

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th July 2026

Attendances

49 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 24-07-2023	AGM 29-07-24	AGM 28-07-25	AGM 27-07-26
Aintree	✓	✓	✓	✓
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ascot Vale	✓	✓	✓	✓
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buckley Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caroline Springs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coburg	✓	✓	✓	✓
Craigieburn	✓		✓	
Deer Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delahey		✓	✓	✓
Diggers Rest	✓	✓	✓	✓
Doutta Galla	✓	✓	✓	✓
East Coburg	✓	✓		✓
Essendon	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fawkner	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gladstone Park		✓	✓	✓
Glencairn	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glenroy Community	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. Albans East				
St. Christophers	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 8.35pm.

1. Apologies

Jason Vochala (Royal Park), Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 28th July 2025 had been circulated by email.

Moved: Gail Riddell (Tullamarine)
Seconded: Ron Morton (Merlynston)
Carried.

3. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil

4. Correspondence

(a) Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs — Agenda for July 2026 AGM together with minutes of the 2025 AGM

(b) Inwards correspondence:

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

5. President's Report

The North Suburban Night Tennis Association has just completed its forty-fifth year of providing a high competition standard of tennis in the northern and north-western suburbs of Melbourne. The Association has 52 Affiliated Clubs which are strong and popular within their local communities.

It is also with great pleasure that I can yet again report to all Clubs of the ongoing strong financial position of the NSNTA and this is expected to continue into the 2027 calendar year.

The on court activities have been watched over by the Match and Permit Committee headed by Robert McDonald as Chair - another fantastic effort by Robert and his Committee of Cathryn Ryan, Russel Baldry, Steven Seinor, Christopher Tenace, Charles Warwick and Jessica Muscat. A special thank you also to Sue Malins and Ian Openshaw who together with Peter and Gaye Olney are always available to assist and help out when the situation arises. We are very pleased and thankful to these past members for their continuing involvement. Also to the Association's officers of Maria Keys, Russel Baldry, Cathryn Ryan and Graham Sandman in keeping the Association as a viable and profitable organisation. Well done to everyone for another successful year.

Within the Match and Permit Committee, continued progress has also been made in the recording of every player's statistical information. We have done away with the result books method of record keeping match results. The introduction of a predictive ladder updated automatically after results have been entered online by winning teams has been very well received.

On a personal note, at the April meeting I notified the Management Committee of my intention to stand down as President at this AGM. My involvement in the NSNTA committees dates back a very long way. I am very grateful of the delegates and friends both my wife and I have made over this time. Thank you to all. At this Management meeting, Russel Baldry also announced his intention to stand down as Secretary, (historically a position very hard to fill). In March 2022 he had volunteered to fill in the then vacant Secretary position, but we won't be missing his experience as he wishes to stay on as a Match and Permit member. To this end the Management Committee has canvassed for prospective members to fill these important positions and will be seeking your approval at the AGM.

Larry Pelly
President

6. Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30 June 2026.

The NSNTA achieved a strong financial result for FY2026, recording a surplus of \$5,115.01 compared with \$2,807.01 in the previous year. Total funds at year end were \$43,645.16.

Income for FY2026 was lower than the previous year, primarily due to the reduction in team entry fees from \$35.00 per team for the Spring 2024 season to \$30.00 per team from Autumn 2025 onwards.

Expenses also decreased during FY2026. The Association did not make any major purchases during the financial period, such as laptops. Computer maintenance costs were lower, as the previous year included a one-off payment of \$1,282 to increase database capacity and a catch-up payment of \$1,070 to Pellysoft Pty Ltd. Expenses are expected to reduce further in future years now that fixture booklets will no longer be printed and distributed to clubs.

The Association will continue to cover GST charges.

I recommend that:

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

With the introduction of the upgraded online results format, I expect fines for each season to decrease. We will monitor the impact of this change over the next 12 months to ensure the Association maintains its strong financial position.

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 members, except as genuine compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

I thank the members of the Management Committee and the Match and Permit Committee 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 Ian Lyster (East Coburg)
that the Treasurer's report be accepted — Carried.

Statement of Committee (for the year ending June 2026)

A resolution was moved by Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Russel Baldry (Secretary) that the Income and Expenditure Statements and Balance Sheet as attached to the Annual Report of the Association for the year ending 30 June 2026 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 continues to grow. Over the past 12 months, total team numbers grew to a record 564 teams in Autumn 2026 and it is particularly pleasing to see strong growth in the Mixed competition. The Men's competition is close to its limit with all courts at most clubs in use on Thursday nights.

