

New Faces



Eric Wilks

Eric and his wife Wendy came to live in Old Bar in 1983. Eric grew up in the Hunter Region. He was born in 1942 at Lorn near Maitland and went to a bush school near Muswellbrook before doing his secondary schooling at Muswellbrook High.

Eric's first job was on his father's dairy and vegetable farm. Eric did lots of farm work elsewhere in the Hunter area with various employers and that was his occupation when he met Wendy. They married in 1960 and he later worked on the Railways both at Muswellbrook and Junee. After a six year stint with the Railways he returned to do share-farming at Wellington, NSW.

Eric took up tennis in his twenties after being introduced to the sport by Wendy and her family. At that time he played most of his tennis at Denman.

Eric and his wife Wendy came to live in Old Bar in 1983 and shortly after resumed his tennis. He played competition at Old Bar and Taree. He continued to play until 2007 when injury forced him out of the game.

Eric's love of the game saw him become Secretary to the Old Bar Tennis Club for 3 terms from 1997 to 2000.

Eric now enjoys playing table tennis every Friday afternoon with the very sociable Old Bar table tennis group.

Working With Children Regulations

Our club has recently been required, along with all organisations having interaction with children, to have checks completed in accordance with Children's Guardian requirements, as to their suitability to be involved in that capacity.

Some of our volunteers are engaged in an ancillary role, that is, they give their time in areas where direct dealings with children on a 1:1 basis do not occur and as such do not require a WWC check.

Having put this enquiry to our volunteers our tennis coaches have the required approval and other members involved in volunteer work, both in canteen and other voluntary duties have voluntarily applied for and been approved under the Working with Children regulations.

Harry Hits 80

Old Bar tennis stalwart, Harry Blanch recently celebrated his eightieth birthday with 34 family and close friends. It's great to see Harry still very much involved and enjoying his tennis. He generally plays three times a week, (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings). Congratulations Harry.



Harry Blanch cutting his 80th birthday cake



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Pictured on the Manning Cruise aboard the "Island Trader", is organiser and Committeeman. Bob Bisset (left), with Kevin Steinke and Liz. Wisemantel.

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Future Committee Positions

In August our Annual General Meeting takes place and it is probably appropriate to give some thought as to who may be willing to step into some of these roles as a number of our current committee members will not be standing for re-election.

It would be great to see some younger members of the club being involved at this level but anyone who is interested in taking a place on the Committee is most welcome to attend monthly meetings to gain some idea of what would be required. Meetings take place on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30p.m. The next meeting will be on April 26th.

Manning River Cruise

About 28 members and friends of the Old Bar Tennis Club, undertook a luncheon cruise on Thursday the 2nd March, 2017. Travelling aboard the "Island Trader", the group departed Taree around 10.30 am and travelled almost to Wingham before returning to Taree. The trip started with morning tea and a hot lunch was served as the boat turned around to return home.

The scenery was outstanding, (following recent rain), the meals were delicious and the company was great. Joy Amos and Dawn Sheather won the trivia quizz following lunch.

A big thanks to Committee Member, Bob Bisset, for organising the social event.



Enjoying the Cruise on the Manning River were, from left: Steve Hood, Heather Davis and Brian Clarke.

2017 Grand Slam Ticketing

Tennis Australia receives a small allocation of tickets for the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open.

To ensure there is a fair and equitable distribution of these tickets, a ballot is conducted each year by Tennis Australia to allocate these tickets. As applications for tickets far exceeds supply there is no guarantee that applicants will receive tickets however every endeavor will be made to make an allotment to as many people as possible.

This is a special service provided by Tennis Australia to approved membership groups, which include active AO Members and State Member Associations.

The dates for the French Open 2017 are from Sunday 28th May through to Sunday 11th June.

The dates for Wimbledon 2017 are from Monday 3rd July through to Sunday 16th July.

The dates for the US Open 2017 are from Monday 28th August through to Sunday 10th September.

The ballot for this year's "slams" has now closed, but you need to keep it in mind that to attend any of these events in the future you need to book early.

Junior Sportspersons, 2016



The 2016 annual sportsmanship awards were presented at the conclusion of last year's Seaside Classic. The award for boys went to Bevan Smith of Mitchells Island, while the girl's award went to Jamie Smith (no relation) but also of Mitchells Island.

Working Bee

A working bee will be held at the Tennis Club on Sunday 30th April 2017 commencing at 2pm. We would very much appreciate it if you could give a couple of hours of your time to assist with the cleaning of gutters around the clubhouse, helping with pruning back the trees & shrubs alongside court 4 as well as tidying up around the surrounds of all the other courts. As you know many hands make light work & all who attend will be rewarded with an afternoon tea & some great home cooking by our lady members. Remember this is your club so please come along & lend a hand.

Junior Tennis News

Well the best way to describe the first term of junior tennis at Old Bar Tennis Club was wet, wet, wet as the

extended rain period only saw a limited number of Friday night tennis being played. With the rain now gone over the Easter period junior tennis will resume the first week school goes back on Friday 28th April 2017. We are also pleased to advise that the ANZ Bank is continuing its sponsorship with Tennis Australia of the Hot Shots program by providing free ANZ Hot Shot T-shirts by registering at <https://hotshots.tennis.com.au/register/>. This opportunity is available along with other awesome benefits to all junior tennis players at our Club. So parents please take this opportunity to be part of this great junior development program.

Table Tennis Group

The Old Bar table tennis club is a very active little group that plays every Friday from 1pm till about 3pm in the tennis clubhouse. We are currently looking for more players and would welcome either experienced or new players. We play doubles only and have a lot of fun, as it's social play only. Several of our players had never played before they started here, but practice makes perfect! You can play as many or as few games as you like. Afternoon tea is provided.

The cost is only 50c per afternoon - where else can you have so much fun and such great exercise for that amount? The first afternoon is free, but after that it is a requirement to become a member of the tennis club for insurance purposes. For further information, either just turn up at 1pm on Friday, or phone Joyce on 6553 7052.



Part of the very sociable Table Tennis Group, who meet at the Club of a Friday afternoon, enjoying an afternoon tea break.