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The New Look!

The new look to NSJTA Team Events in 2025!

With the commencement of the new year, NSJTA Events is pleased to introduce a refreshed approach to communication.

The Events team has developed a new e-newsletter designed to enhance engagement with our clubs, parents, players, and all other stakeholders.

This e-newsletter will be integrated with our social media platforms and official website to maximize outreach and provide a more interactive experience.

Our goal is to deliver comprehensive updates on event results, upcoming fixtures, photographic highlights, player profiles, and additional relevant information to keep our community well informed.

Recent Results...

All the latest results from events

Pat Pearce Shield Winners 2024!

Towards the end of 2024, the NSJTA hosted the Pat Pearce Shield at the Hume Tennis Community Centre. This event is played over three days and features competition against three other regions —

Waverley Tennis, ERTA, and NEJTA.

The great news is that this year our team was successful in winning the event!

Our team was outstanding throughout the three days (team list below), and our **Bob Pascoe Shield Winner** was **Xavier Gowland**. Xavier has truly grown in his role with team events and demonstrated excellent leadership qualities — he has been a huge asset to our teams!

What is the Bob Pascoe Shield? See below!

Well done to the team, and a big thanks to all our amazing Team Managers and parents!

We must also thank Tim and Kale at the Hume Tennis Community Centre for hosting and assisting in running the event — thanks, team!



2024 Pat Pearce Shield Team @ Hume Tennis Community Centre

2024 Team

Xavier Gowland	Anastasia Papadopoulos	Arya Sharma	Mariam Elagaty
Joseph Tomo	Hunter george	Ajneya Jain	Angelantonio Errico
Sienna Siveski	Alexander Nguyen	Sofia Mirzayeva	Kenzy Hussain
Mia Mitris	Nate Swale	Harshul Jhanwar	Jesher Dobariya

***** Bob Pascoe Shield *****

Robert “Bob” Pascoe – A Lasting Legacy

Robert "Bob" Pascoe spent many years on the NSJTA committee, serving as Vice President and leading the coordination of team events. Bob generously gave his time to support these events, often accompanying our teams on trips to Adelaide and other locations, creating incredible opportunities for young players to experience competitive tennis.

Sadly, Bob has passed away, but his contributions and spirit live on.

His wife, Leanne, shared these touching words:

"Rob was so proud of all the kids he took to the team events. He felt so privileged to be involved and couldn't wait for the events to happen. Even leading up to the events, he was always checking that the kids were okay to play and encouraging them at team practice. He really just loved being around kids and tennis."

"During the events, he couldn't stay still. He would always say to me, 'Lee, I haven't got time to talk — I have to go watch.' He didn't want to miss anyone playing. He was always willing to help anyone and made sure everyone had a great time, win or lose. He constantly encouraged the kids and reminded them to be honest and fair players. He was so proud of everyone at the events."

The annual awarding of the **Bob Pascoe Shield** at this event honours Bob's dedication, passion, and the countless hours he gave to the NSJTA. We continue to uphold the values he stood for — commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Above all: "Play with pride for the association and always put the team first."
#OneTeam #NSJTACulture

Daphne Fancutt Shield 2025

The opening weekend of the Australian Open saw our Daphne Fancutt team take to the courts at Doveton Tennis Centre, competing against several other regions in an event hosted annually by Waverley Tennis.

This year, the participating regions included Peninsula, ERTA, Waverley Tennis, Bayside, and our own team.

Unfortunately, heavy rain on Sunday forced the event to be cut short, and as a result, we finished in the middle of the pack. Despite facing challenges with a younger team, every player gave 150%!

A huge congratulations to **Sofia Mirzayeva**, who was awarded the **NSJTA Best Player** of the weekend — an outstanding achievement!



.State Team Championships - Pat Cash Cup 2025

[**2025 Victorian State Team Championships**](#)

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th March 2025 – Horsham Lawn Tennis Club

The 2025 Tennis Victoria State Teams Championships, featuring the prestigious Pat Cash Cup, took place on March 29–30 at the Horsham Lawn Tennis Club.

This premier junior team tennis event brought together top young players from across Victoria, competing in the 12/U, 14/U, and Junior Open divisions for both boys and girls. The championships followed a round-robin format, culminating in finals that determined the best-performing regional teams. The overall winner of the event was awarded the Pat Cash Cup, named in honour of the renowned Victorian tennis legend.

The 2025 championships marked the second year of a three-year agreement between Tennis Victoria and the Horsham Rural City Council to host this significant event in the Wimmera region.

Bayside Regional emerged as the overall winner, accumulating 188 points and narrowly edging out our team, which finished a close second with 186 points — what an outstanding effort!



What's with the name?

Take a minute to read.

Noonan News – What Does It Mean?

Noonan News is a tribute to one of the NSJTA committee's finest — Brendon Noonan!

