



# TENNIS WEST E-NEWS

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### Upcoming WA Tournaments

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## UPCOMING EVENTS, TOURNAMENTS & COURSES

### Festival of Tennis – FREE Family Event!

Tennis West will be holding the 'Festival of Tennis' on Sunday 25 November at the State Tennis Centre, from 10.00am-1.00pm.

This is a free festival to the public and we are wanting to showcase all aspects of Tennis in Western Australia.

A big drawcard to the event is the Australian Open Men's and Women's Trophy feature. Anyone and everyone is encouraged to have a photo holding the trophies the likes of Federer, Nadal, Azarenka and Williams have once held.

Throughout the day Tennis West will be featuring a number of interactive activities for the public to get involved with including:

- MLC Tennis Hot Shots Challenge Events
- MLC Tennis Hot Shots trial
- Coaching Clinics
- Cardio Tennis
- AO Ball Kid Training
- Wheelchair Tennis
- National Academy – Perth Academy Training
- Tennis Twister
- Tennis Speed Serve
- Bouncy Castle
- Face Painting
- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Much More

When: Sunday 25 November 2012

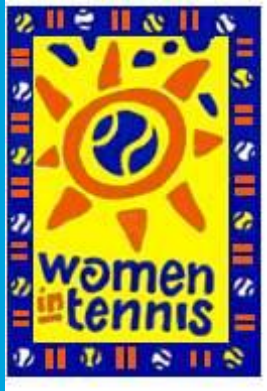
Where: State Tennis Centre

Time: 10am – 1pm

For more information, please contact Rose-Marie Linke on 6462- 8303 or email

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## 2013 Women in Tennis Legends Breakfast

### Featuring Special Guests

Aligned with the Hyundai Hopman Cup, is the Women In Tennis Legends Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Thursday 3 January 2013.

Keep the date free, details to follow.



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Bookings: Please RSVP to Rose-Marie Linke by Monday 20 December 2012 [rlinke@tennis.com.au](mailto:rlinke@tennis.com.au) or 6462 8303

So why not invite your friends, family and club members to this fantastic event, and kick off the new year with delicious food, great company, and exciting tennis!

If you would like any further information about this event, please contact Rose-Marie Linke on 6462-8303

## Australian Teams Carnival

6-11 January 2013, Perth

Join the fun with a week of competitive but social tennis at the Australian Teams Carnival in January 2013. The Carnival caters for all ages from 35+ and all standards of play, in 10 year age brackets. For your own team with friends!!

Extend your stay to 13-18 January 2013 for the Australian Seniors Individual Championships (an ITF 1 category tournament).

For further information visit [www.tennisseniors.org.au](http://www.tennisseniors.org.au)  
The event flyer is attached to this newsletter.



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## Cyber safety in sport - Department of Sport and Recreation

This presentation by Susan McLean will:

- ü Use practical examples to explore online trends and challenges for the sport industry.
- ü Discuss how to effectively manage the use and misuse of technology in sport
- ü Discuss how to educate member on responsible use of technology

Monday 5 November 2012

9.30am – 12.30pm

*Followed by a networking lunch.*

OR

6.00pm – 7.30pm

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

Department of Sport and Recreation

246 Vincent Street, Leederville

For more information about this FREE event, attached flyer.



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## Child protection is everybody's business - Department of Sport and Recreation

This Interactive information session will cover:

- ü What is child related work
- ü How a working with Children Check (WWC) is different to a Nation Police Certificate
- ü Governance: Employer/organisation responsibilities
- ü How to create child friendly environments
- ü The legislative framework and application of the WWC in WA

Friday 23 November 2012

9.30am – 12.30pm

Department of Sport and Recreation

246 Vincent Street, Leederville

For more information about *Child protection is everybody's business* see attached flyer.



### Esperance Glory for Feeney and Rogowska

Sydney's Adam Feeney and Victoria's Olivia Rogowska are the 2012 Cliffs Esperance Tennis International champions after winning the men's and women's singles finals on Sunday in Western Australia.

27-year-old Feeney won his first singles Futures title since 2007 when he defeated South Australia's Alex Bolt (Murray Bridge, SA) in the men's event, 3-6 7-6(2) 6-2. Feeney has had some solid results on the Australian Pro Tour in recent weeks, reaching the finals of Happy Valley and Port Pirie and on Sunday broke through to prevail over Bolt for the first time. "It's been a long time coming," said Feeney post match.



