

# Spring 2022



# Newsletter

**Our AGM** was held last Tuesday and a new Committee elected, some old faces **and some new!**

(Pres: Bob Furphy, VPres: Jake Hill, Sec: Mark Borthwick, Treas: Craig Durkin  
Other ELTC Contacts <[here](#)> )

**Our first Priority is to get new season events started...  
(Grass Courts OPEN from 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – weather permitting)**

**Juniors:** 7<sup>th</sup> October, Registration & “Come and Try” 5:30 to 6:30  
14<sup>th</sup> October, Coaching Grps and Matches Begin. From 5:30

**IMPORTANT** – we need an indication of intention to play!

Please send to [membership@eltc.com.au](mailto:membership@eltc.com.au) with your Child’s details (Name & DOB, Parent/Guardian Name – email and phone contacts). Needed prior to 7<sup>th</sup> October please.

*ps. We are looking to put together a new Convening Committee (perhaps 3 or 4 parents); as our long serving past junior conveners will not be continuing. No special skills required, just need community spirited people to step up and volunteer to share this load!*

**Saturday Teams:** Matches start 8<sup>th</sup> October. Team Captains meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September (*Tonight!* – late notice sorry, let us know if we’ve missed you).

New Players Welcome – we will help find you a spot!  
Contact Jake Hill (0421 166 275) for further information.  
Please also send your details (Name and contact info) to  
[membership@eltc.com.au](mailto:membership@eltc.com.au)

**Thursday Night Tennis:** Next Season start date, 6<sup>th</sup> October – aligns with school term.

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**Annual Membership Fees** will be due from 1<sup>st</sup> October, with our “early bird” discount available until 31<sup>st</sup> October (full fees apply after that date.) You will receive more info shortly on how to complete your membership/registration and payment. This is an “on-line” process; step by step guidance will be emailed.

**Our Website is regularly updated with Club information.**  
Check it out at [www.eltc.com.au](http://www.eltc.com.au)

Membership Fees, Court Hire details and a variety of other information to be found.

You can find dates and contact details for our next **Veterans Event** (Players who turn 30 before 1 Jan 2023 eligible.)

### Another Source of Info...

Please “like” our **Facebook** page if you haven’t already, as lots of news and team info will be regularly posted.



### Court Keys

A coded **Key Safe** (central on Clubhouse Verandah) has keys to open our courts and toilets. The code is available to any Member and also for people hiring courts. Committee Members, Event Conveners and Team Captains can all provide you with the code (which is changed regularly). Please ensure you only provide access to Club Members and return keys to Key Safe.

ps. Courts 19 and 20 are open to the public.

## Changes Coming to ELTC

Over recent years the **Cyprus Trees** have begun to damage our fencing and playing surface. We have struggled to develop a plan to remove them and still maintain the shaded amenity of our complex

Shortly the Shire will begin removing the trees to the West of court 6 and commence earthworks to provide an increased Spectator setback. The Club will further landscape this area including a shade shelter and new tree plantings. We view this as an opportunity to develop a concept that will be applied more widely to courts 7 -14 at a later time.

Given that the Shire completed our sewer connection earlier this year – a project cost in excess of \$100k, it is not surprising that we have not managed to see other projects included in the 22/23 Shire budget, (we will try again in the future). We have however applied for two significant grants – one to construct a Unisex Accessible Toilet (UAT), and one to provide a substantial shade shelter to the West of courts 6 and 14. (Fingers crossed and will let you know.)

## Labour Day Tournament / Tennis Victoria 2022 AWARDS NIGHT

Our 92<sup>nd</sup> Labour Day Tournament ran in March and was a great success. Our numbers continue to grow with people “knocking down our doors” to get an entry accepted. It was great to see a large and diverse section of our Membership volunteer to help in many roles.

Financially this event is absolutely critical to maintaining and developing our facility.

(ps Did you know you can see draws and results for all our tournaments going back to 2006 – available on our website.)

ELTC has been listed as one of three finalists in Tennis Victoria's AWARDS for 2022 under the category for **Most Outstanding Tournament**. Bob (as Tournament Director) and Gayle Furphy will attend an awards ceremony to be held in Melbourne on 27<sup>th</sup> October where the winner will be announced.

## COVID

Thanks to everyone for being patient and flexible with all the “hoops” we have had before us over the last two years due to COVID rules. Apart from continuing Social Distancing and requirements to Test and Isolate, we are now free of all COVID restrictions.

We look forward to offering a number of social functions (more info to follow), but will certainly be reintroducing BBQ's for Junior and Saturday Tennis.