

Pines Tennis Club

February 2026



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF COMMUNITY TENNIS



We have an exciting year of events planned to celebrate our 40th birthday including:

- Club dinner and dance
- Special round robin tournaments
- Ladies Day Wimbledon Style High Tea
- Trivia Night
- Multicultural Day
- Club Champs
- AGM wine and cheese

We hope you will join the fun!

We would be greatly appreciative of any help in organising these events. Even a few hours or if one event catches your imagination, please contact Di Barrett 0431 771 235.



Welcome to February and to a brand-new year at the Pines Tennis Club! 🎾

We hope everyone has enjoyed a refreshing summer break and is ready for another exciting year, both on and off the court. 2026 is shaping up to be a very special year for our club as we celebrate its 40th anniversary — a milestone that reflects four decades of friendship, sport, and a strong community spirit.

Throughout the year we have a full calendar of events planned, from competitive and social tennis to special celebrations marking our 40th anniversary. Whether you are a long-time member or new to the Club, there will be plenty of opportunities to play, connect, and be part of this memorable year.

We look forward to seeing you back on court and sharing what promises to be a fantastic year together at the Pines.



Wednesday Night Flexi Gala – End-of-Year Celebration

2026 Committee

- **Graeme Barnes: President**
0409308039
- **Dianna Barrett: Vice President**
0431771235
- **Tony Bishop: Treasurer**
0404767556
- **Aaron Sharplin: Secretary**
- **Robert Jamieson: Coach**
- **Daniel Jimenez: Social Media**
- **Nestor Palma**
- **Rosalin Mawlanazada**
- **Craig Mc Kellar**
- **Pablo Jimenez**
- **Katrina Burgess**
- **Rosa Cotta**

Our first Open Day/ Come and Try Day held in conjunction with the Canberra School of Tennis is just a few short weeks away. If you have friends, family or children interested in what the Pines has to offer, come along and find out. All new members taking out an annual subscription will receive a month free membership.



Come & Try TENNIS

Saturday 14th Feb 2026
1pm – 3pm

NORTHSIDE & SOUTHSIDE VENUES
The Pines Tennis Club in Chisholm
Weston Creek Tennis Club
Gold Creek School

**TRY THE LATEST TENNIS
AUSTRALIA ENDORSED
PROGRAMS**

- Hot Shots for kids
- Cardio Tennis for adults
- Social Play
- Membership & Term deals
- FREE Activities
- Bookings essential

CONTACT
Tuggeranong – 0432 118 204
Weston Creek – 0408 486 191
Gungahlin – 0429 198 719

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



A reminder to sweep courts after playing

Just a friendly reminder to please sweep the courts after you finish playing.

Sweeping helps evenly distribute the sand and keeps the courts in good condition for everyone.

Thanks for helping look after our courts — we really appreciate it!



Tuesday/Wednesday Night Gala

Entries for Tuesday night gala and Wednesday night Flexi-gala are open! Tuesday night is for more advanced or experienced players, whereas Wednesday night is for a mix of players from advanced to beginner. Wednesday evening is open to those who cannot commit to attending every week but register their interest each week with players, playing against others of about the same level.



Contact:

Tuesday Gala: Nicole Locke
0439 907 005

Wednesday Flexi-gala: Emma
Phelan 0414 300 871

Member Information Protection Officer

The Pines is committed to ensuring that our club is a safe environment for all members. Importantly, we have a Child Protection Policy. All Office Bearers and coaching staff are required to have a Working with Vulnerable People Card. Member Protection Information Officers (MPIOs) are there to listen to issues raised by members, before triaging and referring them to the right place to find a resolution. The MPIO is responsible for providing information about a person's rights, responsibilities, and options to an individual making a complaint or raising a concern, as well as information support during the process. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss an issue arising at the club, please contact Di Barrett on 0431 771 235.

Thank You, Kerry Scarlett

After many years of dedicated and loyal service, Life Member Kerry Scarlett has retired from the Pines Tennis Club Committee. Kerry has undertaken a wide range of important roles, including Canberra Tennis League Coordinator, Membership Officer and MIPO. Kerry implemented the very successful ball recycling program. (See article). He has proudly represented the Club in Pennant competition and has been a familiar and valued presence at countless club-organised events over the years. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kerry for his outstanding contribution and lasting legacy at the Club. We will still see Kerry on the courts at Wednesday morning social tennis, enjoying a hit with friends.



Wednesday morning social tennis

9am-11am
Members Free
Non-Members
\$6.00
Contact: Kerry
Scarlett
0414 292 150

Working Bee Save the date: Sun 1 March 9.00am

Volunteers needed for work on the gardens and general clean up in Clubroom.
Any amount of time highly valued.
Contact: Di Barrett
0431 771 235



Court Expansion Update

The Club is awaiting further information from the ACT Government. We will keep you updated on any developments.

