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# Introduction

Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Association (CBTA) is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation run by a well-established volunteer management committee with governance structures managed under a constitution and Strategic and Business Operational Plan.

CBTA have been in existence since 1921 and as a not-for-profit all funds sought or obtained go directly into local tennis. We rely on skilled volunteers to meet our vision and objectives of promoting, offering and activating tennis centres and facilitating programs for the sport and the community of Canterbury Bankstown.

CBTA is recognised within the tennis community for its proactive and innovative approach to delivering high quality services to our players and stakeholders. We aim to increase opportunities in the sport of tennis, make the sport affordable, enjoyable, adaptable and accessible for all members of our community. We strive to facilitate infrastructure and maintain quality facilities, grow participation across all age groups, adapt through changing communities and ways of living and have demonstrated our ability to manage and administer projects and programs supported by funders including Local, State and Federal governments.

CBTA currently manages and maintains five (5) tennis centres in Canterbury Bankstown area in conjunction with court operators, 1 Regional Tennis Complex (with 8 or more courts); 3 x District centres; and 1 x Neighbourhood facility. CBTA is committed to managing these tennis facilities in a manner which optimises their use and availability for residents and community of Canterbury Bankstown.

In addition to venue management, CBTA continues to seek funding sources to upgrade facilities in the region to ensure high-quality infrastructure as well as facilitating and offering opportunities for play, player pathways to competition and programs in tennis and related activities to support organised sport offerings, social connection, health and wellbeing within the community.

Our high expectations of excellence are incorporated into daily operations and monitored as an integral part of the way in which we do 'business-as-usual'. Experience and quality-in-practice are key competitive differentiators for CBTA.

Our guiding principles are;

- *To promote tennis as an appealing, accessible, affordable sport for community members of all ages and backgrounds.*
- *To operate as professional partners managing well-run, high-quality tennis facilities.*
- *To facilitate sporting and recreation opportunities and programs for our community.*
- *To be transparent, financially responsible and professional in all our dealings.*
- *To honour tradition but harness innovation for a progressive future in sport.*

CBTA's experienced volunteer committee, with pride and enthusiasm, look forward to focusing on these goals and implementing actions to achieve them across an ambitious 10 year plan!

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# Council of Management Board and Committees

The Council of Management met five times as a full body (to August 2025), and several times at an Executive level. Meetings were held as a combination of face to face and online format.

## Executive Board

President	Roger Pitt
General Secretary	Adele English
Senior Vice President- Governance	Linda Wright Babb
Chief Financial Officer	Lindsay Aitken
Vice President Operations	Dennis Nolan
Vice President Competitions	Steve Sidney

## Committee Officers

Assistant Secretary	Paul Burgess
Assistant Financial Officer	Adele English
Junior Competition Secretary	Linda Wright Babb
Senior Competition Secretary	Richard Kellert
Tournament & Events Secretary	John Kellert
Interdistrict & Regional Participation Officer	Kelly Marcar
Junior Development Officer	Gen Ulanday
Membership Officer	Paola Khnanisho
Promotions & Publicity Officer	Linda Wright Babb & Gen Ulanday
Special Projects Officer	Claire Kennedy
Grants & Sponsorship Officer	Adele English
Trophy Presentation Officer	Julie Wright

## Sub-Committees

<b><i>Selection Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Competition Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Tournament Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Court Operator Committee</i></b>
Roger Pitt	Steve Sidney	Roger Pitt	John & Richard Kellert
Steve Sidney	Richard Kellert	John Kellert	Tony Huang
Kelly Marcar	Linda Wright Babb	Gen Ulanday	Musa and Sadik Kadir
Linda Wright Babb	Kelly Marcar		Ian Brabazon
	Steven Wright		

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# Presidents Address

## *Roger Pitt, President*

Welcome, Life Members, Members and Visitors to the Annual Report for the 105th anniversary of Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Association Incorporated.

To secure the CBTA's future, the Committee has often taken innovative approaches—and the 2024/2025 year was no different.

Over the past year, CBTA has combined community momentum with concrete progress on and off court. We advanced our long-term vision with public consultation on the 2024 Draft Strategic Plan, setting priorities for participation and infrastructure through 2034. Facility works also moved ahead: Council listed Coleman Park Tennis Centre in its Community & Park Buildings Refurbishment Program and initiated a 2025 refurbishment—modernising the clubhouse and amenities with a new unisex accessible toilet—to lift the player and spectator experience.

At Panania, our headquarters continued to hum with activity—now including dedicated pickleball courts—and regular UTR events that give local players meaningful match play each week. Our junior pathway shone too, highlighted by CBTA's Abigail Chan earning state selection after multiple tournament wins—proof that grassroots coaching and competition at CBTA are translating into elite opportunity.

The CBTA has five full time Professional Coaches, John Kellert and Richard Kellert at Panania Tennis Centre, which is also the Headquarters of the CBTA and Smith Park, Tony Huynh at Deverall Park, Ian Brabazon at Coleman Park and Sadik and Musa Kadir at Rose Park Sefton.

