



YOUR CLUB NEWS LETTER

January 2012 Edition II

This is edition thirty-nine of our regular monthly news letter. The newsletter is designed to provide a forum to not only advise members of club news but also to give any member a chance to put forward suggestions to enhance the enjoyment of *our* club.

To reduce the cost, this will be an internet news letter sent to all members who have advised the club of their email address. A copy will also be placed on the club notice board with a limited number of further copies available. If you know of a member who has email and would like to receive this newsletter please pass on their email address. It is intended that the news letter will be published following the Management Committee meeting which is held on the third Tuesday each month. This means the letter will be used to give members a brief report of the decisions being made by your committee. However, this of course is only a small part of what happens in the club during the month, and the news letter idea will only work if there is other news to publish. I would please ask that **all** members, and in particular the event co-ordinators, send **any** items of interest (i.e. serious, funny, true, false, scurrilous, libellous or whatever) by email to bd.mac@bigpond.com.

Keith's Wise Words of the Month: "A prune is just a plum with experience"

NEWS ITEMS JANUARY 2012

- **Annual General Meeting**
- **Strategic Plan for our Club**
- **Solar Panels**
- **Provisional Budget**
- **Brisbane Seniors Competition**
- **Web Site Upgrade**
- **Manager's Report**

Annual General Meeting

The RLTA Annual General Meeting was held at the clubhouse on 28th January with a good attendance by members. Following the President's Annual Report (which was published earlier in a special Newsletter) the election was held for this year's office bearers.

Strangely enough, once again there was a distinct lack of volunteers for most positions. Is this because members think the work might be too difficult, could it be due to the fact that the previous year's Management Committee did such a great job that they could not be replaced....or is it just that no-one else could be bothered? Whatever the reason, our President has indicated that this will be his last year, and other Committee members have also indicated that they may not stand again next year.

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A mixture of new blood and experience is always good to see on any Club Committee and it would be nice to think that there are some other club members who are prepared to give their time next year to serve on our Management Committee.

The election resulted in the following:

President: Ian Somers; Vice-President: Les Finney; Secretary: Betty McCoy; Treasurer: Bill Tapper; Assistant Treasurer: Reg Griffin; Assistant Secretary and Minutes Secretary: Cherie Chasling; Vets Reps: Bruce Maclean and Vivien Carlsson; Mid-Week Ladies Reps: Maureen Hilzinger and Jan Hill; Chair of Selectors: David Young and Club Architect: Shane Keefe.

The new face on the team is Cherie, and Committee Members now have to pay very close attention to what they are saying at meetings because Cherie writes down every word spoken in shorthand!

Club Strategic Plan

At the Management Committee Meeting which followed the AGM, the Committee was addressed by Martin Hampson who is the Sports and Recreation Co-ordinator for the Cleveland Sports Precinct Cluster. Martin advised that there was a Redland City Council organisational support grant available to suitable community organisations. This grant would enable the club to have a Strategic Plan written for us by a professional.

It was explained that a Strategic Plan would assist us in any applications for state or local government funding, and in fact may eventually become a requirement for all applications. It was agreed that we apply for the RCC Grant.

Solar Panels

Because our Club electricity charges run at about \$1,000 per month and in view of the certainty of increased tariffs, the Committee decided to seek quotes on having solar panels fitted to the clubhouse. There are grants available to cover the cost of installation, and while there is no guarantee that we would be given this on our first application, we certainly need quotes prior to the application.

Provisional Budget

Assistant Treasurer Reg Griffin presented his Provisional Budget for 2012 to the Management Committee and went through the report in detail, providing explanations and comparisons where required.

Brisbane Seniors Competition

A group of RLTA members have entered the Brisbane Seniors Competition. They have called themselves the *Cleveland Cool Cats*. The team applied for permission to use the RLTA logo on their own shirts. Although they do not represent our club, because all members of the team are club members, it was decided to allow the team to wear the club logo.

Web Site Upgrade

The President advised that the Club's website was being upgraded and he was still waiting on information from some of the group and event co-ordinators to complete this updating.

Manager's Report

Juniors: Damian reported he had analysed the figures and decided Saturday morning was not particularly viable so he does not intend continuing with this. He is instead looking at building up the Wednesday group and most of the former Saturday players are happy to move to a Wednesday.

He is planning to have a 10-week season (i.e. school term) usually, rather than 6 months. The first season will only be 6 weeks but as a trial, he will know at the end of that period if it is a success. He is also changing the junior format to have a clearer path of progression through the junior ranks.

Singles Competition: Damian also plans to introduce a 10-week senior singles competition on Friday nights from 6.30-8.30pm. This should also serve to increase court hire revenue on Friday nights. He said the charges for the competition would be the same as previously.

Enrolment Figures: Ian asked Damian how enrolment numbers were progressing. Damian reported that his target of 200 had already been achieved (for fixtures and coaching), and he was pleased to be obtaining enrolments from Redland Bay as well.

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True Story Corner

I have a friend who manages a jewellery store in Cleveland. He told me yesterday that he was very upset with one of our Vet Tennis players. He related that this player came into his shop last Friday with a lovely and much younger lady on his arm and asked if he could see an expensive ring.

My friend showed him a ring worth over \$5,000 and was told to take it back and bring something much better. Anticipating a good sale he then brought a \$40,000 ring from his safe and showed it to the couple. The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body shook with anticipation.

The Vet player said *"That's great, I'll take it and I'll write you a check on the spot"*

My friend the jeweller is not stupid and said *"Well sir, I will have to have the cheque cleared before you take the ring"*

"Not a problem" says the Vet, *"You clear the cheque with my bank on Monday morning and I'll pick up the ring on Monday afternoon"*

On Monday morning, my friend rang the Vet and very angrily told him that he had found there was only \$25 in his account.

"I know" said the Vet, *"but hey, would you like to hear about the great weekend that I had?"*