Brendon has been involved in almost every subject, issue, and new idea you can imagine within the association. We think you get the picture! A life member of the NSJTA, Brendon has made an incredible contribution over the years.

Not only has he supported the association as a whole, but he has also played a significant role in the Events Team. When this editor first stepped into the role of Events Manager back in 2010, we needed some serious help — and, once again, Brendon was there.

Naming our little e-newsletter *Noonan News* felt like a fitting nod to someone who's always been there when it mattered.

Thanks, Brendon!

What's Next...

What's coming up in NSJTA Team Events?

Frank Sedgman Cup 2025

The 2025 Frank Sedgman Cup will be held on July 19–20 at the Traralgon Tennis Association. This prestigious event showcases the top 11-and-under tennis talent from across Victoria. The annual team competition features regional and metropolitan teams, each comprising two boys and two girls. Teams compete in a round-robin format, with each tie consisting of two boys' singles, two girls' singles, and two mixed doubles rubbers.

Team announcements are due to be made at the time of this publication.

Other Events Coming Soon:

- Pat Pearce Shield 2025
- AJP 2025/2026
- Wayne Arthurs Cup (10 & Under)
- Alicia Molik Cup (12 & Under)

Update to Team Selection Process:

The Events Committee has made a change to how teams are selected. Going forward, team selection will be by invitation only.

To be eligible to represent the Association, players must:

- Be actively involved in Association tennis, and
- Have participated in AJP (Association Junior Program) events representing the Association.

We believe this change will help improve team performance and better align with the Association's goals.

If your child is selected, a member of the Events Committee will contact you directly.

Player Profile

Xavier Gowland

Player Profile Spotlight: Xavier Gowland

Each edition of our newsletter will feature a snapshot of select players within the NSJTA. Our first player profile highlights **Xavier Gowland**, who has been an integral part of NSJTA teams in recent years and has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

Xavier was the recipient of the 2024 **Bob Pascoe Shield** (see below) awarded at the Pat Pearce Shield. This accolade recognises a player within the NSJTA who not only achieves on-court success during the event but also exemplifies exceptional leadership, attitude, and sportsmanship.

We had the opportunity to ask Xavier a few questions for this inaugural profile:

What club do you play for and train at?

I play for Coburg Tennis Club and began my career at Strathmore Tennis Club. I primarily train at Maribyrnong College with MITS and Maribyrnong Sports Academy, but I also regularly practice at both Strathmore and Coburg.

Who is your current coach?

My current coach is Jordan Wright, who has been coaching me for the past six years.

Who has been your biggest inspiration in tennis so far?

My biggest inspiration has been Roger Federer; I've always admired his style and approach to the game. Currently, I look up to Alex De Minaur for his exceptional movement and his determination on court.

What is your favourite shot to play?

I love executing a great drop shot, but my favourite shot would have to be my off forehand. It's a strong weapon in my game.

What has been your biggest challenge in tennis to date?

I've faced several challenges, including injuries, but the hardest part has been maintaining the hard work. It's tough when you're fatigued, but after pushing through, you feel a great sense of accomplishment the next time you step on court.

Can you describe your training routine?

I train approximately 11 hours per week on court. The first half of the week is dedicated to volume training, while the latter half focuses on point play, including pressure situations and match fitness through playing sets.

How do you handle high-pressure situations during a match?

In high-pressure moments, I like to play with more margin — hitting higher over the net and aiming towards the centre rather than close to the lines. I also focus on playing higher-percentage shots to reduce errors.

Do you have any short-term goals you'd like to achieve in the coming months or years?

In the next few months, I plan to compete in ITF tournaments in Australia to elevate my level of play. Additionally, I aim to achieve a ranking by the end of the year and reach around the 10 UTR mark.

Do you have any hobbies or interests outside of tennis?

Outside tennis, I am a big footy fan. I enjoyed playing growing up but had to focus on tennis after injuries. This year, I'm hoping Essendon finally secures a finals win. (Editor's note: Amen to that! #Dons2025!)

What's the best part about representing NSJTA in events?

Representing NSJTA is a privilege. The team atmosphere, both on and off the court, is incredible. Although tennis is an individual sport, being part of the team adds a unique energy and support. Even if you lose a match, the team spirit continues, and there's always a chance for redemption in subsequent matches. I hope to have the privilege of representing NSJTA many more times.

We wish Xavier all the best for 2025 and thank him for sharing his insights!

Reach Out

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How to get in contact with us & be more involved !

- ☐ For information, questions, feedback, article ideas, or story contributions, please email us at events@nsjta.org.au, and we will be in touch.
- ☐ You can also connect with us on **Instagram** and **Facebook** — please note that both groups require approval to join.
- ☐ Additionally, we maintain a **Stack Team App** group where all event information is regularly posted.
- ☐ For more details about the NSJTA and other resources, please visit our website at www.nsjta.org.au.