

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th July 2025

Attendances

47 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 25-07-2022	AGM 24-07-2023	AGM 29-07-24	AGM 28-07-25
Aintree	✓	✓	✓	✓
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ascot Vale	✓	✓	✓	✓
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buckley Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caroline Springs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coburg	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corpus Christi		✓	✓	✓
Craigieburn	✓	✓		✓
Deer Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delahey	✓		✓	✓
Diggers Rest	✓	✓	✓	✓
Doutta Galla	✓	✓	✓	✓
East Coburg	✓	✓	✓	
Essendon	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fawkner	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gladstone Park	✓		✓	✓
Glencairn	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glenroy Community	N/A	N/A		
Green Gully	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greenvale	✓		✓	✓
Hadfield	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hillside	✓	✓	✓	
Hume		✓		✓
Keilor	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keilor East	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keilor Park	✓		✓	✓
Maribyrnong Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
Merlynston	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moomba Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mt. Carmel	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Sunshine		✓	✓	✓
Oak Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
OLN	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parkville	✓	✓	✓	✓
PEGS	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princes Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Christophers	N/A	N/A		
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Monicas	✓	✓		
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Vincents		✓		✓
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓

Opening:

President, Larry Pelly, welcomed everyone and officially opened the meeting at 8.05pm.

1. Apologies

Russel Baldry (NSNTA Secretary), Charles Warwick (Committee), Ian Openshaw (Committee), Sue Malins (Life Member)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 29th July 2024 had been circulated by email.

Moved: Reagan Burgess (Mt. Carmel)
Seconded: Ron Morton (Merlynston)
Carried.

3. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil

4. Correspondence

(a) Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs — Agenda for July 2025 AGM together with minutes of the 2024 AGM

(b) Inwards correspondence:

- Consumer Affairs — Annual renewal notice
- Tennis Victoria — Renewal notice for affiliation and Invoice

5. President's Report

I am pleased to report yet another year where our NSNTA has performed strongly and remains in a healthy financial state. To both the Management Committee members of Maria Keys, Russel Baldry, Cathryn Ryan and Treasurer Graham Sandman, and Match and Permit Members, headed by Robert McDonald, Russel Baldry, Cathryn Ryan, Ian Openshaw, Christopher Tenace, Charles Warwick and Steve Seinor. Well done to another year's activities. It would be remiss of me to not make a special mention to the tireless work and commitment that Robert McDonald makes to the tennis in the northern suburbs of Melbourne, both in our NSNTA and the NSJTA Junior Associations.

The Association also utilises the assistance offered by Life Member Sue Malins in the role of Men's Co-ordinator. The same applies to fellow Life Member Peter Olney, who with wife Gaye, handles all the end of season result phone ins, which is crucial for early notification of finals opponents and the allocation of venues. Thank you to Sue, Peter and Gaye.

I am also pleased to see the return of Parkville Tennis Club to the Association bringing the number of affiliated clubs to 52. Also newly affiliated clubs St Albans East, and Glenroy Community entering their first teams in Spring 2024.

Those of us who have been here for a while, will remember the days we enjoyed playing night tennis on courts with lighting levels in some cases between 50 and 100 lux. Those days are long gone with the introduction this year of improved court lighting levels to a minimum of 250 lux, with a degree of uniformity over the court area. There were a substantial number of clubs affected to bring this new level in force, so it was pleasing to see that our aim was achieved. In many cases with the help and co-operation of the local Councils. Our lighting level guru Ian Openshaw, has kept a constant check on lighting level standards. Thank you to clubs affected and to the local Councils who made it possible to achieve our goal.

We look forward to continuing dialogue with clubs and their delegates for the success of our Association into the future, which can be measured by growth in physical participation and financial commitment, as we look forward to 2025-26 seasons.

Larry Pelly
President

6. Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The Income and Expenditure statement shows a net gain of \$2,807.01 for the year ending 30 June 2025, compared to a net loss of \$2,367.67 the previous year.

