

Narooma Senior's Tennis Tournament

Another highly successful Narooma Senior's Tournament was held on the 6th – 8th of March that attracted about 100 participants. The event was held before the lockdown and we were blessed with good weather. Club Narooma was the major sponsor of the event, contributing \$2,500 for which we were very grateful. This helped us to increase prize money and provide a BBQ for the players on the Sunday afternoon.

We were hesitant to seek other local sponsorship because many of our local businesses were struggling because of the bushfires. However, many came to the party, donating prizes for the popular raffle. Thanks to Horizon Apartments, Dalmeny IGA, Narooma Kinema, View Coffee Shop, Easts Holiday Park and South-East Regional Tennis. Thanks go to Roger McEvoy for his organisation of this year's tournament.

Improving the Club and its future

During the year we developed a draft Strategic Plan for the Club and have worked cooperatively with the Eurobodalla Shire Council that owns the courts. With the help of the ESC we were able to erect a storage shed to house maintenance and other equipment and to continue to maintain the courts and facilities that make it a wonderful asset for the region.

We also made submissions to the proposed Narooma Sport & Leisure Precinct Plan of Management, which includes the re-development of Bill Smyth Oval, and met with ESC to protect the interests of the Tennis Club. We strongly objected to an early proposal to relocate the courts to the north-west of the AFL oval and it seems our objections have been considered. While the final proposed Plan has not yet been placed on public exhibition, the feedback from the ESC and the last drafts of the Landscape Masterplan for Bill Smyth Oval appears not to impact on the facilities or continued operation of the Club in its current location. ESC has recently advised us that the final Plan of Management, which was due to go on public exhibition in June, has been delayed to meet the due process required by Crown Lands. A new date for public exhibition has not been given.

The Narooma Tennis Club has also recently developed its' website that is now live. Check it out on www.naroomatennisclub.org.au for tennis information, photos and drone footage.

In March this year, Club Narooma also agreed to purchase a defibrillator to be located in our club house. We haven't finalised the deal yet, as you would be aware Club Narooma has been in lockdown since we received this advice so we will follow this up.

With about 60 paid up members, we are always looking to provide more opportunities for social participation and to attract new members. We have obviously been limited in our activities over the past few months but hope to arrange a few events in the future and look forward to your support where possible.

Thanks to Narelle Dansey

Most sporting and social clubs not just survive but prosper from the contributions of particular individuals. Narooma Tennis Club is no different and owes so much to Narelle Dansey who has been the heart and soul of the club for many years. Without Narelle the activities and running of the club would not have happened as well as it has. Narelle has chosen to wind back a little bit and stop running the Tuesday social tennis, which she has been doing for nearly 20 years. We all owe a great deal to Narelle for her outstanding contribution and look forward to her continuing playing and a long association with the Club.

Court maintenance

Keeping our courts in great condition requires a lot of on-going maintenance. As the courts are owned by Eurobodalla Shire Council, they are responsible for any major infrastructure including a program for re-surfacing courts.

Currently a rusted out net post on Court 3 is being replaced and hopefully that court will be back in action soon.

A lot of day to day maintenance including maintaining nets, brooming the courts, ensuring grass doesn't make its way into the court surface mowing lawns and looking after the surrounds is done by club members. We need to thank Steve Deck and Pete Stranger with the help of Alison Philip for doing the lion's share of this work.

Committee changes

Like with all organisations, the Narooma Tennis Club AGM saw the re-election of the Committee and office bearers who are necessary for the Club to continue to operate. It also sees the departure of some who have contributed significantly to the Club's operations over recent years.

This year saw Roger McEvoy step down as President although he will continue on as Vice President and will organise next year's Senior's Tournament. The Secretary, Margaret Byrne has also stepped aside. Both have been fantastic contributors to Narooma Tennis Club and we hope to continue to maintain the high standards that they have set as office bearers. We also welcome Lisa Lintner onto the Committee.

We would love to welcome one or two new committee members from the social groups that play at different times so that all interests can be best served. It's not onerous as we only meet for about an hour every two months. If you are interested please call me on 0417 051391.

The names and contacts of the current committee and their respective responsibilities will be put up in the clubhouse.

Opening of the Clubhouse

Eurobodalla Shire Council has recently advised guidelines that will enable the clubhouse to be open. These guidelines are quite prescriptive and to open the clubhouse, as it has been in the past, would be difficult to manage.

Instead we will ensure the clubhouse is open during social tennis so that players may use the toilets.

There will be hand sanitiser made available for use before entering the clubhouse, and strict sanitation measures apply. There will be a maximum of 15 people allowed in the clubhouse at any time and social distancing is essential. We would expect that there will only be one or two inside at most.

The kitchen facilities will not be available.

Looking forward to continuing the success of the Narooma Tennis Club.

David Harriss

President, on behalf of your committee.