

Senior Moments



The quarterly newsletter of Tennis Seniors NSW

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2025 Annual General Meeting

It's fast approaching that time of year again when Members have their say about the running and management of Tennis Seniors NSW. This year's AGM will be held at Strathfield Sports Club on Sunday 7 December 2025, commencing at 11.00am.

All Committee positions are up for election so if you feel that you have the time and enthusiasm to help project the organisation forward for the next two years, please consider nominating for one of those positions mentioned on the nomination form, which can be downloaded from the website. Nominations for all positions close on 1 November 2025 with the Secretary and can be emailed to **play@tsnsw.com.au**

Following the AGM, those present will be able to have a social game of tennis if so desired. Courts have been reserved for your usage. We encourage all members to attend and have input into the future direction of the organisation.

Nominations are open for 2025 Life Membership

If you know someone who is a member of Tennis Seniors NSW and whom you believe is deserving of recognition for their services to the game of tennis (and in particular Seniors Tennis), please consider nominating that person for Life Membership of Tennis Seniors NSW. Criteria for nomination to this prestigious award can be found on the website. Nominations close on 1 November 2025 and may be lodged with the Secretary at **play@tsnsw.com.au**

Other Awards to be determined

In 2025 there will be awards given in the following categories:

- Senior Player of the Year—Criteria—To be awarded to a player who has achieved notable tennis success over the past year in Seniors tournaments in Australia and/or internationally at ITF Team Championships and/or World Individual Championships.
- Administrator of the Year—Criteria—A person who has made a significant contribution to the administration of Seniors Tennis. This award recognises contributions over the past twelve months, but also takes other previous contributions into consideration.
- Player Recognition—Criteria—Significant improvement in their standard of tennis over the past year. Remarkable recovery from a severe injury which prevented tennis participation. Continued involvement in 30+ seniors tennis over a prolonged period of time, with a high level of integrity. Taken into consideration will also be on-court behaviour, etiquette and 'spirit of the game'.

A nominee for any of the above awards must be a current financial member of Tennis Seniors NSW. Nominations close on 1 November 2025.

2027 Australian Seniors Tennis Carnival

Tennis Seniors NSW has been awarded the hosting of the above carnival, to be held between 3 and 15 January 2027. The Committee has determined that the carnival will be staged at various venues in the Newcastle district and negotiations have progressed with a number of clubs eager to be involved. A lot of preparation goes into the running of these events and without the assistance of volunteers, the outcomes are usually less than what is hoped for.

Tennis Seniors Australia determines how the carnival will be administered and a detailed set of guidelines are provided to the host State which is expected to organise everything, but specifically:

- 1 The Management and Conduct of the Carnival,
2. Structure, format and rules of the Australian Teams Carnival,
3. Social Programme,
4. Sponsorship and Publicity,
5. Player Transport and Court Location,
6. Financial Arrangements,
7. Reports and Evaluation,
8. The Tournament Director's Job Description, and
9. Preparation of and adherence to a checklist for the Australian Teams Carnival plus and Australian Individual Championships.

As such, Tennis Seniors NSW will be seeking to appoint a Chairperson of the Organising Committee who will in turn assist in appointing an Organising Committee. This Committee will be responsible for the progressive organisation of the events and their overall day to day direction. Ideally these appointments should be made 18 months in advance of the carnival. Tennis Seniors Australia has provided a timeline document as a guide to the key tasks that are required to be performed.

It can be seen from the above tasks that this is an exciting but challenging undertaking and Tennis Seniors NSW is starting its search now for people to fill the important roles as outlined. If you believe that you have the time and the energy required to see this project through, then we would love to hear from you. Detailed information about what is required is available from the Secretary. Please indicate your interest in the role of either the Chairperson of the Organising Committee or one of the Organising Committee Members and a complete set of details will be provided to you prior to you making any determination to participate. Email your interest to **play@tsnsw.com.au** as a first step.

Teams events will be held during the period 3 to 10 January 2027 with individual events to follow, concluding on 15 January 2027.