"It was really tough windy conditions. Alex was playing well at the start and was playing a bit better than I was, but I found a bit more rhythm on my serve early in the second set and got a break up 5-3. Alex got the break back but I played a pretty solid tiebreak and was able to run away with it and keep the momentum into the third.

"I feel like all the work I've been able to do with my coach is shining through over the last couple of weeks. I still feel really fresh, my body is going well at the moment.

"I'm just looking forward to playing every day. I'm enjoying it so much," continued Feeney.

Bolt experienced victory in the men's doubles event when he partnered with AIS Pro Tour colleague Benjamin Mitchell (Worongary, Qld). The pair defeated Feeney and Zach Itzstein (Champion Lakes, WA) 6-2 6-3 to take away Mitchell's first ever doubles title.

Rogowska claimed her third Pro Tour title for the year, defeating 16-year-old Ashleigh Barty (Springfield, Qld) 6-0 6-3 in the women's competition.

The top seed was happy to walk away with her first win against [5] Barty, after the Queenslander led the head-to-head count 2-0 going into the final.

"I played really well, so I was really happy," said Rogowska.

"It was so windy. I don't think I've ever played in conditions like that. I knew what to expect today and was ready from the first point so I was pleased.

"My own focus was to get one extra ball back and just make her play one extra shot. I thought I played smart in the wind, and on the big points I played solid, so that helped me," added Rogowska.



In the women's doubles event, Barty teamed up with Sally Peers (Glen Waverley, Vic) to win their second title together since Nottingham in June. The top seeded pair defeated Rogowska and Victoria Larriere from France in a tight match 4-6 7-6(5) [10-4].

The tour now moves south west for the Margaret River Tennis International proudly supported by the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River to round out the Western Australian swing of the circuit.



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## International stars claim Margaret River titles

New Zealander Michael Venus and France's Victoria Larriere have both defeated seeded players to take out the 2012 Margaret River International proudly supported by the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River on Sunday.

Venus overcame sixth seed Adam Feeney (Gosford, NSW) to take out the men's singles final 6-3 3-6 6-3.

The three set win over the highly-fancied Feeney, who had taken out the 2012 Esperance Tennis International one week prior, is Venus' best result for the year.

Meanwhile in the women's event, Frenchwoman Larriere pulled off a surprising win over top seed and Esperance women's singles winner, Olivia Rogowska (St Kilda, Vic) finishing 6-3 6-3. Australian pairing and the number one seeds Luke Saville (Barmera, SA) and Andrew Whittington (Williamstown, Vic) took out the men's doubles event over second seeds Matthew Barton (Manly, NSW) and Michael Look (Scarborough, Qld) in a close match 7-6(6) 7-6(4).

The women's doubles saw the unseeded Japanese pair of Miyabi Inoue and Mai Minokoshi defeat the number one seeds of Nicha Lertpitaksinchai (THA) and Peangtarn Plipuech (THA) 6-7(8) 7-6(3) [14-12] in another close doubles match.



Above: Jason Staltenberg (former Davis Cup player), Ashleigh Barty (former Junior Wimbledon Champion, from Queensland), Michael Robertson (CEO at Tennis West), Roger Budd (President of Margaret River Tennis Club), Victoria Larrier (winner of Margaret River Tennis International, from France)

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## National Academy – Perth Athletes Perform well at Sydney ITF's

National Academy Manager - Andrew Roberts recently travelled with five athletes from the National Academy - Perth to compete in two Junior International ITF Tournaments at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush, NSW.

Anja Dokic and Sasha Bollweg were standout performers over the two weeks with Bollweg making a Quarterfinal appearance during the second event. Anja Dokic had consistent results throughout the two weeks making the singles Quarterfinals in both tournaments, a doubles final with Katerina

Valos and finishing the tour by winning a doubles title with her partner Zoe Hives.

Madison Inglis also continued her recent form from the recent 14's Nationals by reaching the round of 16 in the singles and the doubles Semifinal with her Partner Kimberley Birrell.

National Academy National Head Coach - Adam Carey had this to say:

"Our players had solid results reflect the hard work and continued development of this group.

Dokic and Bollweg have both worked hard to develop themselves this year. It's good to see its showing on the court in their performances". "All the players will use these valuable weeks on the road to refocus their training for the December Showdown".