All the Centres enhance CBTA'S coaching for future generations and each centre is operating very well. CBTA are very proud of each of the centres and believe the Junior programs at Panania are comparable to those of other professional sports junior pathways.

The 2025 Interdistrict competition is underway with the following players representing CBTA:



Benjamin Chachaty  
Matthew Chachaty  
Abigail Chan  
Dylan Costello

Mikail Ekinci  
Kyla Fan  
Scarlett Hannan  
Alannah Khnanisho

Emily Liang  
Luka Mijic  
Clara Smolcic  
Petar Stojkovic  
Clayton Susanto

Freya Thapa  
Aidan Truong  
Athena Yan  
Yufan Yan

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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all players selected to represent the Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Association on their respective Interdistrict Teams. During the year, CBTA ran two successful Tournaments, and I thank our Tournament Secretary, John Kellert, for his expertise in running the Tournaments.

I would like to express CBTA'S sincere thanks to the following:

- David Coleman - Former Liberal Member for Banks and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Adele English - General Secretary of CBTA
- Darren Simpson - CEO Tennis NSW
- Daniel Gassman Osborne – Owner, Everything IT
- Xian-Zhi-Soon - Labour Member for Banks
- Kylie Wilkinson - Labour Minister for East Hills

I would like to thank the CBTA'S Committee for their contribution in enhancing the continued success of the Association and I would like to acknowledge my personal appreciation to the key individuals who have provided ongoing support and encouragement to me on a daily basis during the past year.

- Linda Wright-Babb, Senior Vice President – Governance & CBTA'S Promotions Officer
- Adele English, General Secretary & Selector
- Lindsay Aitken, Treasurer, supported by Adele English
- Richard Kellert, Senior Competition Secretary & Coach
- Dennis Nolan, Hon Vice President, Tennis Centre Operations & Public Officer of CBTA
- John Kellert, Tournament Secretary, Coach & Selector
- Paola Khnanisho, Membership Officer
- Kelly Marcar, Interdistrict Officer & Junior Development Officer
- Steve Sidney, Vice President – Competitions
- Paul Burgess, Assistant Secretary
- Julie Wright, Trophy Officer
- Gen Ulanday, Junior Development Officer

In closing I would like to sincerely thank my Wife (Janice) for her support during my Tenure as President.

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# Report from the General Secretary

*Adele English, General Secretary*

As a not-for-profit volunteer organisation, CBTA is proud to have enhanced each of our centres with support from Federal, State, and local Government grants. These initiatives have enabled significant improvements, such as the construction of new courts—most notably, Panania has added two new hardcourts and dedicated spaces for Hot Shots, now successfully repurposed for Pickleball.

We have also upgraded much of our lighting to modern LED fixtures and are systematically renewing court surfaces across all five centres. We are pleased to report that our facilities are now at their best, reflecting our ongoing commitment to excellence.

Managing five centres and ensuring that maintenance remains at the highest standard is undoubtedly a substantial undertaking. In pursuit of best practice, CBTA opted to select outstanding coaching and management teams to lead each center's operations. Our volunteers, themselves, experienced tennis players, remain devoted to upholding the ideals set out in the CBTA Constitution and ensuring that every centre operates at its full potential.

We recognise that the landscape of tennis is evolving, with individuals facing ever greater demands on their time. In response, our programs have been thoughtfully adapted to accommodate as many participants as possible, ensuring that tennis remains accessible and enjoyable for all.

Through a rigorous process of advertising, interviewing, and qualification review, each centre now benefits from a skilled coach or manager who is dedicated to CBTA's principles. Historically, the board or management committee operated within a fixed framework, mandating specific competitions and schedules at each centre. Today, we value flexibility, empowering our centre managers to organise UTR events and competitions at times that best suit their communities. This approach has fostered an environment where events are thoughtfully scheduled to avoid overlap, providing the tennis community with diverse opportunities and a range of programs to enjoy.

CBTA remains committed to fostering growth, innovation, and inclusivity, ensuring that our centres continue to serve as vibrant hubs for tennis enthusiasts of all backgrounds.

On a final note, I thank both Paul Burgess and Claire Kennedy for their assistance to date. I look forward to Claire particularly becoming a valued part of the Committee and helping to relieve me of many tasks. I also thank both Linda and her sister Kelly for their valuable assistance and getting involved in the day-to-day running of the CBTA. Steve Sidney has also been invaluable this year, helping Roger to oversee the various centres.

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# Report from the Assistant Secretary

## *Paul Burgess, Assistant Secretary*

Reflecting on my longstanding involvement with this association, I am reminded of the remarkable journey we have shared. My commitment to tennis administration began at the age of 18 with the Strathfield Hardcourt Junior Tennis Club, which emerged following the amalgamation of the Strathfield, Homebush and Flemington Tennis Association with the Western Suburbs Hardcourt Tennis Association in the early 1960s. In the 1970s, I played an active role in the development of the Southend Tennis Centre at Belfield—a project that remains dear to me.

