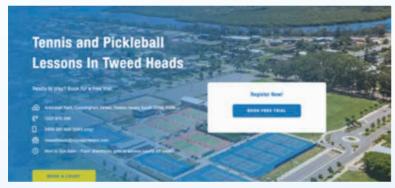


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Newsletter of the THPC





As a result of the recent tender process, Voyager

Tennis were appointed as the new Facility Managers and commenced operation on 1st January. Voyager currently operates a number of facilities in Australia and overseas. Their aim is to support all sports currently utilising the Arkinstall Park facility. They are currently working with our club on the terms of agreement under which our social club will operate. There will be more detail available once agreement has been reached.

Voyager have been given Council authority to convert 4 tennis courts to become dedicated pickleball courts. Work is currently underway to repair the rust spots and repaint the courts. At this time we understand that the lines will be white with no colour fill in the kitchen. Voyager will purchase more of the mobile nets currently in use on the current pickleball courts. It is hoped (weather permitting) that the works will be complete by mid-March.

The CEO, Ryan Henry, and Operational Manager, Tim Walter, spent some time at Arkinstall Park over the Christmas period getting to know the centre. The Head Coach, Jareth Magnus, has relocated to the area and is now settling in as the Centre Manager. Please make him welcome.



He is a very friendly and approachable individual - not to mention very fit!

Voyager Tennis have started with a very positive and determined manner and we anticipate they will be good for the development of Pickleball in this area.

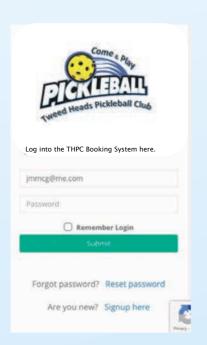
THPC adopts a new booking system for Club Play - SportLogic coming soon



In recognition of the need to provide a more targeted and efficient booking system to plan and run our club sessions, and to take the pressure of money collection off our Convenors, the club has recently appointed SportLogic (In Tennis) as our new system provider.

SportLogic is a website-based programme that is similar to that used by Voyager Tennis (of course, the two programmes are separate entities). It will afford members and non-members to access club sessions with a discounted price for members only. If all goes to plan we hope to go live with SportLogic on 1st March 2025. We would anticipate a 2-week period of overlap with booking on Team Reach so that we can control session numbers while members are becoming familiar with the new system. Convenors will accept credit card payment (no cash) during this period. They will also help with any problems you have logging onto the new system.

In the new system, members will be able to pay in advance for any available session of their choice. The Convenor simply has to tick them off on a digital attendance sheet. Bookings may be self-cancelled at least 24hrs in advance with a credit made to your SportLogic account. In case of emergency, cancellations within the 24hr window may be discussed with the session convenor. If your spot can be filled from the waiting list, a credit will be issued. In cases of medical or similar emergency, contact the club secretary for advice on credits.



SportLogic THPC may be accessed through the internet via phone, tablet or computer. By logging onto our customer portal, a welcome page (see left) will appear.

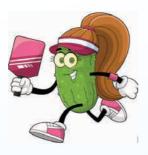
When using for the **first time** you are a **NEW** member to the Booking system, whether you are a THPC member or not. Therefore you must SIGN UP by clicking the link and completing the questions to support your member status and confirm your contact details.

All THPC members, both primary and affiliate, are PAA members, so when asked if you are a PAA member you should answer "yes" and provide your ID number. If you cannot recall it, the address for the PAA National ID finder is shown below.

National Member ID finder - Pickleball Australia Association Ltd - revolutioniseSPORTrevolutionise.com.au

When asked if you are a THPC member, all paid up club members should, of course, answer "yes"





Once you enter the booking system, you will see a welcome page that gives you the opportunity to book into a club session or top up your credits.

We hope to include a link (see right) to hire a private court from Voyager Tennis if you so wish.

More information on the system will follow in the coming fortnight. Not sure about session times?
Quick check available on our club website
tweedheadspickleball.com.au





S.O.B. (Save our balls) and players by simple court etiquette

You will have noticed that our Convenors are now limiting the number of balls available on each court (2 per court) for club sessions. The reasons for this are 2-fold:

- 1. Injury prevention by promoting the etiquette of calling for play to "stop" to <u>retrieve</u> the errant ball. Please do not simply leave your balls to run free(!*) and play on with another ball.
- 2. Too many balls in use at one time makes it harder to identify and discard balls that have perished and are no longer fit for play.

Be considerate of your Club and your Convenors

Our Convenors work hard to plan sessions that will maximise your playing enjoyment. They may need to book or cancel a casual supplementary court booking as player numbers change. We need to give Voyager 24hrs notice of cancellation or lose club money. Also, late arrivals can result in extra work when a rotation playing schedule has been pre-planned. Convenors allow a 5 minute warm-up period which gives players a fudge factor, but please try to be in attendance before scheduled play starts.