We also had three athletes who performed well at the recent 14's Nationals in Sydney. Maddison Inglis made the Semi-Finals of the girl's singles and won the doubles title with her partner – Kimberley Birrell. Scott Jones made the Semi-Finals of the boy's singles and Sasha Bollweg made the Quarter-Finals of the girl's singles.



Kimberley Birrell (QLD) and Maddison Inglis (WA)

## Medibank Junior Development Series

The Medibank sponsored Junior Development Series was a new initiative this year, giving players aged between 10 and 15 the opportunity to develop their games, while also fostering a healthy attitude towards fitness and competition. They run alongside the Optus Junior Tour (OJT) events which offer Australian Ranking (AR) points, as a "play tennis" pathway. The underlying principles are a healthy attitude and fair play while competing to the best of your ability, and encouraging participation.

The Spring Series comprised a stand-alone series of 6 events, each held over a weekend, which has become particularly popular. The final event was held on the weekend of the 27th and 28th October at the State Tennis Centre. This photo shows the winner, Ronan Swingler, and finalist, Kenneth Prete, after their final in the boys 13 and under singles event.

To wind-up the series, an invitational final will be held on the second weekend of December, for all winners of each age group over the series. These include Declan Mearns, Matias Basur, Luka Brown, Arden De Melo, Ryan McConkey and Jerome Iaconi in the 11's. Talia Gibson, Samantha Yeats, and Ruby Culley were multiple winners in the girls 11's. The boys 13's winners were William Hann, Dennis Mader, Narayan Judge, Reuben Giorgio and Ronan Swingler, while the girls were Lexie Wier, Maddison Barrett, Hailee Katsamakias and Rachel Mellor. In the 15's boys, Timothy Gray, Lewis May, Simon Ferreira and Andrew May were victorious.



Players are encouraged to nominate each other for "Healthy Attitude Awards", judged on positive

attitude towards the game, commitment to their tennis, behaviour that deserves to be recognised and enthusiasm for the sport.

This series also offered a raffle prize for all those who played in at least 2 events, of flights and accommodation to the value of \$1600 to be used towards attending the 2013 Australian Open. And the lucky winner is.....STEVAN ILIC.

Thank you all for participating and making the event enjoyable with your "healthy attitudes".

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## 2012 Bruce Cup

Alexander Park Tennis Club was honoured to host the 2012 School Sport Australia National 12 and under Bruce cup tournament in October, the first time it has been held in WA.

112 boys and girls representing their states and territories competed in singles, doubles and mixed doubles over seven days with New South Wales winning the cup from South Australia. Western Australia finished fifth.

The tournament was a resounding success with visiting players, their parents and team managers very generous in their comments about the facilities, excellent grass courts and the overall management of the event.

The opening ceremony was held at sunset on the Saturday evening prior to the start of matches. It was a spectacular occasion with players and managers from all teams assembling behind their state flags, the recital of the School Sport Australia Student Pledge by the WA captains Erica Bolweg and Tristan Schoolkate and the singing of the National Anthem by Emily Janes. This was followed by a sausage sizzle for players and it gave them the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other.

A visit by Alicia Molik was a special treat for the players. Alicia recounted her memories of participating in the Bruce Cup and spoke about her career in the game.

Western Australia was well represented by Erica Bloweg, Madelaine Muller-Hughes, Jovana Glusac, Tsige Lacey, Chesca Hanlin, Jessica Voitkevich, Nadia Rajan, Tristan Schoolkate, Daniel Downey, Simon Ferreira, Tristan Galati, Kyle Potter, Ronan Swingler, William Hann. Team managers were Angela and Tom Luttrell and Tour Leader Andrea Rundle.



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## CLUB FUNDING & BUSINESS

### FREE Promotion of your Club through your Coach!

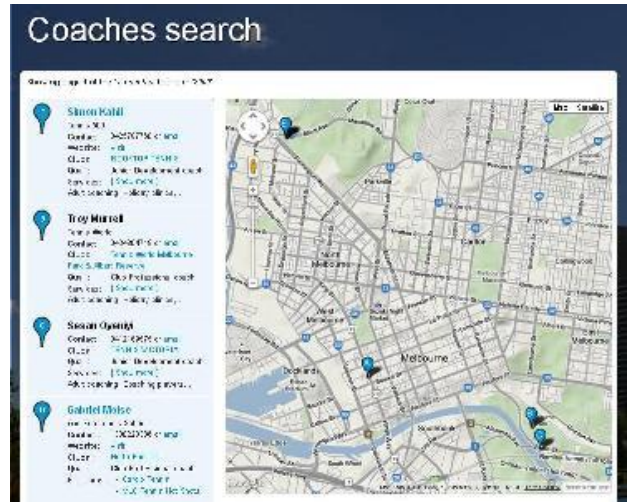
Has the Coach of your Club listed your venue on 'Find A Coach'? To find out, visit [www.tennis.com.au/coaches](http://www.tennis.com.au/coaches) and enter the postcode of your facility.



