

Metropolitan Newsletter February -2010



MLC Tennis Hot Shots "Australian Open" hits the Beaches

120 players currently participating as part of the Northern Beaches MLC Tennis Hot Shots programs, took to the courts at Dee Why on Sunday 31 January. At stake, the elusive title of Australian Open Hot Shots Champion!

In a first of its kind for NSW, the local Tennis Northern Beaches MLC Hot Shots coaches have come together to create an MLC Tennis Hot Shots Grand Slam Circuit including the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon and last but not least the US Open. Running in conjunction with the real Grand Slams, the Northern Beaches MLC Tennis Hot Shots participants are given the opportunity to play like their heroes and pit their skills against other MLC Tennis Hot Shots players from around their region.

The MLC Tennis Hot Shots program lets kids learn the sport quickly and easily, building their confidence enabling them to compete and "Play" the game of tennis from a much earlier age. To find out more about the MLC Tennis Hot Shots program including the Northern Beaches Grand Slam Championships and how you can get involved please contact Kathryn at Tennis NSW on kschulz@tennis.com.au or 9024 7600.

Congratulations to all those players who participated on the day, we will see you on April 25th at the French!



All Star Showdown at Tennis Valley

The auction to 'play with your favourite celebrity' at Tennis Valley on Sunday February 7th saw the likes of seven times world champion Layne Beachley, Melbourne Cup winning jockey Corey Brown, former World Iron Man Champion Guy Leech, Channel 9 Sports Presenter Stephanie Brantz, and former Australian Netball Captain Liz Ellis take to the tennis court to raise funds for Diabetes Australia – NSW.

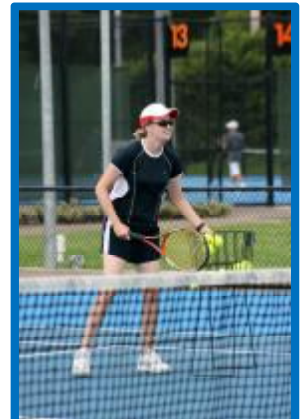
Presented by event organizer Double Drummer and sponsored by GraysOnline, individuals bid for the rare chance to join their favorite celebrity on court in a round robin doubles format. One of the biggest days to be held at Tennis Valley, all playing partners and celebs thoroughly enjoyed themselves while raising over \$13,000 for Diabetes Australia – NSW, all in all a great result.



Medibank Volunteer and Coach of the Year Awards

Volunteers and coaches are a vital part of Junior Tennis in NSW. Without them it would be impossible for Junior Tennis NSW to operate. Medibank wants to recognise the achievements of these dedicated people with the Medibank Junior Tennis NSW Volunteer and Coach of the Month awards. The awards give you a chance to nominate a coach or volunteer each month in 2010 that has excelled far beyond what is expected. Anyone is able to nominate a coach or volunteer from a tennis club/association/operator in New South Wales who they believe deserves the title of Medibank Junior Tennis NSW Volunteer or Coach of the Month.

Please find attached a nomination form to this email. Alternatively they can be downloaded at <http://www.tennis.com.au/pages/article.aspx?id=20&articleid=ArticleID20102116754&pageid=590&HandlerId=1>



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Tennis NSW Recognises Volunteers Throughout the Regions

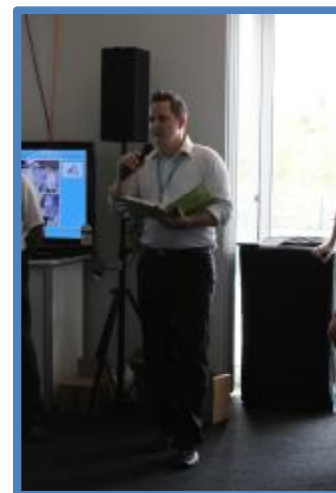
During the 2010 Medibank International Sydney, Tennis NSW took the opportunity to recognize some of the sports volunteers, presenting them with a certificate of recognition for their services during presidents' reserve. Tennis Development Manager Jackson Hills, "Without our volunteers efforts, our many programs, competitions and events would not operate. These awards are about recognizing some of the major contributors. It's something we would like to do more of and will continue in the future". In addition to these recognition awards, Tennis NSW also gave away free open days, one per region, drawn from those who were in attendance at President's Reserve.

