

H.E. Parker Reserve Net Post



HPRTC Newsletter – February 2018

President's Report

Greetings,

Welcome to 2018!

It promises to be a busy Year for HE Parker tennis club with the long-awaited bathroom renovations beginning on March the 5th. There have been a few negotiations with council which have seen the addition of the pergola at the entrance to the clubhouse being built at the same time by the same builder. This will mean a reduction in construction time but an increase in inconvenience during the works which are expected to take 3½ - 4 months.

The first important date to note will be Tuesday 6th where ALL access to the clubhouse will be blocked during the day as Asbestos cladding inside the bathrooms will be being removed. After this our access to the courts and club house will be limited to access through the gate on court 2 and 3, then through to courts 4 & 5 and then in through the double doors facing courts 4&5. (Remember to let your visiting teams know in advance or meet them and escort them onto the premises.) Temporary walls will be erected inside the club rooms allowing work to begin on East facing wall and the area where the new door into the bathroom area is to be constructed. So, we will have a smaller kitchen area and the fridge will be relocated. Access to the light box, alarm cupboard in the club will be maintained as usual.

There will be a portable toilet block (2) on site near the carpark which will be plumbed in (YEAY) for use the whole time. Access for coaching and the Shed will be through the gate between court 5 and 6.

Remember when entering the facility to be mindful and considerate of games in play and also to keep out of the way of the builders. They will have a much more difficult work site than they are used to because we need to continue our use of the Facility. Please make it as easy and SAFE as possible for them to do their job and remember to Prohibit any children from entering the work site.

Thanks to everyone for being patient and flexible. It should be well worth the Wait.

Our Club's Head Coach, Ben, has been travelling around and competing on the ITF Seniors Circuit since June last year. He has won 2 titles in the Over 35's Doubles category and come runners up in the other 3 tournaments he's entered.

Latest ITF Rankings see him ranked a career-high #10 for Doubles and #92 for Singles, worldwide.

Ben considers himself a bit of a "doubles specialist" and his aim is to be selected to represent Australia in the upcoming World Team Championships in Miami, Florida.

He has the Oceania Regional Championships to play at Kooyong next month and we wish him all the best in his endeavours. You can track his progress at <http://www.itftennis.com/>.

Ben sent 28 Hot Shots kids to the Australian Open in January. Again, it was a great experience and all reports from coaches and parents was positive.

Sue Moreland, Happy Hitting!

Key Dates

Saturday 17 February

Bunnings BBQ – Can you help? Please contact Elizabeth Sloan (97209405)

New Members

We would like to welcome Ben & Brooke Metcalf as new members to our club. They joined during November 2017.



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Social News and Fundraisers

Thanks to all members who supported four social and fundraising activities towards the end of 2017.

Viv White led a very successful sales drive for the Entertainment Book. \$476 was raised, an amazing effort. Thank you Viv!

The Bunnings BBQ held in November raised \$567.25 even though it was an extremely hot day. Thanks to all volunteers on the day.

The famous Christmas hamper was won by Margaret Lawler. We raised \$761.55 and all hamper contents were donations. Thanks to Michael Sukkar for his donation of a large chocolate hamper! A huge thank you to all our generous sponsors from all branches for making this hamper so amazing.

Elizabeth Sloan (Social Secretary)

Saturday Social

Saturday social has kicked off with a bang this year. If you are around on a Saturday, come down for a hit, play starts at 2pm. There is always a friendly face at Saturday Social. All welcome, even visitors (First time free).

Peter O'Connor (Saturday Social Rep)

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Sponsor News

Barry Plant Real Estate Heathmont branch: The club receives \$500 from any member selling or leasing their properties through Barry Plant in Heathmont. Please consider making use of their services if you're able to. Thank you

All Sports Sportswear (4 Corporate Boulevard in Bayswater): Continue to support us with fabulous offers available on all sportswear and equipment. WELL worth your time to pay them a visit. I guarantee you won't find a better deal anywhere we have ever seen. Sue and Elizabeth

Bakers Delight: Continue to supply the club bread due to you using the loyalty number (2017) for HE Parker TC every time you shop. Thank you.