TWEED HEADS PICKLEBALL CLUB WEBSITE CAN HELP YOU TO ...

https://tweedheadspickleball.com.au/home

HOME BOOK A CLUB SESSION LATEST NEWS VIDEO GALLERY PHOTO GALLERY ABOUT PICKLEBALL CONTACT THE CLUB MEMBERS



Tweed Heads Pickleball Club

To play in a club session please click on the link below

PLAY IN A CLUB SESSION

To become a Primary member of THPC

LINK TO PRIMARY THPC MEMBERSHIP PAGE

To become an Affiliate member of THPC

If you are already a primary member of another club, you can join THPC by contacting the secretary through the link below to arrange affiliate club membership and avoid PAA and State fee duplication.

LINK TO SECRETARY

SOCIAL MEDIA AT THPC

by Hayley Ackroyd You can follow THPC on Instagram @

tweedheadspickleballclub

You can also follow THPC on Facebook



With time,
Team Reach,
which has
been a good
work horse for
a start up
club, will be
slowly phased
out.

Executive Members:

President: Simon Hood Treasurer: Kareen Kluver

Secretary: Jeanne Hood

THPC Committee

General Members:

Hayley Ackroyd Ian Bell

Rosie Greenup Lorraine Smith

Voted in at the 2024 AGM

Your Committee is committed to working collaboratively and efficiently to further the best interests of our thriving community club. We want to retain member focus and encourage community involvement to bring the joy of social pickleball to as many residents as possible. To do so, in addition to the traditional roles of the Executive Members (Strategic plan, finances, memberships, policies) we have identified specific areas of interest and responsibility for our Committee members such as:

Bookings & Convenors Coordinator - Ian Bell Social - Lorraine Smith / Kareen Kluver

Social Media - Hayley Ackroyd / Rosie Greenup Website - Simon Hood

Merchandise - Rosie Greenup / Hayley Ackroyd Newsletter - Jeanne Hood

If you are interested in helping (forming a subcommittee to work with them) please make your interest known.

Committee Profiles

General Member Rosie Greenup

Merchandise and media



Who'd have thought that at the ripe old age of 66 I'd find a new love ... pickleball! I grew up in Tamworth where I learnt to play tennis. Throughout my college days I played basketball, softball and cricket. In fact, I enjoyed any sport I tried. I discovered pickleball 12 months ago and realised that this is the sport for me. I always win when I play pickleball, I never lose. Maybe the scores don't reflect this but I have fun, I exercise and I connect with a great group of likeminded people who share my passion for the game. The most difficult aspects of pickleball for me; remembering the score, remembering who the server is and remembering not to use my 'tennis arms'.

BREAKING NEWS



Apparel and New Logo for THPC

With memberships continuing to grow steadily, the new Committee has plans to introduce club apparel. As a first step they will be fine-tuning the THPC logo so that our shirts and hats will look their best.

Club members will be consulted before the final choice of design is made.

School Sessions at Arkinstall

It was a sad day for our club to learn that school group coaching would become the responsibility of Voyager Tennis and its band of wonderful coaches. Our club had embraced the importance of involvement with school groups, seeing this as an important community service.

We were delighted to be recently asked to assist with Lindisfarne groups for this term as Head

with Lindisfarne groups for this term as Head Coach, Jareth Magnus, was short on coach numbers. Thank you to Voyager Tennis for the invitation and we are glad to have been able to help.

DEFIBRILLATOR

An AED (automatic external defibrillator) has been installed outside the new clubhouse side door (closest to show court 1) as pictured. It has an alarmed door. The battery has been tested and is fully charged. New pads ware on order and shall be installed shortly.







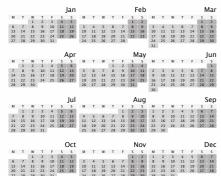








2025



Social Calendar for THPC



The bar for organising social events at THPC has been set high by Peter Dench, our first Social Secretary. His mammoth efforts to organise the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser and a very successful Christmas party playing Barefoot Bowls at Club Tweed are to be highly commended.

New Committee member Lorraine Smith has put her hand up to rally our members this year. She has already shown she has what it takes by organising the BBQ for the volunteers for our court working bee. She will be enlisting member suggestions and their assistance in planing a social events calendar that will underscore the social and community aspect of our club.

She will be formalising monthly meet-ups for each of our main sessions. We have already enjoyed our first monthly meeting at Club Tweed for our Sunday session. Plans for regular Tuesday and Thursday group meets will follow soon.

Members have already provided a wealth of suggestions for club events, including a Trivia Night, Christmas in July, a Tweed River cruise (with our very own star tour guide Muz Baker), Same Shirt Day, lunch at Husk Distillery and many, many more.

Remember, she cannot do this job alone. She needs your help. So, please, have a chat and share your good suggestions with her and put your shoulder to the wheel by getting on her subcommittee!