Expenses Breakdown:

The total expenses for the year ending 30 June 2025 were impacted by several factors:

Savings from discontinuation of result books:

- The discontinuation of result books resulted in savings of approximately \$8,115. However, the total expenses only reduced by \$5,638 due to other factors.

Purchase of New Laptops:

- New laptops were purchased at a cost of \$3,125.

Increased computer maintenance costs:

- **Internet Provider Costs:** The need for a larger database led to an increase in internet provider costs, amounting to \$1,285.
- **Fees to Gabriel Pelly (Pellysoft Pty Ltd):** Fees totalling \$1,455 were paid to Gabriel Pelly (Pellysoft Pty Ltd) for the previous year and the current financial year. Additionally, a missed fee dating back a few years was included in this total. The oversight that led to the missed fee has been addressed to prevent future occurrences

It is my opinion that the savings from the discontinuation of result books will be more evident this financial year, as the financial year ending 2024/25 had the \$35 team fees for the Spring season and \$30 team fees for the Autumn season. These savings are expected to contribute significantly to reducing overall expenses.

The Association will continue to cover the GST charges.

I would recommend that: -

- Affiliation fees will remain at \$30.00 per club for the next 12 months,
- Team entry fees will remain at \$30.00 per team for the next 12 months.

The assets and income of the North Suburban Night Tennis Association Inc. will be used to further its objectives. No portion will be paid directly or indirectly to the members, except as genuine compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on the behalf of the Association.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Management and Match & Permit committees for their support and assistance during my tenure as Treasurer.

Graham Sandman
Honorary Treasurer

The full Treasurer's report was included as part of the Annual Report.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Stacey Mavrias (North Park) that the Treasurer's report be accepted — Carried.

Statement of Committee (for the year ending June 2025)

A resolution was moved by Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded that the Income and Expenditure Statements and Balance Sheet as attached to the Annual Report of the Association for the year ending 30 June 2025 be endorsed by the Committee as required by the Rules of Incorporation — Carried.

7. Match and Permit Committee Report

I am pleased to report on another successful 12 months for the NSNTA Match and Permit Committee.

Participation in the three competitions remains strong, with Ladies, Mixed and Mens team numbers all increasing. At the February 2025 meeting Parkville Tennis Club had its application for affiliation approved, rejoining the Association after a brief absence. This brings the Association's membership to 52 clubs.

I would like to thank our Competition Coordinators who ensure everything runs smoothly week to week: processing results, updating ladders, monitoring emergency players, assessing additional registrations and dealing with a range of other issues. For Spring 2024 the coordinators were Steve Seinor, Charles Warwick and Ian Openshaw and for Autumn 2025 Steve Seinor, Charles Warwick and Sue Malins.

Spring 2024 was the first season where the Association did not provide match result books. Instead, clubs are required to print and provide their own match result sheets for home teams. This change has been fairly seamless and saved the Association over \$8,000 per year, allowing us to reduce team entry fees. There have been a few instances where teams have been unable to provide a match result sheet on request. We have been generous for the first 12 months and not fined teams under By-law 47(g), but remind all clubs both teams may be fined if they cannot provide a match result sheet when requested by a Competition Coordinator.

The last 12 months has also been busy preparing for the implementation of the new NSNTA Court lighting policy. The new policy takes effect on 1 July 2025 and brings the NSNTA's required lux levels closer to the Tennis Australia guidelines. We have been pleased to see many clubs make improvements to their court lighting and the cooperation of many local councils who have supported their clubs do this. I would particularly like to thank Ian Openshaw, who has once again tested over 100 courts to ensure lighting levels are meeting the required standards.

We continue to update our Committee rulings document, which is published on the NSNTA website and clarifies the interpretation of some By-laws. The latest changes clarify finals qualification, what happens if lights go out during a match and a set or match cannot be completed and the factors Coordinators consider when assessing emergency players. We have also added a page to the NSNTA website under "Rulings" with a link to the Tennis Australia Extreme Weather policy and some guidance around extreme heat.