My passion for tennis and its administration remains as vibrant today as ever. As current office bearers of the CBTA transition into later stages of their careers, it is imperative that we focus our efforts on recruiting and mentoring talented, younger candidates to ensure the association's ongoing vitality and success.

This year, I have been privileged to provide steadfast support to our General Secretary, Adele English, and to other members of the CBTA executive team. A particular focus has been engaging with our political representatives to advocate for priority projects requiring funding, such as the enhancement of Deverall Park and Coleman Park facilities.

It is also appropriate to express our gratitude to David Coleman MP, the former member of Banks, whose unwavering support across more than twelve years has been invaluable. Notably, David secured almost \$380,000 for the Panania Tennis Centre and contributed to additional tennis initiatives within the electorate.

Securing funding for facility development and improvement is a fundamental objective of any community association. The CBTA competes alongside other sporting organisations for this critical support, and the process is both rigorous and highly competitive. Each funding request is subject to careful scrutiny at all levels of government—federal, state, and local. Adele has been instrumental in these endeavours, consistently presenting compelling cases for tennis funding while exemplifying dedication and professionalism.

Patience and perseverance are essential virtues in this process, and I am confident in the capability and resilience of our executives. Adele and the team recognise the importance of attracting and developing new committee members, equipping them with the communication skills and confidence necessary to serve as ambassadors for tennis.

As I transition from active administration to spending more time with my family, I remain deeply appreciative of the friendships, achievements, and shared purpose that have defined my years with CBTA. I extend my sincere best wishes to all our players, coaches, and supporters who share a profound enthusiasm for the game.

May the association continue to flourish and inspire passion for tennis in generations to come.

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## Participation

CBTA is dedicated to serving the Canterbury Bankstown region by actively promoting tennis as both a sport and leisure activity. The association with venue operators offers a diverse range of programs designed to encourage community groups to use local tennis facilities, ensuring courts remain fully operational throughout the term of facility management.

CBTA also collects, maintains, and supplies essential statistical data and information regarding operations as required as well as supporting Tennis NSW, the local community, and Council through involvement in events and programs such as Seniors Week and the Active Canterbury Bankstown initiatives.

## Membership

*Paola Khnanisho, Membership Officer*

This has been a year of steady growth and increased engagement, with our focus on competitive play, social events, and facility improvements contributing to a positive and vibrant tennis community.

- Total Members: 1,336 (as of August 30, 2025, according to Tennis Australia's Club Spark)
- Life Members: (8 Active)
- Board-Approved Memberships: Life Membership to be awarded to Lindsay Aitken who in 2025 will be stepping away from the committee and his role of Chief Financial Officer.

Membership retention has been a notable strength for the Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Association over the past year, with the club sustaining a dedicated and enthusiastic base of players and non-playing members. Many members have expressed their appreciation for the proactive approach taken by the association in organising new competitions in partnership with centre managers.

This commitment to expanding opportunities for competitive play has not only fostered a strong sense of camaraderie among participants but also contributed to the vibrant, welcoming atmosphere that the association is renowned for. High-quality coaching provided at our facilities continues to be a key factor in member satisfaction, inspiring players at all levels to improve their skills within a supportive environment.

One of the most encouraging trends observed has been the significant growth in junior membership over recent years, a testament to the success of initiatives such as Sydney Junior Team Tennis (SJTT) and STL Hardcourt Interdistrict competitions. By actively engaging younger players and nurturing their passion for tennis, the association is investing in the development of future talent and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our community. These junior-focused

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programs have not only broadened the association's appeal but have also created a lively network of families and young athletes who contribute to the dynamic spirit of the club.

In addition, member engagement has reached new heights, as evidenced by the impressive turnouts at our social UTR competitions. The popularity of these events reflects the club's ongoing efforts to balance competitive play with opportunities for social interaction and enjoyment. To further enhance accessibility, the gradual rollout of an online court booking system at several centres has been met with considerable approval. Members have found this system to be efficient and convenient, enabling them to reserve courts and participate in activities with greater ease and flexibility.

Altogether, these advances highlight the association's dedication to fostering a robust tennis community, promoting growth at every level, and delivering a rewarding experience to all its members.

The 2024-2025 financial year was a positive one for the Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Association. We have a strong membership base and a dedicated community, and we look forward to building on this momentum, enhancing the member experience, and ensuring the long-term sustainability and vibrancy of our club.

## Promotions

***Gen Ulanday, Junior Development Officer***

***Linda Wright Babb, Senior Vice President - Governance***

Promotions in 2025 have focused on CBTA venues and increasing awareness of CBTA as an organisation and what we offer members and participants. Largely this has been increasing volunteer presence and speaking with parents and players directly through word of mouth at tournament events, competitions, schools programs and with our established partners at Tennis NSW, City of Canterbury Bankstown and with local and state members.

