious as was Division 5. Congratulations ladies. Division 1 was missing their number two player through injury, so Memorial Drive proved too strong. A great effort by all.

An end of season lunch, after the grand final, was held at the Edinburgh Hotel with nearly all division 1 players and divisions 3 Blue, 4 and 5 Blue players attending. Thank you all for your support.

Thanks to all captains for their co-operation throughout the season and to Penny Twelftree for organising balls and courts allocation and opening the clubhouse. Thank you to Sandra Vallance for being our delegate for this season and for all the work done with the Association's web site and our Division 1 teams. Thank you to those who introduced new players to the club.

Thanks to our grounds man Brendan Fisher, for maintaining our great courts.

Looking forward to seeing all players in the coming season.

Dawn Hurley
Midweek Ladies Co-ordinator

JUNIOR REPORT

Overall, both Winter 2025 and 2025-26 summer were excellent seasons, with good numbers of junior teams enjoying the courts and the first Seniors SDTA and Tennis SA Winter Pennant teams. Winter 2026 is seeing a major increase player numbers over Winter 2025 with collaborations between RPTC and other SDTA clubs to enable Reade Park juniors and seniors to

continue competing through the winter at appropriate levels. This is the first time we have had seniors only teams with a mixed doubles and ladies doubles participating in the Tennis SA Winter Pennant competitions. Also a first for having a dads and sons team playing together in the hard court Tennis SA Singles & Doubles Men's Pennant and a ladies' Tennis SA Singles & Doubles Pennant team comprised of juniors and recent juniors who have recently 'graduated' to seniors over winter.

A big thank you to club coach Josh Boots for supporting junior activities, recognising the importance of growing and maintaining our sport and looking toward continuity planning with developing the Reade Park 'seniors of the future'. Also, a huge thank you to Josh and Evolve Tennis for supporting internal Reade Park red and orange ball competitions, and the many parents who volunteer as team managers or support junior tennis through volunteering and encouraging their children.

Winter 2025 season, which would have been in session at the last Reade Park TC AGM, saw six junior teams compete with 3 making finals and two winning premierships. Reade Happy Valley Green Ball Boys were semifinalist and WDTA A3 boys and Reade Park / Denman Div 3 Girls won premierships.

Over the 2025-26 summer season, Reade Park had eleven junior teams across Friday night and Saturday morning tennis and one ladies Saturday afternoon team. Of the eleven junior teams, six were girls teams which continues the previous year's strong girls participation at the club. According to the SDTA and Tennis SA, girls/women's tennis has been seeing a decline in participation over the last several years, so it is excellent to see continuity in our Reade Park junior girl numbers. Evolve Tennis run orange/red ball internal competition has seen consistent numbers with junior assistant coaches encouraging a fun but competitive atmosphere.

Reade Park had a very successful 2025-26 summer season with six junior and the senior women's team making finals. Of these seven, five won their semifinal, however only four advanced to the grand final as the SDTA applied an ambiguous rule which was interpreted as assigning rubber forfeits against players who had played another match in the same weekend, despite the match being in a separate competition (WDTA in this case) and the rule not having been applied for the whole season. While extremely disappointing SDTA took this action with an appeal not accepted with Tennis SA, of the four teams that subsequently played in grand finals three won premierships with the fourth extremely close with a perfect sets/games tie at the end of all rubbers, and a second perfect tie when the 1st deciding set of tiebreaks was played (combined total points for 1st and 2nd doubles each playing a tiebreak was equal) and in the end only losing by a matter of several points in the second set of doubles tiebreaks played. Division 2 Boys were disqualified after having won their semifinal; Div 3 Girls Blue and Green Ball Boys White semifinalist; WDTA A1 runners up; WDTA A1 Girls, WDTA A3 Boys, and Women's Div 4 won premierships.

Ashton Pryor was awarded the Cecily Carman trophy, showing not only improved performance over the season, but commitment, effort, willingness to listen, good etiquette/manners, and being a good team member.

Winter 2025 numbers are drastically higher than the previous winter with six junior teams in winter 2025 compared with nine junior and four senior teams in winter 2026. As a first, Reade Park has a stand-alone team at the highest level of boys competition with a RP Junior State League Boys' team this winter.

Dave Weygandt
Junior Coordinator

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT REPORT

Another successful tournament was run in December. There were 90 yellow ball players plus 18 green ball players that entered the tournament. The canteen was managed by Dawn and her

assistants. The bar was managed by Mike and his assistants. Other volunteers assisted with clean up.

As Tournament Director I want to thank these people that enabled the tournament to run smoothly.

Expenses		Income	
Trophies	\$398.20	Player entry fees	\$6,825
Balls	\$670	Raffle	\$100 approximately
Tennis SA	\$150		
Officials	\$2,182.62		
Tennis SA			
Total	\$3,400.82		

Please note I only used 2 dozen green ball balls in tournament leaving 4 dozen for the club Profit of approximately \$3,500. This does not include canteen and bar sales.

Winners have been notified of Reade Park Membership for 2025/2026 season.

Ann Langman

WEB SITE/FACEBOOK

Thanks to Tom Twelftree for maintaining our web site at www.readeparktennis.net. The site contains up-to-date information relevant to competition and social players and to club events. Keep up with special events and what is going on around the club via Facebook. Please email Tom Twelftree <tomtwelftree@gmail.com> if you have any suggestions, photos or information for the site and join us on Facebook.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please advise change of email/contact details to <dawnhurley@internode.on.net>.

WINTER TENNIS

Men's afternoon winter tennis will be played on Wednesdays from 12.00 noon on the hard courts adjacent to the club for a small fee.

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE AGM WILL BE APPRECIATED

(6.45pm for 7.00pm)

FREE GLASS OF WINE AND NIBBLES

BAR WILL BE OPEN