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# COURT TALK

JANUARY 2015

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are starting 2015 with a major drive to raise our profile in the local community and attract local tennis players to play at our club. Our committee is working toward three upcoming events:

An **Open Day, on Feb 8, 10am-2pm**: Building on the excitement of the Australian Open we are inviting local players to try their game on grass. Thanks to Greg Piper and the committee for designing the flier and posters 'Come Play on Grass - We Welcome All Players', and those who have helped with the 5000 flier letterbox drop to Hunters Hill (Jane Cowley, Lucinda Mahar and George Kesic), Henley (Sue Bate), Huntley's Point (John Afaras), Huntley's Cove (John Lange). Open Day banners hang now over Burns Bay Rd and at Boronia Park, and a recent article in the local TWT, and advertisement in Vet's Score magazine all aim to get the word out that our club is open and welcoming new members. On the Open Day we need Members to volunteer in a variety of roles as outlined below and Sunday social tennis will continue as usual after 2pm.

We will be hosting the inaugural **Wards Hunters Hill Challenge weekend, March 14 & 15**, open to the whole community, Members and Non-Members: Men's, Ladies & Mixed Doubles. Thanks to Matthew Ward and Caroline Swan who are coordinating the event. Save the date and more details will come in the next newsletter. We anticipate it will introduce more local tennis players to the lawn courts and the club and be a fun weekend.

A few weeks later we are holding a **Member & Guest Invitation Day on Sunday March 29**. Invite a friend and you may create a mixed, ladies or men's doubles pairing.

In the holidays I enjoyed Hugh Mackay's book 'The Art of Belonging' which articulated how local groups, such as our tennis club, are crucial links in our communities. We rely on communities to support and sustain us, and if those communities are to survive and prosper, we must engage with them and nurture them. That's the beautiful symmetry of human society: we need communities and they need us. So we look forward, as a club, to engaging more closely with the Hunters Hill community in 2015.

See you on the courts,

**Sally Stobo**

President

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#### BADGE

Would you like to play Badge for our club in 2015, either as a regular team member or reserve? Last chance to register, please send in the [form on our home page](#) by 14 February. The Saturday Badge competition will commence on 21st March. The Thursday Badge will start on 23rd April.

Please submit forms to [secretary@huntershilltennisclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@huntershilltennisclub.com.au).

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#### MEDIA

[Here is a link to a recent guest column 'To the Point' in the local paper, the TWT, by Sally Stobo.](#)

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#### GROUNDS & SURROUNDS

Thanks so much to the hardworking members who attended our working bee earlier this month and spruced up the grounds for the months ahead. Thanks to **Eric** and **Caroline** for their help in the garden, **Chris** for helping tidy up the Net Shed, **Robert** for fixing new shelving, **Roger** for painting and clearing the gutters, **Andrew** and **Bill** for clearing the drains, **Jane** for buying all the supplies and thank you to everyone else who turned up to pitch in with the working bee. We especially enjoyed **Caroline's** morning tea!

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#### OPEN DAY - MEMBERS HELP NEEDED

On our Open Day we need members to volunteer for an hour or two. We are filling a roster so you can just volunteer for an hour - can you please help with welcoming newcomers? joining in social play? over seeing the Speed Serve machine? baking for the tea table? If we all do a small job the day will come together well. Please email Jane who is coordinating volunteers. [jm\\_cowley@bigpond.com](mailto:jm_cowley@bigpond.com)

A promotional poster for the Hunters Hill Lawn Tennis Club. The background is white with several green tennis balls scattered across it. On the left, the text 'HUNTERS HILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this, 'NEW FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS' is written in smaller black capital letters. Further down, 'OPEN DAY FEB 8TH' is written in large, bold, red capital letters, and '10AM - 2PM' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. On the right side, there is a circular logo for the club. The logo has a green border with 'HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB' written in white. Inside the circle, there are large red letters 'H H' with a white tennis ball in the center. Below the letters, the year '1894' is written in small black text, and the word 'LAWN' is written in white at the bottom of the circle.