To further enhance the awareness of CBTA we have developed a new marketing plan, have captured venue and player promotional material and are working to develop new promotional banners and signage at each of our CBTA venues. This aims to increase the visibility of CBTA as an organisation, as the lease holder and overseeing management of venues we hold, share the success of our players, and establish CBTA firmly in the mind of the community when looking for a tennis venue or program.

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## Competitions, Tournaments and Programs

***Steve Sidney, Vice President – Competitions***

***Kelly Marcar, Interdistrict Officer***

***Gen Ulanday, Junior Development Officer***

The landscape of tennis competitions within CBTA continues to evolve, bringing both exciting opportunities and unique challenges. In recent years, there has been a noticeable shift in the types of events offered, particularly with the growing popularity of UTR competitions. These singles-format events, often held at larger centres, have provided players with more flexible options to engage competitively, catering to changing lifestyles and the need for adaptable scheduling.

While traditional adult team competitions have become less common—largely due to player availability and competing commitments, the association remains committed to fostering a pathway for all players, especially juniors. Every junior must now hold a UTR to participate in events hosted by other centres, including tournaments run by Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW. This requirement reflects the modern, data-driven approach to player development, helping to ensure fair and competitive match play across all levels.

Despite these changes, CBTA proudly supports the TNSW Interdistrict Competition, and our players continue to represent the district with enthusiasm. Recent rule changes have expanded opportunities for players to join teams beyond their home district, which has naturally affected local team numbers but also fostered greater choice and flexibility.

CBTA's coaching clinics at five centres welcome approximately 300 juniors, each seeking enjoyable and meaningful competition suited to their abilities. Recognizing that not every young player is destined for high-level tournament play, the association believes in creating diverse, inclusive opportunities for everyone. The future of tennis, whether social or competitive—begins with our juniors, and it is essential to offer clear progression from Hot Shots (Red Ball) to graded junior comps, senior leagues, and, for those keen to excel, tournament play.

Together, we can meet the evolving needs of our community, embrace new formats like UTR, and continue to make tennis accessible, enjoyable, and rewarding for all players.

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## Sydney Junior Team Tennis

Sydney Junior Team Tennis (SJTT) is an initiative of Tennis NSW (TNSW) providing a coordinated approach to team tennis competitions and establishing greater representative opportunities for players and clubs for advanced players with a UTR of 2 or more.



After disruptions to the competition in 2023, CBTA has once again re-instated the competition with a successful Term 2 of competition. Five mixed teams of 2 players (11 players total including reserves) competed in Term 2 with players ranging from 10-14 years of age. Well done to our Term 2 finalists - Winners - Ethan, Dylan and Runners Up - Wesley, Alannah



Trophies were arranged by CBTA's Trophy and Presentation Officer, Julie Wright.

Sydney Junior Team Tennis is currently on break for Term 3 to allow players to compete in the STL Hardcourt Interdistrict Competition and registrations will open soon for Term 4, with increasing interest already in the upcoming Term.

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## Sydney Tennis League Hardcourt Interdistrict Competition

In 2025, CBTA again welcomed new players into Interdistrict teams to represent Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Association in the Sydney Tennis League Hardcourt Interdistrict Competition, alongside many returning competitors who continue to enjoy the experience. Overall, 7 junior teams have been entered this year – 3 girls' teams and 4 boys' teams. There was enough interest to form an Opens Women's team; however, this age group did not run due to low numbers across the competition. Player numbers remain steady compared with recent years, and it is pleasing to see ongoing enthusiasm from junior participants.



CBTA continues to carefully manage team entries to enhance competitiveness and the honour of representing the association, while maintaining venue capacities and volunteer support. This approach ensures the best possible experience for both players and supporters. By building opportunities for all junior players, many are expected to stay involved in CBTA competitions in the future and to represent the association again at Interdistrict in 2026.

Gratitude is extended to all committee members who assisted in assembling the Interdistrict teams and organising this year's efforts, as well as to those who volunteered throughout the competition at Panania Tennis Centre.

Their assistance was invaluable and is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the dedicated coaches and parents. The time, energy, and encouragement they pour into these young athletes behind the scenes is incredible. You can see the impact of that support on how confidently the kids carry themselves on the court. With the competition now underway, anticipation surrounds the performance of all teams throughout the season. To date, CBTA has 3 teams of McAndrew Cup, Presidents Cup and Wade and Neal Cup successfully reaching Semi-finals and Divisional Playoffs for the competition and we wish the teams the best of success on the day!



Representative players will also be invited to our upcoming Challenge Day Event 2025 to compete in a fun, social day against Macarthur Tennis!

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## Tournaments

In 2025, Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Association in collaboration with KTP Sports successfully staged two major junior tennis tournaments in the Canterbury Bankstown region, attracting over 350 entries in total and showcasing the strong and growing interest in junior tennis within the community. Together, these events drew 357 entries, highlighting both the depth of talent and enthusiasm for tennis in the Canterbury Bankstown area.