Forthcoming Seniors Tournaments

Members are reminded that there are still a number of exciting tennis opportunities available for all levels of ability between now and the end of the year.

For more information about the following tournaments, please contact the person named below for assistance. A lot of effort goes into the organising and staging of these events for the benefit of Members, so if you can see your way clear to support as many as possible, it will ensure the ongoing strength of the Tennis Seniors calendar in NSW:

<u>Tournament Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>	<u>*NRT</u>
<i>Merimbulah Annual Seniors</i>	<i>Oct 30– Nov 3</i>	<i>John Rheinberger</i>	<i>0438 928 516</i>	6
<i>Myall Park, Hawks Nest R/R</i>	<i>Nov 1-3</i>	<i>Gordon Sutcliffe</i>	<i>0418 966 649</i>	
<i>Kiama Vets & Legends R/R</i>	<i>Nov 7-9</i>	<i>David Lehman</i>	<i>0475 857 740</i>	
<i>Glenn Innes R/R</i>	<i>Nov 8-9</i>	<i>Diane Morris</i>	<i>0429 326 301</i>	
<i>'Dave Matthews' Nelson Bay</i>	<i>Nov 28-30</i>	<i>Steve Taylor</i>	<i>0466 154 580</i>	5

**** Denotes National Ranking Tournament and Level***

2026 Masters Teams Carnival

Just a reminder that team entries for the above event will close very soon.

For those not familiar with the concept, an annual carnival of tennis is held in each state on a rotational basis in January. The competition provides an opportunity for teams to be formed amongst friends/acquaintances in various age groups, to compete as part of a New South Wales contingent. Players compete from all states of Australia. The 2026 edition will be hosted by Tennis Seniors Queensland and held between 4 and 9 January 2026 on the Gold Coast. With ample accommodation options and great attractions for family members, the location is perfect for that family getaway. A team entry is \$130 per player. As part of the carnival events, a state dinner will be hosted by Tennis Seniors NSW in conjunction with **Strathfield Sports Club (major sponsor)** and will be held at the Emerald Hills Golf Club. The cost will be \$65 for a three course meal. As this venue is one of the most popular on the tennis calendar, it is strongly suggested that if you are planning to attend, you need to start getting your team together asap. Entry forms are available from TSNSW website or APP. <https://www.tsnsw.com.au/>

The Australian Masters Individual Championships will follow the Teams events and will be held between 11 and 16 January 2026 at the same venue. Further details can be obtained by directing enquiries to play@tsnsw.com.au

Vale—Ian Fisher

We wish to report the recent death of long time Tennis Seniors NSW member Ian Fisher, who passed away on 29 August 2025 after a short illness. Ian represented the Association in state and international teams throughout his long and successful tennis career. As a member of the Sydney Cricket Ground Tennis Club, Ian competed for many years in the Sydney Badge competition and after retiring from Saturday competition remained an active member of the Northbridge Tennis Club, where he won several titles. Always quick to acknowledge a good shot, Ian was a fierce but very fair competitor and remained a great advertisement for all that is good about our wonderful sport. Ian was also a great cricketer in his early years and remained active in the administrative side of that sport right up until the time of his passing. Our condolences are to his three sons, Greg, Tim and Chris and their families. Also to his loving partner Bev Edgington, an active and accomplished tennis player herself and long standing member of Tennis Seniors NSW.

New South Wales to the Fore Again in the 2025 Tri State Challenge



A team of 12 Men and 12 Women from Tennis Seniors NSW faced a strong contingent of players from both Victoria and South Australia in the recent Tri State Challenge, held in the pretty Murray River town of Barham on the Victorian border. The series, reborn in 2023 after a long hiatus had been won the two previous years by NSW, and the Victorians, in particular, were out for revenge.

Over the weekend of 13 & 14 September 2025 in warm conditions on 14 beautifully manicured lawn tennis courts, the teams battled it out in both women's and men's doubles and mixed doubles to score points for their State. At the end of proceedings, NSW again came out a narrow winner.