I thank the other members of the Match and Permit Committee for their work and support over the past year: Russel Baldry, Ian Openshaw, Cathryn Ryan, Steve Seinor, Christopher Tenace and Charles Warwick. My thanks also go to the members of the Association's Executive, Larry Pelly, Maria Keys and Graham Sandman, for their advice and assistance.

Robert McDonald
Chairman - Match & Permit Committee

8. Election of Committee:

Ron Morton took the Chair and declared that all Committee positions were vacant. Elections were then held and the following people were nominated and elected:

President:	Larry Pelly	Nominated:	Cathryn Ryan (OLN)	
		Seconded:	John Galbo (Keilor East)	Carried
Vice President:	Maria Keys	Nominated:	Jason Vochala (Royal Park)	
		Seconded:	Gail Riddell (Tullamarine)	Carried
Secretary:	Russel Baldry	Nominated:	Ron Morton (Merlynston)	
		Seconded:	Cathryn Ryan (OLN)	Carried
Asst. Secretary:	Cathryn Ryan	Nominated:	Reagan Burgess (Mt. Carmel)	
		Seconded:	Jessica Muscat (Greenvale)	Carried
Treasurer:	Graham Sandman	Nominated:	Ron Morton (Merlynston)	
		Seconded:	Maria Keys (Life Member)	Carried

Match and Permit Members:

In accordance with Rule 21(1) of the Constitution, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary are automatically members of the Match and Permit Committee.

M&P Member:	Robert McDonald	Nominated:	Ron Morton (Merlynston)	
		Seconded:	Gail Riddell (Tullamarine)	
M&P Member:	Christopher Tenace	Nominated:	Graham Sandman (Avondale Heights)	
		Seconded:	Stacey Mavrias (North Park)	
M&P Member:	Steve Senior	Nominated:	Ron Morton (Merlynston)	
		Seconded:	Cathryn Ryan (OLN)	
M&P Member:	Jessica Muscat	Nominated:	Robert McDonald (Life Member)	
		Seconded:	Christopher Tenace (Airport West)	
M&P Member:	Charles Warwick	Nominated:	Maria Keys (Life Member)	
		Seconded:	John Galbo (Keilor East)	

All nominations for Match & Permit Committee members were accepted and carried.

Auditors:	Stubbs Wallace Accountants			
		Nominated:	Graham Sandman (Treasurer)	
		Seconded:	Ron Morton (Merlynston)	Carried

9. Fees for 2024/2025

It was proposed to remain at \$30 per team

Moved:	Graham Sandman (Treasurer)	
Seconded:	Dinesh Batra (Aintree)	Carried

10. Honoraria:

Increase all Honoraria by 20%

Moved:	Reagan Burgess (Mt. Carmel)	
Seconded:	Takie Christofides (West Brunswick)	Carried

11. Life Membership

Maria Keys (Life Member) spoke regarding a proposed Life Membership for Cathryn Ryan

Moved: Larry Pelly (President)

Seconded: Carol Munro (Buckley Park)

Carried

12. Other Business:

(a) Golf Day

Robert McDonald is seeking someone who may like to take over organising the Golf Day. Gail Riddell (Tullamarine) has the perpetual trophy. Jessica Muscat (Greenvale) to look into it.

(b) Tennis Balls

The current Tennis Australia list of approved balls to remain in effect.

(c) Uniform Dress Standards

Nil changes

(d) Responsibility for Juniors

Stacey Mavrias (North Park) raised a question regarding juniors in a night team. The onus is on the club to provide a responsible adult to accompany juniors, which may include providing transport.

Meeting Closed: 9:20 pm

Next Delegates Meeting: Monday, 25th August 2025.

Next Annual General Meeting: Monday, 27th July 2026 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club