The two events were:

### 2025 J125 Canterbury Bankstown Junior Championships

📅 25–28 January 2025

15 events | 141 entries

### 2025 JDS Canterbury Bankstown 10U / 12U Tournament

📅 18 May 2025

12 events | 216 entries

On 25 to 28 January 2025, CBTA hosted a Tennis NSW J125 Junior Championship. This J125 tournament was part of the De Minaur Junior Tour and attracted a very strong field across multiple age groups from 10 and Under to 16 and Under. Players competed in a mix of singles and doubles events, with finals that delivered excellent quality matches. The event attracted 141 entries from both the local area and wider Sydney region, with the majority of players being from outside Canterbury Bankstown. This provides local players with greater competitive opportunities and opportunities to play players from other regions they may not have competed against previously, enhancing their match play experience.



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On 18 May 2025, CBTA hosted the Canterbury Bankstown Junior Development Series for 10 and Under and 12 and Under competitors. JDS events provide an opportunity for junior players beginning tournament play, to compete in a local Tennis NSW tournament event and gain experience without travelling extensively to play. Involvement in this program, gives greater opportunities to local junior players. The JDS tournament offered development-level players aged 10 and under, and 12 and under, a great opportunity to gain match play and competitive experience. With 216 entries, the event demonstrated the massive appetite for grassroots tennis in the area. This event attracted 216 entries of local players, players from surrounding regions including Macarthur, Camden, Illawarra and Rockdale as well as juniors from wider Sydney region.



The JDS tournament gave emerging juniors valuable early competition, while the J125 provided a more advanced platform for developing tournament players. Both events engaged not only players, but families, coaches, and volunteers, strengthening the tennis community in the region.

Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Association warmly acknowledges KTP Sports for its vital role in supporting and facilitating these events. Special thanks are extended to the volunteers, whose efforts in officiating, organising draws, and ensuring smooth operations were instrumental in the tournaments' success.

A further Open Age event is expected to run in December 2025.

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## Programs

### Schools Programs

In 2025, CBTA continued participation in hosting the Sporting Schools Program, a NSW Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities. Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life. Australian Sports Commission have partnered with Tennis Australia to deliver the program.

This program is facilitated by Tennis NSW and Department of Education PSSA running for 10 weeks across 2 school terms. Five local schools from Canterbury Bankstown attend weekly to participate in the competition.



Leading on from the weekly program, school players then have the opportunity to compete in the Todd Woodbridge Cup and if successful go on to play for the State. The Todd Woodbridge Cup is a primary school competition for stage 2 (years 3 and 4) and stage 3 (years 5 and 6) that uses modified equipment, numeric scoring and mixed gender teams. The competition commences with school zone events followed by regional playoffs (term 3) and finally a state final that is held at Sydney Olympic Park each year (term 4). The Todd Woodbridge Cup is not just about selecting the best students, but encouraging participation, providing a positive experience playing tennis, growing friendships and giving students the opportunity to represent their school in a team environment. For the majority of students, this may be their first experience representing their school.



## WLITP – Women Leaders in Tennis Program

In 2025, CBTA's Junior Development Officer, Gen Ulanday was fortunate to be accepted into the Women Leaders in Tennis Program, mentored by former professional tennis player Casey Dellacqua. The program brought together 30 women from various tennis communities—including local clubs, regional areas, and organizations such as Macarthur Tennis, Marrickville, Voyager Tennis, Royal Sydney Golf and Tennis Club, Amazon Women's LGBTQ Tennis, Disability Tennis, and representatives from Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, and Terrigal.

The two-month program focused on:

- Leadership development
- Conflict resolution
- Creative problem-solving
- Public speaking and advocacy
- Action Learning Projects (ALP)



As part of the Action Learning Plan, participants developed a research-based project exploring the question: "Are junior tennis players choosing to pursue college tennis in the USA or stay within Australian universities?" To investigate this, surveys and interviews were conducted with junior players and their families.

As a result of this program, one of the focuses of CBTA will be to assist in creating clear and supportive pathways for junior players to transition into adult tennis. CBTA juniors are encouraged to explore ITF, WTA, ATP, UTR circuits, other alternative pathways include US college tennis or continuing with local competitions. It is important that we support all players regardless of level to continue their journey in tennis. In addition, we will focus on increasing participation in the 2026 Open Men's and Women's Interdistrict competition and encourage more adults to get involved in social competitive tennis.

CBTA encourages any women tennis volunteers, that are interested in the program to get in touch about the Women's Leaders in Tennis Program 2026.