In the Brian Bermingham Shield, played between NSW and Victoria, after 60 sets of tennis and 566 games played, NSW won by 31 sets and 289 games to Victoria's 29 sets and 277 games. Phew!!

In the Bob McCarthy Shield, played between NSW and South Australia after 60 sets and 558 games played, NSW came out the victors by 41 sets and 322 games to 19 sets and 236 games.

Next year's Tri State will be held over the weekend of 19 and 20 September, 2026. If you are interested in being considered for selection, please put these dates in your diary. The series is preceded by an ITF MT200 tournament between Wednesday 16 and Friday 18 September 2026. For those not interested in chasing ITF points, but who want to hone their skills for the Tri State, there is an NRT7 tournament held on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 September 2026. An all doubles format for Women and Men (with Mixed Doubles included) forms the basis of this part of the tournament. A great and fun week of tennis on well manicured courts is guaranteed, so get your friends together and get involved. Members will be asked to nominate for team representation well in advance of the weekend of play, but you must be committed to stay for the full two days of competition in the Tri State. It's not for the feint hearted!



Tennis Seniors NSW Committee Member and Team Co-ordinator Sharyn Eaton receives the Brian Bermingham Shield from the SA President (and host for the series).

2025 ITF Masters World Individual Championships—Croatia

At the time of writing, the above event is reaching its conclusion. Australians have done well with a number of NSW Seniors recording the following results:

Women's Singles Over 75's—Helen Worland (Lost in Semi Finals 7/5, 6/3 to Marjory Love—UK)

Men's Singles Over 85's—Gordon Waygood (Won the title, 6/2, 6/1 Finals win)

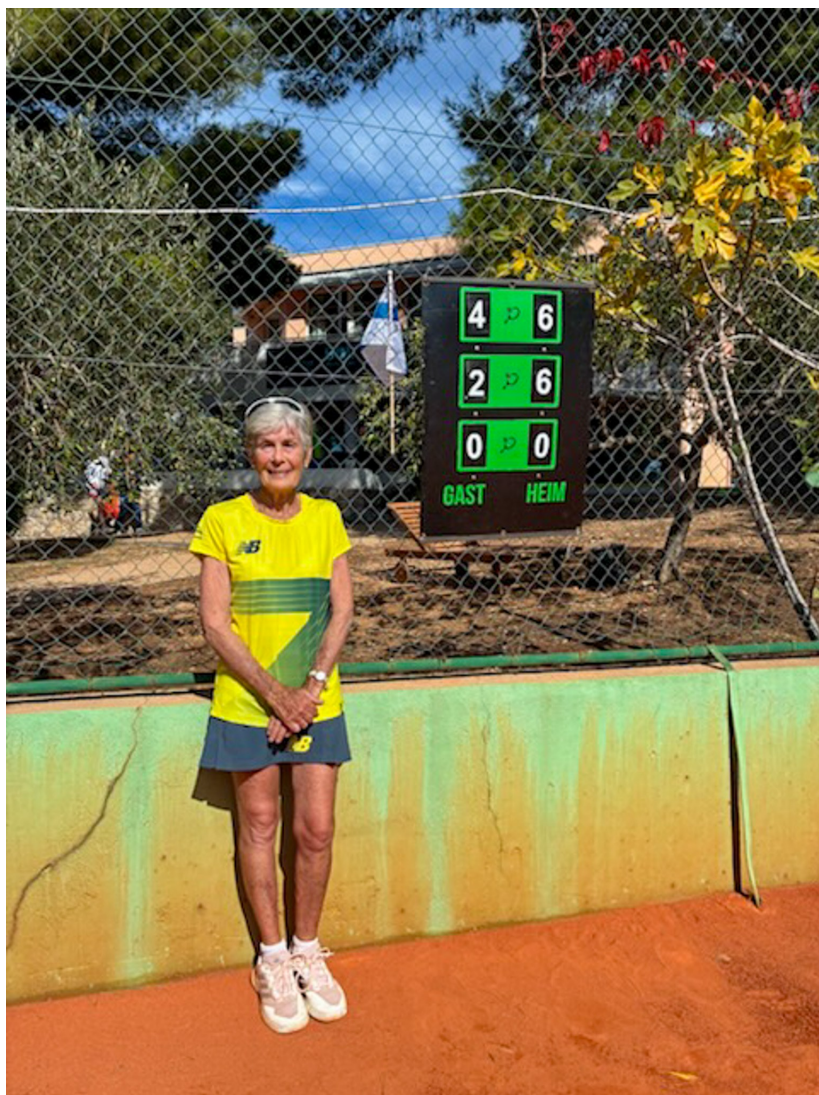
Men's Doubles Over 75's —Michael Clayton and Allen Hooper (Quarter Finals loss 6/3, 6/2)

