



PICKLERS' PRESS

Newsletter of the THPC

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Sixteen resurfaced courts marked specifically for Pickleball and with dedicated, permanent nets were made available for hire on Monday 24th March. Our club sessions are now run in style.



Voyager have requested that we do not move chairs onto the court surface.

Plans to provide off-court seating and shade are in progress.



Voyager Tennis are working hard to prepare the courts, and the centre, for its very first pickleball tournament. Voyager Tennis (and Pickleball) are hosting the first ever pickleball tournament at Arkinstall Park, Tweed Heads. The Tweed Heads Pickleball Cup is being run as part of the PPA Tour. PPA is the official Professional Pickleball League of Australia and features the top players, highest prize money and best events across Australia, New Zealand, and Asia – with over \$1 Million up for grabs across the 2025 season. With a record-breaking \$110k+ in prize money up for grabs at this event, the start of the 2025 Season is about to turn up the heat!

Don't miss the action and excitement of MLP Australia as the region's top players battle it out each afternoon over three days to be crowned Champions for Event 1.

We will also see the debut of the MLPA Challenger and MLPA Masters Leagues, showcasing 64 of the best players across Australia and New Zealand.

For more information visit the Voyager Tennis Tweed Heads website.

The other side of the coin

Unfortunately, the new courts have come at a cost. Voyager Tennis has introduced a considerable increase in court hire fees. Prior to the new courts, the club paid \$10/hr per court during the day and \$15 at night. Now that the new courts are operational, the rates are \$20/hr for daytime courts (off peak) and \$25/hr for evening and weekend courts (peak). Voyager are also trying to negotiate a "no-cancellation policy" for club block bookings, meaning that we can only receive a credit for courts cancelled due to weather.



The club is trying to negotiate with Voyager Tennis and the Tweed Shire Council for a bulk hire discount in consideration of the fact that we are a Not-for-profit, community club that hosts up to 9 sessions (2-4 courts for 2 hours) per week and are prepared to pay monthly, in advance, for court hire.

Sadly it is likely that we shall be forced to increase the cost of session play and our club membership fees to keep pace with the rising costs. We shall keep members informed of the progress.

THPC SportLogic update



SportLogic is now the **only** booking system for THPC. To reinforce this, the THPC Team Reach Group App has been closed. Members may still exchange messages by the Tweed Heads PC social Group App (**Group Code TweedHeads1**). The calendar will be used to publish social events for the year.

THPC also uses Social Media sites including Instagram and Facebook. These are very capably managed by Hayley Ackroyd.

To help the Committee lock in a deal that does not result in loss of funds for courts that are booked but not used, we would ask our members to book at least 36 hours in advance as at present we can only cancel bookings with Voyager with a minimum of 24-hrs notice.



Not sure about session times?
Session times displayed when you
Register to play on SportLogic.

OR

Quick check available on our club
website

tweedheadspickleball.com.au

Welcome to the Online booking system for the Tweed Heads Pickleball Club.
We are a Social Club that plays at Arkinstall Park, Roberts Road, Tweed Heads.

Register for a club session

To cancel a session with at least 24 hrs notice, go to 'CALENDAR' or 'REGISTRATIONS' and 'View my Registrations'.
For booking cancellations inside 24 hours, please contact the session convenor to discuss.
Refunds will be given if your spot can be filled or if the cancellation is the result of a valid emergency.
For full details terms and conditions.

Add credits to my Club account

or

Book a private court from Voyager Tennis

DAYLIGHT SAVING CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

At this stage no change to advertised
starting times for sessions is anticipated.

Cancellation of Session bookings

Cancellations can only be made with more than 24hrs notice.
This is in keeping with the Voyager Tennis cancellation policy
for court hire by the club. In cases of a true emergency,
credits are at the discretion of the THPC.



Weather Cancellations

The session Convenor will try to give as much notice as
possible for weather cancellations. Of course, in some cases
the weather is unpredictable and the session may only be
cancelled immediately prior, or during, the session.

If the session is cancelled prior to the start, those booked in
for the session will be notified by SMS of the cancellation. The
session convener will notify club administration and those
listed as paid will be given a credit voucher to the value of the
fee paid to use at a later date. Please feel free to follow up with

secretary@tweedheadspc.org

if you believe you have not been allocated a credit voucher
following a cancellation.

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

<https://tweedheadspickleball.com.au/home>

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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**

Keypad code
for Centre
entry is

6799#

for all club
sessions

Executive Members:

President:	Simon Hood
Treasurer:	Kareen Kluver
Secretary:	Jeanne Hood

THPC Committee

**Voted in at the
2024 AGM**

General Members:

Hayley Ackroyd	Ian Bell
Rosie Greenup	Lorraine Smith

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

**Club President
Simon Hood**



I love to have fun when I am involved in any sport! I have always had a keen interest in sport and have been fortunate to be involved in multiple sports and at multiple levels over the years. I was Chair of MCC Hockey Club for 9 years, playing and coaching at State and National Masters level. I was a Sports Trainer in the AFL for Geelong and for North Melbourne. I was a basketball fitness advisor for The Geelong Supercats in the SEABL. I was Head of a Tennis School in Melbourne.

Pickleball is now my main focus. I was one of the founding members of the THPC and am proud to be President. I hope my sense of fun in being part of this sport is infectious.

BREAKING NEWS

Apparel and New Logo for THPC

The logo is still under development. Shirt design is nearing completion. Singlets, crew neck and polo shirts will be available.

Costs will range between \$37 and \$45 according to style.



EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT THPC

Friday 13th April 2025

After morning session.

Please notify of your attendance via THPC Social Group App for catering purposes.

Kindly funded by donation from Woolworths Banora Point

New equipment trolley kindly donated by Karen Kluver

