

Welcome Friends

This time last year there was drought, dams empty, vast bushfire damage, smoke and haze. The last 12 months has proved so very different. We have loved the rain, except on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Dams are full and the countryside is looking amazingly green.

Unfortunately COVID presented itself in February 2020 and how everything changed. With the help of a wonderful team, we at Wakehurst have pulled through.

All Tennis was shut down for 4 weeks, then we were restricted to playing singles for another 4 weeks.

We were all having withdrawals from tennis when Melinda and Danni came up with the idea of ‘Busseldon singles’. This was a huge success.

Sadly all our social activities were cancelled.

A review of our website discovered that it was quite confusing, as Wakehurst Tennis Centre comes up under the name Wakehurst Tennis Club. Therefore we have changed the name of our club to **Wakehurst Social Tennis Club – The Friendly Club**.

Chris Buck has done an amazing job setting up a new website and organising a new logo and banner.

Regarding our sponsorship:

- Dan Murphy staff changes resulted in their withdrawal. However I approached North Balgowlah Cellars and the manager Clint has agreed to be our sponsor for our monthly Round Robin prizes.
- Bunnings Balgowlah supports the club with vouchers and has indicated on-going support.
- Ajay has continued to donate goods from his business. I now say “Hey Google – what’s the weather doing in Seaforth on Sunday”.
- TopServe at Chatswood is our ball supplier at a discounted rate.

My thanks to: **VP Melinda** - the ideas girl

Ning – what can I say – the best treasurer we could wish for. We work together on booking of courts, fees and finances. **Lisa** is her back-up when she is not at Doggy Day Care.

Ray – continues to do a fabulous job with the Championships and the trophy engraving. For the first time in years the Championships all happened before December 2020.

Stephanie – our super Secretary

Anthony – Club Captain - manages the Round Robin on the last Sunday of each month.

Lindsay – our co-club captain and hand sanitiser supplier, and

Chris Buck – our website designer and manager.

Championships – Congratulations to:

Ladies Champ – Mel Sergeant

Mens Champ – Lindsay – by a whisker – bad luck Charlie

Mens Doubles – Shane & Dave

Mixed Doubles – Steph and Charlie

Ladies Doubles – Michelle & Melinda

Wednesday nights are now very popular – thank you Albert and Iain for your on-going support as Club Captains. Danny also helps out here.

Membership – stands at 33 with another 15 registered as casuals and 1 Honorary (Warwick). Sadly we lost Lisa Dunphy during the past year – RIP dear friend.

I have loved being President of this Club for the last 3 years and I will be happy to assist the new President settle into the role.

Thank you for the privilege
I plan to continue playing on a regular basis.

Wendy Sullivan.