## What is Find A Coach?

Find A Coach on the Tennis Australia website is the most effective way for players/parents to find a qualified tennis coach in their local area. It is available on the Tennis Australia homepage as well as on [www.tennis.com.au/coaches](http://www.tennis.com.au/coaches).

There were over 25,000 unique searches for a coach using Find A Coach last financial year. Furthermore, if your coach delivers MLC Tennis Hot Shots or Cardio Tennis, they have the ability to promote your venue through [hotshots.tennis.com.au](http://hotshots.tennis.com.au) or [cardiotennis.com.au](http://cardiotennis.com.au) which have both received over 23,000 unique searches for a coach since January 2012.



If your venue is not listed on Find A Coach, ask your coach to organise this through their MyTennis login or by emailing [coachmembership@tennis.com.au](mailto:coachmembership@tennis.com.au).

Find A Coach is available to Tennis Australia qualified coach members only.

## Head Coach Vacancy: Wembley Downs Tennis Club

Wembley Downs Tennis Club (WDTCC) invites applications for the position of head coach to provide coaching services as detailed below.



### Location:

Wembley Downs Tennis Club, Cnr Ednah and Morden Streets, Wembley Downs, Western Australia 6019

### Facilities:

Wembley Downs Tennis Club has four hard courts with lighting, three synthetic grass courts and twelve grass courts which support play year round. Current membership is around 400 with approximately 50% adults and a strong junior base. WDTCC is affiliated with Tennis West and currently has a State League men's team and over ten senior League teams with a similar number of junior League teams. A well equipped clubhouse complex includes a dedicated coach's room and adjacent coach's storage room.

### Qualifications:

Minimum qualification – Tennis Australia Club Professional

### Services:

- Juniors – Coaching, Junior Committee, organising Junior League teams, MLC



### Hotshots

- Adults – Coaching, adult League (including State League), Cardio Tennis
- Promotion of the Club and tennis in the community, and assisting with membership growth.

### Start Date:

Commencement date for the coaching services is 1 July 2013.

Applications: Should include all relevant playing and coaching experience.

Applications will be treated as confidential and should be sent to [wdtc1@bigpond.com](mailto:wdtc1@bigpond.com) or to the address above.

Applications close at 5pm 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

### Contact:

Any enquiry should be directed solely to Mrs Nola Carmignani, President, WDTc at [nolacarmignani@bigpond.com](mailto:nolacarmignani@bigpond.com).

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## 2013 Australian Open BALLKIDS

Eight successful juniors from WA will commence training throughout October and November in preparation for the 2013 Australian Open. Listed below are the lucky eight juniors adding to a strong team of 370 ballkids from all over Australia.

Samuel Ashby – Esperance  
Brooke Corbett – Woodlands  
Mitchell Grey – Mullaloo  
Carla Herd – Perth  
Leighton Howard – Yerecoin  
Jake Stacey – Quairading  
Jaiden Toovey – Hillarys  
Alexander Williams - Duncraig



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## WELCOME ABOARD!

Loretta Hughes, Callum Ross and Rose-Marie Linke join the team at Tennis West.

Loretta comes from a business background and has taken over the role of Competitions and Tournaments Manager. She is a past board member at Tennis West as well as being an active tennis player. Loretta has hit the ground running, having organized two tournaments and league after only 3 weeks!

Callum is our newly appointed Community Tennis Officer. He is well qualified for this position having been a full time coach to various Perth clubs for a number of years. His close personal experience and contact with the local club scene will be a great asset to Tennis West.

Rose-Marie is our new Marketing and Community Tennis Coordinator. Rose recently graduated from UWA with a degree in Sports Science and a postgraduate diploma in sports management. Having played and worked in tennis from a young age she has a thorough understanding of the sport.