Men's Doubles Over 80's—Herbie Chee and Alan Walsh (lost Finals 6/1, 6/0 to No 1 seeds)

Men's Doubles Over 85's—Gordon Waygood and partner (won Finals 2/6, 6/0, 10/6)

Women's Doubles Over 75's—Helen Worland & Judith Rodins (lost Quarter Finals 2/6, 6/4, 10/6)

Mixed Doubles Over 80's—Herbie Chee and Lyn Hanna (lost Finals 6/3, 6/0 to No1 seeds)



Orange, NSW resident Helen Worland pictured here following her win in the Quarter Finals of the 2025 ITF Masters Women's Singles in the Over 75's in Bol, Croatia.

2025 ITF World Masters Teams at Bol Island, in Croatia

Australia sent four teams to compete in the World Masters for Men and Women over the age of 75 years.

In the 75 + Women's Queens Cup, Helen Worland and partner Sheryl Kerwick went through the Group C draw undefeated, dispatching France, Canada and Sweden along the way. In a playoff for the title, the pair lost to the USA 2-1, but defeated the other qualifier Finland 3-0 to finish in second place.

The Bitsy Grant Cup for Men 75+ saw 6 groups competing, with Australia (including Tony Dawson) faring best in Group F to qualify for the playoffs. Unfortunately, a loss to 3rd seeded USA 1-2 in the first round saw the end of competition in the series for the Aussies.

A surprising number of teams competed in the Gardnar Mulloy Cup for 80+ Men, with fifteen countries represented. Australia (including Alan Walsh) finished second in Group B and in the playoffs for the title, defeated Canada 2-1 before losing out to the top seeded USA 3-0. The USA team went on to win the Cup, 2-1 against second seeded France.

The Angela Mortimer Cup for Women 85 and over, saw five nations competing, with the Aussies finishing in fourth place, winning one match against Argentina.

2025 NSW State Championships

Over the three days of the October long weekend, Tennis Macarthur at Leumeah was the venue for the MT700 Tennis Seniors NSW Championships for 2025.

272 entrants competed in 32 Events over the three days, with finalists being as follows:

30+ Men's Singles	Harry Wilmott-Stanton (GBR)	d	Jonathan Herrmann	R/R
30+ Men's Doubles	Simon Ferguson (GBR)	d	Frank Schultheiss	
	Angus Keeble	d	Nicholas Vicary	6/3, 3/6, 10/3
35+ Men's Singles	Simon Ferguson (GBR)	d	James O'Brien	7/6, 6/2
40+ Men's Singles	Robert Phillips	d	Stuart McCurdy	6/3, 6/4
40+ Men's Doubles	Milton Da Rocha	d	Peter Scapellato	
	Fernando Videira Alves		Allan Worobiej	6/1, 7/6
45+ Men's Singles	Bruce Conroy	d	Kai Vogler (GER)	6/1, 3/0 Ret.
45+ Men's Doubles	Craig Jervis	d	Peter Scapellato	
	Brad Weatherstone		Allan Worobiej	6/1, 4/6, 10/6
50+ Men's Singles	Michael Korecky	d	Richard Dodson	6/4, 7/6
55+ Men's Singles	Chris Gillis	d	Martin Richards	6/0, 6/1
55+ Men's Doubles	Rod McKenzie	d	Christopher Arms	
	David Rogers		Bruce Ferguson	3/6, 6/1, 10/8
60+ Men's Singles	John Holland	d	Christopher Arms	6/0, 3/6, 7/6
60+ Men's Doubles	John Brunner	d	Simon Arms	
	Phillip Peck		Stephen Sharp	7/6, 1/6, 11/9
65+ Men's Singles	Bruce Ferguson	d	Ravindran Subramaniam	6/1, 6/2
65+ Men's Doubles	Geoff Hayes	d	Clive Wilkinson	
	Greg Langlands		Robert Hanbury-Brown	6/3, 6/2
70+ Men's Singles	Wayne Pascoe	d	Terry McLean	6/2, 6/0
70+ Men's Doubles	Neil Birks	d	Stephen Fine	
	Tony Bray		John Lovett	R/R
75+ Men's Singles	John Lovett	d	Phil Trew (GBR)	R/R
35+ Women's Singles	Sanna Bedford	d	Jenny Heron	R/R
35+ Women's Doubles	Sanna Bedford	d	Marlese Van Lille	
	Samantha-Jo Ewart		Stephanie Bayley-Nelson	R/R
45+ Women's Singles	Nicole Pinchbeck	d	Kim Summerill	R/R
45+ Women's Doubles	Nicole Pinchbeck	d	Rebecca Claremont	
	Kelly Thomas		Marlese Van Lille	6/0, 6/2
50+ Women's Singles	Samantha-Jo Ewart	d	Jane Taylor	R/R

2025 NSW State Championship results continued.

55+ Women's Singles	Stephanie Bowler	d	Loretta Sheales	R/R
55+ Women's Doubles	Karen Pearce	d	Sara Goddard	
	Maryann Sciffer		Wanda Howes	R/R
60+ Women's Singles	Ros Balodis	d	Kerri Summerhayes	6/0, 6/0
60+ Women's Doubles	Cathy Benson	d	Kaye Nealon	
	Ulrike Deutsch-Watson		Kerri Summerhayes	R/R
30+ Mixed Doubles	Sanna Bedford	d	Stephanie Bayley-Nelson	
	Bruce Conway		Jonathan Herrmann	R/R
45+ Mixed Doubles	Stephanie Bowler	d	Loretta Sheales	
	Richard Dodson		Bryce Mitchelson	6/4, 6/2
60+ Mixed Doubles	Ros Balodis	d	Cathy Benson	
	Manuel Radic		Stephen Sharp	6/3, 6/1

Tennis Seniors NSW Committee would like to thank members of Tennis Macarthur for their support and assistance throughout the weekend. The complex at Leumeah was turned out in great condition with plenty of parking and the added advantage of having the licensed club right next door, with viewing of two courts from inside the venue.

2025 Camden Classic MT200

The inaugural Camden Classic tournament was held between 29 and 31 August 2025 at the picturesque town of Camden, south west of Sydney. Tennis Seniors NSW Secretary Di Cassell was tournament director and noted that receiving 111 across 24 events for the first staging of the tournament was a most pleasing response. Di also noted that more than 45% of players were first time competitors in an ITF tournament. A huge thank you goes out to Camden Tennis, which got right behind the whole event and helped to ensure that all of the visitors were well cared for. No doubt this will be a growing event into the future.

2025 Forster Seniors' Decimated by Rain

The very popular seniors tournament held annually on the Bank Holiday weekend, 1 to 3 August, was this year cut short due to a strong storm cell which sat above the northern coastal towns for several days during that week. Normally catering for over 220 participants, this years edition saw singles being played on Friday 1 August, but doubles on both Saturday and Sunday being a total washout. The weather broke on Monday, permitting some play to take place, but many events over the weekend were decided by the toss of a coin. Disappointing for the organisers who do a tremendous job putting on this tournament each year. Let's hope that next year things will return to the normal sunny days that we come to associate with the lovely coastal town of Forster.