Canberra Tennis League

Our Pines teams did very well during the Autumn competition, finishing runners up in two of the Thursday Night Divisions. We are currently in the midst of the Summer Competition which usually attracts fewer teams than the comps in Autumn and Spring. We currently have 2 teams participating in the Mon night comp and 4 teams across 3 divisions on Thursday night.



Errol Neish at presentaton

Entries are open for registrations for Autumn Canberra Tennis League. Closing on 27 February. If you would like to join or form a team, please contact Di Barrett on 0431 771 235



Thursday Night Div 3 team runners up against Jerra

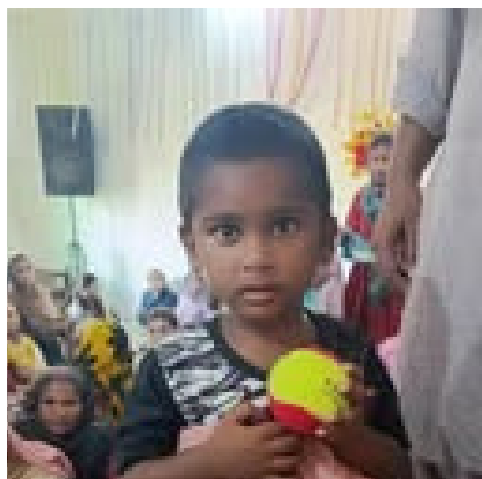
Seniors Tournaments

A number of Pines members are regular participants in seniors events around Canberra and interstate. Tennis Seniors ACT run monthly round-robin competitions on Sundays alternately at Melba and Weston. There are opportunities to form teams and compete in NSW at locations such as Merimbula, West Wyalong and Kiama. Recently, several members represented the ACT in the National Seniors Competition on the Gold Coast. Membership costs \$20, and if you are 30 years or over, you are eligible to join. For more information or to join, visit:

<https://play.tennis.com.au/tennisseniorsact/Membership/Join>.



Rosa Cotta, Karen Renfrey and Di Barrett in 55-65 age group at Seniors Nationals



Ball Recycling Project

Perhaps you are unaware that The Pines Tennis Club operates a ball recycling program. There is a box in the clubhouse where you can leave any used balls. If you are wondering what happens to these balls, read on.

Our balls are collected by a charity called the "Circle of Women" and are sent to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines. Canberra Circle of Women is a not-for-profit community organisation which works to make a difference globally for girls and women.

Our goals are to:

- End period poverty
- Increase access to education
- Decrease infant mortality

Globally, 510 million women do not have what they need to manage their periods, and many girls leave school within a year of the start of their period. This will affect a girl for the rest of her life, giving her fewer employment options and increasing the likelihood of early marriage and motherhood, preventing her from breaking the cycle of poverty. We help girls and women by providing sustainable, washable period kits which will last up to five years. This helps keep girls in school and provides dignity and opportunity for their future. Over the past eight years, we have sewn and distributed over 12000 kits.

We provide:

- Period kits, bras and toiletries
- Mumma and Joey packs for newborns
- Kids clothing and footwear
- Knitwear
- Adult footwear
- Toys, balls, puzzles and games
- School stationery
- Linen

In Canberra, we work with 12 charities to provide them with donated and handmade items tailored to their needs. We particularly focus on vulnerable Canberrans, including those experiencing homelessness, mental health challenges, substance use issues, or escaping domestic violence.

We also work with First Nations communities through the Remote OpShop Project where we send items specific to their needs. This project is community-led, offering support and essential items, and funding additional projects within these communities.

We are entirely volunteer-based and 100% of what we receive goes directly towards supporting girls and women. We fund our organisation through the Pearce Crafters Market, held four times a year, as well as through donations and memberships. Currently, we have 130 members and many more volunteers.

Getting involved is easy, and we offer a wide range of activities including sewing and knitting circles, packing days, markets, and campaigns which keep us all engaged and occupied.

Please drop into the office for more information about donations or getting involved.

Our office is located in Building 1, Pearce Community Centre, Collett Place, Pearce, Canberra.
Office hours: 10 am – 1 pm weekdays
Ph 51 542 269



Coaching at the Pines

Coaching at The Pines, led by Rob Jamieson and his experienced team from CSOT, continues to thrive with a fantastic range of programs for all ages and abilities.

Adult sessions include the ever-popular Cardio Tennis—a fun, high-energy workout that gets you moving while improving your game—as well as Adult Technique Groups designed to refine your skills and boost confidence on court. One-on-one coaching sessions are available for adults.

For younger players, dedicated children's coaching programs provide a supportive environment that nurtures both tennis fundamentals and a lifelong love for the sport. Whether you're new to the game or aiming to take your skills to the next level, there's something for everyone at The Pines with CSOT!

If you would like to know more, give Rob a call on 0432 118 204 or email Robert@Csot.com.au



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