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## Greg Hutchinson elected President of Tennis West

Alexander Park Tennis Club's Greg Hutchinson has been elected President of Tennis West.

Also elected to the Tennis West board at the Annual General Meeting were 3 new members Warren Harding, Joan Bonser and Tony Glass. Incumbents Wayne Firms and Ray Collins were elected as Senior Vice President and Junior Vice President, respectively, with Bill Price remaining as Treasurer, and Hayden Gibson and Siobhan Drake-Brockman continuing in their roles/midterm status.

As CEO of Kinetic Health Group, Greg has overseen growth from six Perth-based medical clinics to become the largest provider of occupational medical services in Australia. The company now comprises over 35 practices and a workforce of more than 700 professional and support staff operating across metropolitan, regional and remote locations in five States and Territories.

A member of the Alexander Park Tennis Club for 36 years and President for the past four, Greg has combined his business and leadership experience with community initiatives to help revitalise his own club resulting in Tennis West's 2012 Most Outstanding Club Award and the first club in Western Australia to be accredited under the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports Program. In broadening his focus to tennis in Western Australia, Greg's aim is to galvanise all stakeholders, club members, participants and enthusiasts to see tennis flourish within an environment of opportunity and optimism.

"Given the successful yet diverse backgrounds of all Directors, clubs have elected a Tennis West Board capable of defining and negotiating the best path for our sport now – and into the future," incoming President Greg Hutchinson said.

"In order to properly assume a leadership role within the Sport, Tennis West needs to clearly articulate its Vision and develop and implement strategies to see this Vision come to life. "Ultimately our governing body needs to be positioned to help guide, support and nurture all levels of tennis in this State".

Tennis West CEO, Michael Robertson, is looking forward to working with Greg and the new Board. "Greg has a proven track record in both business and in sport and will provide great leadership as we work together to grow and make the sport more accessible for all West Australians," Robertson said.

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## COMPETITIONS CHATTER

The Summer Brikmakers Tennis West Tennis League is now under way. It remains the largest tennis league association in Australia, with summer team numbers showing good growth from 840 last year to 884 this season. This renewed interest illustrates Tennis West's strategy to stay in touch with stakeholders and deliver appropriate competition. The largest expansion was in the Saturday Men's Open sector, now comprising 19 Divisions and 150 teams. At this rate we will have to start Sunday divisions. Night league continues to become more popular with 83 Women's teams and 34 Men's teams taking part. The recently introduced Orange and Green Ball leagues for 9 to 11 year olds have been a great success, swelling to 65 teams. This is intended as a pathway for Hot Shot participants and has not yet reached maturity. Watch this space as Tennis West strives to present tennis players with more opportunities to play at all levels and also engage new participants! Let's grow our sport and our clubs!



Last summer the National Tennis League generated much interest for tennis in WA. Our best players

competed in the spotlight and the winning teams travelled to the Australian Open to pit themselves against other state conferences. This is intended as a development opportunity for our elite players for which they are well rewarded. It also showcases our sport at the highest level. The WA conference commission will continue to offer this spectacle over the 4 Wednesday evenings in November with web movies, press and social media publications. Each conference will also nominate an All-Conference Team who will then form the nominees for an All-Australian team selected on performance, team spirit and sportsmanship, to be presented and awarded at the AO.

Next Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, from 7pm, the Asia-Pacific Tennis League hits off with the Giants playing the Dolphins and the Mosquitoes taking on the Sharks in the Men's event. The Giants sister team play the Blue Gum Park Ball Bursters and the Mad Dogs meet the Swans in the Women's event. It is played in a fast tennis format with sets to the best of 4, and play will be continuous after let serves. Come and join in the excitement and the State Tennis Centre. To view the ATL draws click here:

<http://comps.tennis.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/draw.aspx?entityid=39104&seasonid=81&gradeid=4029>  
Bar and cafe will be open.

Leading up to the end of 2012, tournaments on offer are the JDS Final (8/9 December), the Junior Grasscourt Championships at Robertson Park (13-16 December), the East Fremantle OJT (17-21 December), and the State Grasscourt at Mount Lawley from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of January.

New year brings the Hyundai Hopman Cup at the fabulous, sparkling Perth Arena. If you haven't been before, now is your chance. The line-up is top notch and the new facility touted to be the best in the southern hemisphere.



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