

COURTSIDE NEWS

Somers Tennis Club Inc

October 2020



We're open again!

Following announcements by Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews yesterday (Sunday 18 October), limited outdoor tennis coaching and recreational play can return now in Metropolitan Melbourne, and competition tennis is allowed to resume from midnight on Sunday 1 November. This is very welcome news at Somers Tennis Club!

Tennis Victoria has released guidelines, developed under the direction of Sport and Recreation Victoria, which specify:

- Maximum of 10 people at the facility at any one time (this rule may be further clarified by Tennis Victoria in the next couple of days).
- You may travel up to 25km from your home to a court, but no further.
- Clubhouses must remain closed (except where toilets must be opened) - please note, public toilets are available 24/7 at RW Stone Reserve.
- All clubs must have a COVIDSafe Plan.

Please assist us by reviewing the following guidelines:

Please stay at home if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days or have even mild flu-like symptoms.

All players, coaching students, spectators & visitors:

Maximum of 10 people in the facility at any one time.

Wear an approved face mask prior to and immediately after play.

Record attendance on form provided at entrance.

Maintain 1.5m physical distancing at all times.

Sterilise hands on arrival and on departure.

Record time of departure.

Leave facility as soon as you have finished playing.

Download the COVIDSafe app.

All players

BYO water bottle – water fountain not to be used.

Change ends using opposite sides of the net.

No handshakes or high fives.

One player to keep score either via mobile device or scorecard - scoreboards not to be used.

Clean any surfaces you have touched after play.



Thank you for your cooperation!

Have you renewed your membership for 2020/21??

A big thank you to all members who have renewed their memberships for 2020/21, and welcome to all of our new members!

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2020/21, please do so [here](#). If you don't recall whether you have renewed yet, please contact Louise on 0402 154 952 or email info@somerstennisclub.com.au for confirmation.

A reminder that only current financial members are entitled to court access. The new gate code will be separately emailed to all current financial members.

A **court hire fee** of \$15/hour applies for non-members who are not accompanied by a current financial member.

A **visitor fee** of \$5/adult applies for guests accompanying members.

If you wish to use the lights for social play, please contact Louise Adams on 0402 154 952. The **light hire fee** is \$10/hour per court for members, or \$25/hour per court for non-members.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Somers Tennis Club's 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held at **2:30 pm on Sunday 6th December**. An invitation and further details will be distributed early November.

As always, we would love to see some new faces on our General Committee. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more, please contact Louise on 0402 154 952.

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Somers Community Park Project

Update from Somers Tennis Club

Over the past few years, there have been informal conversations within various community forums about the need for a community bike park in Somers. There have been numerous reasons for a permanent bike path in Somers, including considerable growth in the number of young families living in the area, current outdated playground facilities, and other seasonal sporting activities such as sailing and cricket.



After community discussion, it was agreed that a designated area for children and families to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards and interact with one another would be a wonderful asset for Somers. From there, the Somers Community Park project was born.

It is proposed the park provide a precinct where families can convene and participate in healthy outdoor and wellbeing pursuits in a community-focused setting. The surrounds of the park will be landscaped and planted by local volunteers to include an indigenous garden which will help restore native flora and fauna in the local environment.

The Somers Community Park working committee met with Mornington Peninsula Shire officers earlier this year, and agreed on a proposed location for the proposed park—the old public tennis court in RW Stone Reserve. A proposal was presented to Council along with community group support letters. The Somers Community Park has since advanced their discussions with the Shire, securing support for the project as well as donations and sponsorship from individuals and businesses within the community. The Council has made the project a “priority work” item.

During this consultative process, the Somers Tennis Club communicated its support of the concept.

Given the proposed removal of the public tennis court and the close proximity of the park to the Somers Tennis Club, we have held discussions with the Shire and requested that the Shire consider the following:

- The removal of the public tennis court and its impact on access for locals to using this court to play tennis all year round.
- Somers Tennis Clubs plans for a new 4th court to accommodate the increased numbers participating in tennis in the local community and on the Mornington Peninsula.
- Ensuring that the carpark and adjacent amenities are improved to meet the increased traffic and required safety standards.

Discussions with the Shire are ongoing, and we will continue to pursue all avenues of support for further development of our tennis facilities to meet increased demand.

Further details on this project can be found on the [Somers Community Park Facebook page](#).

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact Charlie Alsop, President, Somers Tennis Club at info@somerstennisclub.com.au.



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Learn to play or brush up on old skills!

Our Club Coach Tony Withers has afternoon and evening coaching vacancies available on Mondays and Wednesdays during school terms. There are various sessions for juniors and adults, beginners through to advanced players, including private lessons, small group lessons and cardio tennis. No membership required.

Contact Club Coach, Tony Withers on 0413 331 104 or email witherstennis@hotmail.com for more details.

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