# HUNTERS HILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB

NEW FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

**OPEN DAY FEB 8TH**  
**10AM - 2PM**



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## 2015 MEMBERS YEARBOOK

Our Members Yearbook is at the printers and will be available at the Clubhouse from Feb 8th. Copies can also be [downloaded online - link here](#). The Yearbook contains all the dates of events for the year ahead and the hard copies will contain a Member's phone contact list. Thanks to all those who have sent emails to be included.

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## MEMBERS COURT ACCESS 2015

Our courts are now available for play on Fridays. Our new greenkeepers are consistently having the courts mown by 10am, which means we can open the courts 6 days a week now for Member's to arrange their own games. Mondays will still be reserved for extra watering for the courts.

The greenkeepers have also started rotating the courts they want us to play to distribute the wear evenly across all five courts. Hence you will see some courts with 'No Play' when they otherwise look match ready. Saying this, if at social sessions we have enough players for all 5 courts we will certainly open all 5 unless they are actually unplayable.

So, if you have a tennis session washed out earlier in the week you now have the flexibility to reschedule it to Fridays, or perhaps Fridays is sometimes your day off? If you are at the club on Friday or Wednesday mornings before 10.30am please be mindful of Yoga classes in session and use the courts away from the clubhouse.

All the court open times are summarised on our website.

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All information is correct at time of publication, however life isn't always perfect and if you pick up a mistake, please get back to me at your earliest convenience. Ed.

Your photos and written contributions to our newsletter are warmly welcomed.  
Closing date is 14th of each month. Please send them to  
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FEBRUARY 2015

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thankyou to all those members who so wonderfully supported the Open Day earlier this month. It exceeded our expectations with brilliant sunshine and great turnout. Many local residents played for their first time on the lawn courts and a little of the spirit of the day is captured on the [Open Day video](#). A special thankyou to **Kitty Dufficy** who answered many membership enquiries, **Jackie Bradshaw**, **Cheryl Ierace**, **Jenny Borozan** and **Sue Bate** who baked goodies and looked after the tea table; **Seamus Lynch**, **Caroline Swan**, **Chris Jones**, **Roger Brittain**, **Andrew See**, **George Kesic** and all the others who worked to make the day such a success.

Our efforts to raise our club's profile and attract new members continues apace with the upcoming **Wards Hunters Hill Challenge weekend, March 14 & 15**. The event is open to the whole community, with Men's, Ladies & Mixed Doubles events. Thanks to **Matthew Ward** and **Caroline Swan** who are coordinating the event. We hope it will introduce more players to the club - so don't miss out - invite a friend and register online. Entries will be limited. The event came about as a way of saying thank you to Ward Partners for donating the club's defibrillator. Since then, other local groups have come on board, with Hummerstons Butcher supporting the BBQ and the Woolwich Pier donating the prizes. It promises to be a great community weekend at the club.

Thankyou to the support from **Caroline Swan**, **Jane Cowley**, **Judy Smith** and **Chris Jones** for registering the Badge teams this year. We also warmly welcome to the club a new Men's HH1 team captained by **Graeme Sticka**.

Our club now has its own Facebook page and thankyou to **Jenny Borozan** who has offered to administer it. Take a moment now to Like our Page as we aim for 100 Likes!

We have a busy month ahead with lots of tennis events for you to enter - see details outlined in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you on the courts,

**Sally Stobo**

President



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The logo of the Hunters Hill Lawn Tennis Club, featuring a green circle with a white border. Inside the circle, the letters 'HHT' are written in red, with '1894' below them and 'LAWN' at the bottom. The words 'HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB' are written around the top inner edge of the circle.

# 2015 WARD PARTNERS HUNTERS HILL CHALLENGE

Hunters Hill Lawn Tennis Club

<u>Saturday 14th March</u>	<u>Sunday 15th March</u>
<b>Womens Doubles</b> 1st Round 10am-1pm	<b>Mixed Doubles</b> 1st Round 10am-1pm
<b>Mens Doubles</b> 1st Round 2pm-5pm	<b>All Finals</b> 2pm-5pm

**Entry Fee: \$25 pp per event**  
Enter online by 10th March to take up the challenge  
[www.huntershilltennisclub.com.au](http://www.huntershilltennisclub.com.au)

For further information contact:  
**Matthew Ward 0417 942 223**  
**Caroline Swan 0407 224 668**

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## EVENTS

### **Sunday March 1: 3.30pm**

AED Presentation at afternoon tea

Red Cross College and Matthew Ward, who together donated the AED, will be joining us for afternoon tea.

