



April 2008

New Chairs:

Regular members will have noticed that the 50 new chairs have finally arrived and are being put to good use. 16 of these chairs have arm rests for those who need the support after a long day at tennis and need the assistance to hold their cold drink.

New T.V.:

There is now a new flat screen television on a new wall mounting in the clubhouse. This followed a warranty "trade in" after the demise of the old one. John Dunnett arranged to rectify a tuning problem so that he could watch touch football.

Lounge:

Members are able to watch the new T.V. from the comfort of a lounge while resting their feet on a rug that was donated by Keith "Keithy" Collyer. Event co-ordinators are asked to closely check the lounge area prior to leaving as some members may have nodded off and could be locked in the clubhouse.

The chairs, upgrade costs of the T.V. and the lounge, with a total cost of over \$3,700, were all purchased from proceeds of the raffles that are run by Yvonne Wilson.

Table Tennis:

The club has purchased a table tennis table and equipment and this has proved to be very popular with both junior and senior players. It has yet to be seen whether the use of this will lead to improvement in play on the court.

Donation:

The Mid-Week Ladies Group has donated \$2,000 to the club and also topped up the supplies in the first aid kit.

Upgrade of Court 1:

The old surface of court 1 was lifted by a team of volunteers and sold for a sum of \$1,200 (Ian gets the 'top salesman' of the month award). This effort also saved the \$900 that the contractors would have charged. Unfortunately, this saving of \$2,100 looks like being eaten up by a problem with water seepage that was discovered during the renovations. This water problem has also led to a delay while it was investigated. This court will have extra road base prior to the new surface being laid, and when completed in..... should have similar drainage properties to courts 6 and 7





AGM - Feb 2008

The club's AGM was held on 2nd February and was well supported by club members. The presidents report for 2007 can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Our long-serving club patron Jack Finney chaired the meeting for the election of office bearers for 2008. After doing so Jack, who is fast approaching his 90th birthday, resigned his post and the patron's baton was passed to another well-deserving club stalwart and life member in the (more attractive) form of Lena Bandiera. All those at the meeting expressed their heart felt appreciation to Jack and wife Edna for their long and wonderful association with the RLTA and wished them both well in their retirement.

Another significant event to take place at the AGM was the members recognition of the long-term efforts of Bruce Young who was made a life member of the RLTA. Bruce has the distinction of being the first non-tennis player ever to be made a life member of the RLTA. For more than 10 years Bruce has encouraged and supported his two children who had chosen to play tennis at our club. In what can only be described as the perfect role model for other tennis parents, Bruce agreed to serve on our committee over that time, first as our Treasurer and finally as our Secretary. Bruce has now retired from the committee (those two children are now young adults), but he will not be forgotten and will certainly be missed.

The team elected to steer the club in 2008 were as follows:

President:	Ian Somers
Vice President:	Les Finney
Treasurer:	Bill Tapper
Secretary (minutes):	Vivien Carlson
Committee:	Reg Griffin, Betty McCoy, John Dunnett, Shane Keefe, Arthur Hart, Bruce Maclean, plus two representatives from mid-week ladies.