Many thanks to 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 2025, the coordinators were Russel Baldry, Charles Warwick and Ian Openshaw, and for Autumn 2026 Russel Baldry, Charles Warwick and Sue Malins. I would also like to thank Peter and Gaye Olney for recording all the Round 14 results from the details received by phone and text.

During the year, significant work has been completed on a new online results system, which was launched in Autumn 2026. Alongside this, we have seen the introduction of predictive ladders, which update automatically a few minutes after results are entered online. These unofficial ladders are subject to change when Coordinators verify results, but give teams an indication of where they are likely to be placed and have received positive feedback from players.

Alongside these front-end changes, even more work has been completed on a new results processing backend that allows Competition Coordinators to process results and check emergencies and their playing history much more quickly. I would like to thank Charles Warwick for the huge amount of time and effort he has put into developing these new systems. He is also working on a new NSNTA website, which we plan to launch prior to the Spring 2026 season.

The NSNTA's new Court lighting policy took 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. A few clubs were granted extensions to meet the new lighting requirements and we expect that all courts will meet the new guidelines, or have works underway, by the start of the Spring 2026 season. I would like to thank Larry Pelly, who has taken over the role of light tester and travelled to many clubs to ensure lighting levels are meeting the required standards.

To assist the Committee to better manage Code of Conduct complaints, we have developed a Code of Conduct complaint form, which is available on the NSNTA website. Minor Code of Conduct violations should be resolved between representatives of the two clubs concerned, but if the matter cannot be resolved by the two clubs, or if the breach is serious, it can be reported in writing to the Association Secretary using this form. We also updated our Committee rulings document, which is published on the NSNTA website, to clarify the procedures to be followed if lights go off or courts become unplayable during a match.

I thank the other members of the Match and Permit Committee for their work and support over the past year: Russel Baldry, Jessica Muscat, 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:	Chirstopher Tenace	Nominated:	Robert McDonald (Life Member)	
		Seconded:	Jessica Muscat (Greenvale)	Carried
Vice President:	Maria Keys	Nominated:	Larry Pelly (Bulla Village)	
		Seconded:	Russel Baldry (Secretary)	Carried
Secretary:	Jessica Muscat	Nominated:	Russel Baldry (Secretary)	
		Seconded:	Melissa Buckingham (Essendon)	Carried
Asst. Secretary:	Cathryn Ryan	Nominated:	Ron Morton (Merlynston)	
		Seconded:	Gail Riddell (Tullamarine)	Carried
Treasurer:	Graham Sandman	Nominated:	Cathryn Ryan (Asst. Secretary)	
		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:	Chirstopher Tenace (President)	
		Seconded:	Ron Morton (Merlynston)	
M&P Member:	Larry Pelly	Nominated:	Maria Keys (Life Member)	
		Seconded:	Robert McDonald (Life Member)	
M&P Member:	Steve Senior	Nominated:	Ron Morton (Merlynston)	
		Seconded:	Ivano Giorlando (Caroline Springs)	
M&P Member:	Russel Baldry	Nominated:	Jessica Muscat (Secretary)	
		Seconded:	Christopher Tenace (Airport West)	
M&P Member:	Charles Warwick	Nominated:	Cathryn Ryan (Asst. Secretary)	
		Seconded:	Gail Riddell (Tullamarine)	

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 2025/2026

It was proposed to remain at \$30 per team and \$30 affiliation fee

Moved:	Graham Sandman (Treasurer)	
Seconded:	Larry Pelly (Bulla Village)	Carried

10. Honoraria:

No increase all Honoraria

Moved: Graham Sandman (Treasurer)

Seconded: Maria Keys (Life Member)

Carried

12. Other Business:

(a) Golf Day

Diva Duvaroren (Moomba Park) provided an update encouraging teams to register. More details to follow closer to the date.

(b) Tennis Balls

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

(c) Uniform Dress Standards

Nil changes

(d) Tennis Victoria

Maria Keys (Life Member) provided an update on Tennis Victoria news including information on Future Leaders Program, early access AO 2027 tickets and the Davis Cup.

(e) Moomba Park

Diva Duvaroren (Moomba Park) provided an update on Moomba Park Construction works.

(f) Special thanks

Christopher Tenace gave a special thanks to Larry and Russel for their contributions and dedication in the roles of President and Secretary respectively.

(g) NSNTA Website

Robert McDonald provided an update on the newly launched NSNTA website.

Meeting Closed: 9:16 pm

Next Delegates Meeting: Monday, 24th August 2026.

Next Annual General Meeting: Monday, 26th July 2027 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club