### **Tuesday March 3: 1pm**

Super Seniors starts

In partnership with HH Council we are offering 5 Tuesdays for \$50 for those seniors wanting to get back into tennis. [Enter by emailing the club.](#)

### **Thursday March 12: 10am**

Ladies Special Singles Championships

[Enter by emailing Graeme Sticka](#)

### **Sat & Sun March 13 & 14**

Ward Partners Hunters Hill Tennis Challenge

Entries close 10 March - [Enter online on the club website](#)

### **Thursday March 19: 10am**

Ladies Special Doubles Championships

[Enter by emailing Graeme Sticka](#)

### **Sunday March 22: 1pm**

Shelleys Doubles - Mixed handicapped doubles, enter as an individual

[Enter by emailing Graeme Sticka](#)

### **Sunday March 29: 1pm**

Member & Guest Invitation Day

Invite a guest to be your partner for this doubles event. You may create a mixed pair, ladies or mens doubles pairing. \$20 per guest. [Register by emailing the club.](#)

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## MEMBERSHIP

We warmly welcome **Garry Hall, Bruce & Sandi Fox, Kathy & Andrew Frankland, Lily Logue, Carmel Hourigan & Justin Bisoglio (& daughters Olivia and Sofia), Martin Cowley, Michael Swan, Stephen Clarke, Matthew Ward (yes, we now have two Matthew Wards!), Ray Melograna, Caroline McGeorge, Ken Solomons, Fabrizio Perelli and Lance Hodgkinson**, who have all joined, upgraded their membership or are returning to our club as Members.

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## MEDIA

In our Strategic Plan we identified the need to develop strategic alliances within our community. One of these alliances has been created with **Ward Partners**, and another has been with the **Hunters Hill Theatre**. They will advertise our club in their program given to 1500 patrons, in return we will keep you up to date with their programme in this newsletter.

We also had a recent Northern District Times article about the Ward Partners Defibrillator donation and Challenge - thanks to **Ann Raciti**.

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## GROUND & SURROUNDS

Thank you to **Alf Cocco** for readjusting the nets after the courts were moved last week.

We have a new system with the keys to the club. If you need to gain access to the net shed or clubhouse a new security keypad contains a key to share. Ask [Kitty Dufficy](#) for details. The machinery shed padlock now has its own key. Robert Bradshaw, Sally Stobo and our Greenkeepers Nick Raye and Mary Shipp have copies. If you need one please [email Sally Stobo](#).

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## BADGE

The following teams will represent our club in Autumn Badge.

### Ladies HH1

Lee Adolfson (C)  
Caroline Durran  
Jacque Weaver  
Caroline McGeorge  
Jane Cowley  
Judy Smith

### Mens HH1

Graeme Sticka (C)  
Stephen Clarke  
Seamus Lynch  
Ken Solomons  
Fabrizio Perilli  
Mark Haet (R)

### Mens HH2

Ben Johnson (C)  
Tim Austin  
Ben Jonson

Jackie Bradshaw

Chris Jones

Alf Cocco

Lance Hodgkinson

Andrew Frankland

Andrew See

### **Ladies HH2**

Julie-Ann Brighton (C)

Donna Underwood

Maz Creagh

Jenny Borozaan-Saunders

Wendy Dobis

Sally Stobo (R)

### **Mens HH3**

Ian Kavanagh (C)

Clive Magowan

Bill Moss

Roger Brittain

Tom Grozier

Robert Bradshaw

Michael Swan

Matthew Ward

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### COACHING

We are starting two new groups of **Rusty (or Dusty!) Racquets**; lessons designed for those players who are returning to tennis - On Tuesday with **Sue Deller** and another on a Friday morning with **George Kesic**. They offer coaching followed by social play - Do you have friends who may be interested? [Details on our website.](#)

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### CORPORATE EVENTS

The courts and clubhouse are available for Corporate events. Being a short water taxi ride from the city, the courts provide a unique and fun venue. We can recommend a local caterer or the Woolwich Pier hotel for a meal after the time on court, and can also show you how successful events have been run at the club in the past. [Please email the club for further details.](#)

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# It's my party and I'll die if I want to

Pass around the pavlova and party pies ... Ron Patterson, a gruff, quintessentially Aussie family man has 111 minutes left to live and decides to host a final farewell party for his somewhat dysfunctional family. You're also invited – so come along and enjoy this comedy of outlandish humour and bizarre confessions.