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# Tennis Centre Operations

## *Dennis Nolan, Vice President – Tennis Operations*

CBTA commits to management of tennis facilities in a manner which optimises their use and availability for residents and community of Canterbury Bankstown through:

- Ensuring equitable and non-discriminatory access to facilities
- Making facilities available for multipurpose, optimum and equitable use by community groups
- Standardising offerings across all centres to allow greater accessibility to the local community
- Implementing Strategic Plan to maintain and enhance the quality of existing tennis infrastructure for improved quality of facilities for the community
- Ensuring placement of qualified, experienced and valued court operators in management capacity of centres with formal approval of Council obtained prior to entering into a lease or license agreement
- Court operators/ staff are provided, if applicable, uniforms, are screened including Working with Children Check and commitment to Tennis NSW safeguarding children and young people code of practice, accounts are paid on time including utilities and license fees (excluding GST and subject to CPI increase), maintain appropriate insurances
- Ensuring all services and financial arrangements operate and are documented, transparent and in accordance with legislative requirements and with high levels of probity.

The position of Vice President Operations is part of the Executive of CBTA, and the functions include, but are not limited to drafting in consultation with all members of the executive, reviewing, settling, and advising on the terms and conditions, of Management Agreements for each of CBTA's tennis centres.

If for example a question arises in respect of any matter, as to whether CBTA or a Centre manager is responsible, under the terms and conditions of a Centre Management Agreement, the Vice President Operations would be required to advise the Executive, and if necessary, write to a Centre manager as to CBTA's interpretation of the Agreement.

The past year has run relatively smoothly and has not required any interpretations.

For the record although I am a qualified Solicitor, I am not CBTA's solicitor and act solely in my capacity as Vice President Operations, and do not provide legal opinions to and do not provide legal advice CBTA.

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# KTP Sports

## Panania Tennis Centre, Panania & Smith Park, East Hills

KTP Sports saw significant growth and engagement this year, strengthening Panania Tennis Centre and Smith Park as local sports hubs. Through diverse programs and partnerships, both venues have become pillars for tennis and community sport in South-West Sydney. The following achievements reflect the continued dedication to inclusive, high-quality programming and a vibrant sporting community.



### Key Achievements

This past year has been one of growth and achievement for KTP Sports. At Panania Tennis Centre, we continued to build momentum through the launch and expansion of weekly Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) competitions, offering Monday night match play and Friday night prize-money events. These fixtures attracted strong numbers, with juniors, adults, and competitive players all benefiting from regular, level-based competition. The consistent scheduling provided a clear pathway for players transitioning from squads and classes into structured match play.

We also hosted sanctioned UTR tournaments and association events on behalf of CBTA, strengthening our role as a hub for competitive tennis in South-West Sydney. These events showcased local talent and provided opportunities for developing players to test themselves against broader fields.

Our school holiday camps grew steadily across all breaks, delivering fun, full-day programs that combined technical drills, match play, and multi-sport activities. These camps not only helped introduce new children to tennis but also served as a retention pipeline into term-based lessons.



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At Smith Park, the facility continued to support grassroots development. With its three lit synthetic courts, Smith Park became a reliable site community-based tennis, complementing the larger Panania venue.

Together, these initiatives have resulted in higher participation, stronger player development outcomes, and a clear, structured pathway from beginner classes to performance competition



KTP Sports have placed community engagement at the heart of its operations this year. We expanded our program offerings through the Kellert Tennis Academy, delivering group and private lessons for all ages and levels, from Hot Shots red ball players through to adult squads. This ladder structure ensured that every player could see the next step in their journey.

To enhance customer experience, we introduced social play and coaching for Pickleball at Panania, which opened the centre to a wider demographic and created additional opportunities for families and social play. Futsal and multi-sport spaces were also activated more consistently, increasing use of the centre during evenings and weekends.

We strengthened links with local schools, delivering tennis-in-schools programs and connecting students to both holiday camps and ongoing lessons. Community events, including open days and family-friendly tournaments, reinforced our position as a welcoming, multi-sport hub.

Importantly, our holiday programs and regular UTR match play gave younger players safe, structured, and social activities outside of school hours, providing a positive outlet for energy and development. These programs not only built skill but also fostered friendships, teamwork, and resilience.

By leaning on the strength of our partnership with CBTA, we had a strong year and continued to deliver quality programs, exceptional results for our players and a reinvigorated sense of community sport through tennis and pickleball.

### **Looking Ahead**

The past year has cemented Panania Tennis Centre and Smith Park as vibrant, multi-use hubs for tennis and sport in South-West Sydney. With continued investment in participation pathways, competitive opportunities, and community partnerships, KTP Sports is well-positioned to build on this momentum in the year ahead.

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## SMK Tennis

### Roger Bowman Tennis Centre, Sefton

SMK Tennis Academy is proud to reflect on a year of strong progress, marked by growth in memberships, upgraded facilities, and expanded training opportunities. Our commitment to delivering high-quality sports education and building a thriving community of athletes has remained at the heart of everything we do.

#### Key Achievements

- Successfully organised a prize-money tournament that attracted competitive players and enhanced the Academy's reputation.
- Hosted multiple verified UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) tournaments, providing quality competition for players across Sydney.
- Continued our well-attended Monday night match-play sessions, supporting regular participation and player development.
- Facilitated popular social tennis groups on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, strengthening community connections.
- Established and maintained elite squads, offering advanced players tailored training and development pathways.