Recognition Awards

Ellen Gordon (Northumberland Region)
Rod Rosenfield (Gosford Tennis Centre)
Jason Barrett & Cheryl Purcell (Juncie Tennis Club)
Narrandera Tennis Club
Norma Stead (Kiama Tennis Club)
Batemans Bay Tennis Club
Gunnedah Tennis Club
John Ball (West Tamworth Tennis Club)
Yvonne Tucker (Blacktown Tennis Club)
Jensen's Tennis Centre
Melinda Clarke (Goonellabah Tennis Club)
Colleen Webster (Wingham Tennis Club)
Lindy Church (Central West Region)
Warren & District Tennis Club

Club Open Days

Howe Park Tennis Club
Hume Tennis Club
Wingecaribee Tennis Association
Moree Tennis Club
North Western Suburbs Tennis Association
Alstonville Tennis
Tottenham Tennis Club



Sport and Recreation Facility Program Now Open

The primary focus of this program is to assist with the funding for the development of local and regional level sport and recreation facilities, increasing the availability, standard and quality of sport and recreation facilities in NSW.

What are the objectives of this program?

- 1. Increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport, recreation or structured physical activity in a sustainable manner.
- 2. Improve access for people from groups that traditionally find it difficult to access sport.
- 3. Improve safety at sport and recreation facilities.
- 4. To develop environmentally sustainable, sport and recreation facilities.
- 5. Assist people from identified groups that face barriers to participating in sport and recreation

Applications close 5pm on February 16th, 2010. For guidelines and the application form, please go to the website <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/srfgp.asp>

Any member clubs requiring assistance with their application; please contact Kathryn on kschulz@tennis.com.au or (02) 9024 7600



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Treasure the Treasurer Awards

The Westpac Community Treasurers' Awards for 2010 are now open for nominations. If you think your treasurer is the greatest unsung hero, now is the time to put their name forward and nominate them.

For your treasurer to be eligible, he/she must be the treasurer of a community group that is an incorporated association and that has been in existence for a minimum of two years. Check out the website for more information:

http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/financial/financial_article.jsp?articleId=3568#ixzz0dISCrfc



MJDS Events kick off in February

The 2010 Metropolitan Medibank Junior Development Series will kick off in various venues across Sydney starting this Sunday 14th February. The 2010 calendar also includes the series competing on the 28th March and 18th April.

Competitors accumulate points at each of the tournaments, and the top 8 competitors will play at Champions of Champions in May for a place at the Medibank State Final. At the final players compete against the other regions top 8 competitors.

For more information contact the tournament director, Paul Irwin on 0408 271 674, email volley@optusnet.com.au or check out the entry form at

http://www.hardcourt.com.au/content.php?page=tournament_roundrobin



Upcoming Events for Metro...

7 th Feb	Head Junior Round Robin 14/u (Sydney Olympic Park)
7 th Feb	Da Silva's Junior Round Robin 10/u (Kingsford Tennis Centre)
12 th – 14 th Feb	Head Twilight Series 1 (Sydney Olympic Park)
14 th Feb	Metropolitan Junior Development Series (Various Metro)
26 th – 28 th Feb	Head Twilight Series 2 (Sydney Olympic Park)
4 th – 7 th March	Sydney Olympic Park AMT #1 (Sydney Olympic Park)
7 th March	Head Junior Round Robin 10/u (Sydney Olympic Park)
7 th March	Tennis NSW Hot Shots Challenge – Red Ball (Sydney Olympic Park)

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