## Bookings open 2 February

Book online at [www.huntershilltheatre.com.au](http://www.huntershilltheatre.com.au)  
or phone **9879 7765**

**Tickets: Adults \$28/Concession and Groups 10+ \$25**

Thur 8pm	Fri 8pm	Sat 2.30pm	Sat 4.30pm	Sat 8pm	Sun 4.30pm
5 Mar 12 Mar	27 Feb 6 Mar 13 Mar	7 Mar 14 Mar	28 Feb	7 Mar 14 Mar	1 Mar 8 Mar



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**MARCH/APRIL 2015**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit here writing this Members' update the rain is pouring down and the wind is howling and I wonder when we will be back on the lawn courts. No doubt it will be sooner than it seems!

Our Strategic Plan identified a need to formally assess the feasibility of converting court 5 to synthetic grass and this has been the main focus of our recent committee meeting. The benefits of converting the court to a more durable surface include; giving members access to a court all year round and access after weather that would normally wash out a lawn court, increased revenue opportunities for the club through coaching and casual court hire, and reduced green keeping fees.

Past committees have already researched the financials and obtained quotes and we are keen to obtain Member's questions and feedback before proceeding further. Please contact Jane Cowley (by May 20) on 0408 881 238 or [jm\\_cowley@bigpond.com](mailto:jm_cowley@bigpond.com) if you would like to contribute to the discussion, so we can include your submissions at our next meeting.

To keep all Members up to date with club financials we will be posting a monthly summary in our clubhouse on the noticeboard next to the kitchen. We also are now posting a list on the noticeboard of new members who have joined or returned to the club in recent months.

I hope many of you can join us at the upcoming President's Trophy on Sunday May 24, 1pm. A mixed doubles event open to all Members - Email [gsticka@gmail.com](mailto:gsticka@gmail.com) to enter by May 17. Graeme will also soon call for entries to the Mens Special Singles & Doubles round robin events.



I look forward to seeing you on the courts soon,

**Sally Stobo**

President

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## EVENTS

**Sunday May 17**

Mens Special Singles Championships

**Sunday May 24 1:00pm**

Presidents Trophy

**Sunday May 31**

Mens Special Doubles Championships

**Tuesday June 16 10:30am**

Eve Jenkins Trophy

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## WEBSITE

We have recently upgraded [our website](#) making it more user-friendly for smartphone users and when on the go! Court conditions are now updated daily on the website and it includes a weather widget for local conditions.

If you haven't been onto our web page lately - [log on!](#) A members only section is in the process of being added and we will let you know as soon as it is live.

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## GROUNDS & SURROUNDS

Our cold water Zip filter has stopped working - 15 years old and sadly not fixable. Our committee is obtaining quotes, but - in the meantime we can store cold water in the fridge. Our front gate was repainted thanks to sponsorship from **INSPIRATION PAINTS** at Gladesville who supplied the materials at cost price, and **Roger Brittain's** skill with a paintbrush, and now sports welcoming new signage.

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## WARDS HUNTERS HILL CHALLENGE

A big thank you to **Matthew Ward** and **WARD PARTNERS** for a successful Hunters Hill Challenge Weekend. We appreciated support from **HUMMERSTONS GOURMET MEATS** and the **WOOLWICH PIER HOTEL** who sponsored the BBQ and Prizes. Thanks to

**Caroline Swan** and **Jane Cowley** who put in a huge effort to present the club so well and make the weekend so much fun for the local community. A short [video of the day is on our website](#).



Mixed Doubles winners Sara Goddard & Graeme Sticka, Runners Up Julie & Alf Cocco, pictured with Ellen & Matt Ward. Below: Men's Doubles Champions Drew Biden & Matthew Porter, pictured with the other finalists pairing Roger Brittain & Rod James. Ladies doubles finals winners Kitty Dufficy & Judy Lewis with runners up Caroline Swan & Jane Cowley.



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