#### Looking Ahead

In the year ahead, SMK Tennis Academy will continue to invest in its facilities and programs. Planned upgrades include the installation of LED lighting across all courts to improve visibility and extend playing hours. We are also focused on diversifying our offerings with the introduction of paddle tennis and pickleball courts, meeting a growing interest in these sports and creating new opportunities for members and the wider community. These initiatives aim to elevate the overall experience at SMK Tennis Academy, positioning it as a premier destination for sports excellence and recreation.



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## Deverall Park Tennis Centre, Condell Park

Deverall Park Tennis Centre continues to serve as a cornerstone of community sport within the Canterbury-Bankstown region. Located in Condell Park and operated by the Canterbury-Bankstown Tennis Association, the centre offers six synthetic grass courts, clubhouse facilities, and a full calendar of coaching programs, competitions, and social tennis opportunities for players of all ages and abilities



### Key Achievements

Over the past year, Deverall Park Tennis Centre has achieved several milestones that have strengthened its position as a leading local tennis venue. Facility enhancements included the installation of modern LED court lighting, significantly improving visibility and allowing safe play well into the evening.

The Centre's program growth was marked by an expansion of junior and adult coaching offerings, with increased participation in Tennis NSW ANZ Hot Shots and the development of competitive pathway training.

Community competitions continue to thrive, with the ongoing success of weekly Intra-club events such as the Thursday Night Men's Competition and Saturday Junior Competitions facilitated by Bankstown Sports Tennis Club, which play a vital role in fostering both talent development and community engagement. The Centre also remains committed to inclusive access, providing casual court hire, social tennis opportunities, and open court sessions to ensure broad participation for cultural groups, families, schools, and recreational players alike.



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## Centre Court Tennis

### Coleman Park Tennis Centre, Georges Hall

Centre Court Tennis is committed to enhancing their facilities, expanding their programs, and fostering a vibrant tennis community. Through targeted investments, innovative coaching initiatives, and inclusive community partnerships, the centre has achieved remarkable progress and set the stage for continued growth and excellence in the year ahead.

#### Key Achievements

In 2025, Centre Court Tennis at Coleman Park Tennis Centre celebrated significant achievements in player development, community engagement, and facility upgrades. Junior coaching expanded with personalised lesson plans for all ages, integrating video analysis and performance feedback to help students progress into competitive play.



Specialised clinics focused on technique, strategy, and sportsmanship, complemented by new fitness and conditioning support to boost endurance and prevent injuries. These initiatives helped drive junior participation and competitive advancement.

Facility improvements began with the construction of a new amenities block featuring fully accessible toilets and a modern kitchen area to enhance comfort for staff and patrons, alongside a secure storage room for coaching equipment.

Community engagement flourished through partnerships with local schools, supporting sports day activities at the courts and building strong relationships across the region. Centre Court Tennis continued to promote inclusivity by providing equipment, structured game formats, and fostering connections among players from all backgrounds.

The introduction of an online booking system made court hire fast and convenient, resulting in increased social and casual play throughout the week. Social Play Nights on Thursdays brought together players of varying skill levels for singles and doubles matches, blending tennis with food and music to create a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.

Supported by investment from City of Canterbury Bankstown Council and the dedication of the CBTA committee, coaching staff, and local tennis community, 2025 has been a year of growth that strengthened player development and community ties. We look forward to building on these successes in the coming year.

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## Looking Ahead

Looking to the future, the Centre will continue to invest in growth, inclusivity, and community connection. Planned initiatives include the completion of fully accessible toilets, a new kitchen area, and a secure storage room, all designed to deliver immediate benefits to players, staff, and visitors. Ongoing maintenance and upgrades to LED lighting across all courts will ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for night play. The Centre will also continue expanding its junior development pathways to support players as they progress from grassroots to competitive levels. Above all, there will be a strong focus on creating opportunities that keep tennis accessible and welcoming for players of all ages and backgrounds.

## Re-opening of Coleman Park Clubhouse and naming to Trevor Newton Clubhouse

Coleman Park has received an upgrade to the tennis clubhouse, amenities and accessible pathways from Council now open for use and in honour the upgraded clubhouse has been named the Trevor Newton Clubhouse. Trevor is remembered as a long-standing employee of Council with a passion for local tennis with him and his family playing for CBTA and at Coleman Park Tennis Centre. CBTA worked closely with Trevor to implement community tennis programs such as an annual Seniors Tennis Day. A picture of his daughter is with images of interdistrict players on our wall in the clubhouse at Panania.

The event was attended by the Newton Family, friends and colleagues of Trevor, Ian of Centre Court Tennis and centre manager at Coleman Park, Mayor El- Hayek and councillor Wendy Lindsay.



# Financial Report 2025

*Lindsay Aitken, Chief Financial Officer*

## Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2025

	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
GST	382	-
Building Society Share Deposit	10	10
CBTA Term Deposit \$10K	10,434	10,000
Equipment at Cost	-	8,147
Equipment Less Accum Depreciation	-	(1,568)
Hot Shots Court	111,706	111,706
Hot Shots Court Less Accum Depreciation	(16,756)	-
Improvements at Cost	538,604	538,604
Improvements Less Accum Depreciation	(150,861)	(140,658)
Prepayments	-	12,710
Term Deposit	23,764	10,000
Term Deposit #1	9,928	9,532
Term Deposit #3	5,505	5,094
WBC Grant Account	15,168	11,892
WBC Operating Account	68,632	27,727
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>616,516</b>	<b>603,195</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	39,769	40,814
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>39,769</b>	<b>40,814</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>656,284</b>	<b>644,008</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST	-	1,034
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,034</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,034</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>656,284</b>	<b>642,974</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	656,284	642,974
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>656,284</b>	<b>642,974</b>

## Income and Expenditure

	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	8,011	682
Fundraising	194,389	201,981
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>202,400</b>	<b>202,664</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Tournament Expense	3,673	9,547
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>9,547</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>198,727</b>	<b>193,117</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Other Revenue	1,228	9,635
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>9,635</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Depreciation	34,583	11,416
Advertising	1,720	1,730
Affiliation Fees	355	4,715
Cleaning	-	119
Consulting & Accounting	350	341
Donations & Grants	-	570
Facilities Expenses	2,153	2,439
General Expenses	4,707	1,765
Halytech Lighting	(3,858)	-
Honorariums	10,775	9,000
Insurance	10,668	14,738
Interest Expense	-	63
Office Expenses	1,706	2,257
Printing & Stationery	-	358
Rent	121,207	128,857
Repairs and Maintenance	866	5,549
Subscriptions	180	(182)
Telephone & Internet	1,234	800
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>186,645</b>	<b>184,536</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments</b>	<b>13,310</b>	<b>18,216</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) Before Income Tax</b>	<b>13,310</b>	<b>18,216</b>
<b>Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax</b>	<b>13,310</b>	<b>18,216</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

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The Annual Accounts for the Association for the Year ended 30 June 2025.

The Net Profit for the year was \$13,310.

It should be noted as follows:

- The Income and Expenditure Statement reflects the results for the year following negotiation of all agreements with all courts controlled by the Association. We have incorporated a provision for depreciation of all assets of CBTA in this statement.
- All new License agreements refer to the need for each Centre to always consider the future expansion of Tennis and their results particularly in the CBTA area will form a significant part of the decision-making process for future License Agreements. This will be best monitored by the expansion of Junior and other competitions in the local area.
- CBTA Inc Balance Sheet presented shows the true value of the assets and liabilities of the association.
- CBTA acknowledges the importance of maintaining a surplus on a yearly basis to provide for replacement of assets of the association.

## Looking Forward

### *Linda Wright Babb, Senior Vice President - Governance*

CBTA in 2025 began implementation of the adopted series of planning documents developed in 2023 and 2024 including the CBTA Strategic and Business Operational Plan, to achieve our objectives for tennis in Canterbury Bankstown and improving future governance and planning. Initial discussions and planning are preparing for further improvements to governance processes and with venue management now secured across managed venues, the implementation of updated safety procedures, new membership renewal processes, maintenance schedules and infrastructure improvement plans.






This implementation process has allowed for a better planned approach to infrastructure improvements and seeking grant funding for venues, with smaller targeted improvements planned for or ongoing across managed centres including recent upgrades to Gazebos at Panania Tennis Centre and planned small upgrades across centres for signage, seating and fencing.



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To achieve our goal of increasing opportunities for grass roots play of tennis in 2025 this has seen the re-instatement of Sydney Junior Team Tennis Competition earlier in the year, with competition continuing for Term 4 2025 as well as a new tournament event approach trialed through UTR Tennis Events and an increased collaboration with TNSW in hosting sanctioned tournaments such as the Junior Development Series Events in Canterbury Bankstown for increased opportunities locally.

### **Achieved in 2025:**

-  Prepare and Adopt Strategic Plan within 1 year.
-  Advertise and nominate skilled volunteers to roles at the AGM annually.
-  Appointed qualified and experienced court operators leading centre day-to-day management within 1 year.
-  To facilitate sporting and recreation opportunities by ensuring local tennis infrastructure.
-  Increase overall tennis participation in the region – junior participation continuing to increase

Looking forward to 2026, CBTA aims to continue the implementation of the CBTA Strategic and Business Operational Plan to drive further infrastructure improvements focusing on smaller needs across centres and continued upgrades to LED lighting, fostering existing and creating new partnerships including preparing for a new collaborative adult tennis program with Active Canterbury Bankstown, implementing a new marketing plan to drive increased participation and continuing to improve access to tennis participation through developing clear and supportive pathways for junior players to transition into adult tennis opportunities and the trial of new competition formats.

We thank our continued partners that work with us to achieve all we do, our players, parents and volunteers for ongoing support and look forward to another year of tennis in Canterbury Bankstown!

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