

## New Faces

Robin has enjoyed playing tennis from a young age, growing up in a small country town Temora NSW, throughout married and family life and now, most of all, in retirement.

Robin and husband Ross were both school teachers, teaching in the Riverina NSW before Ross' appointment to Old Bar in 1980. The family lived in Old Bar for twelve years, before moving onto small acreage with their four children Linda, Kim, Sandra and Simon.

Robin taught in the district at Old Bar, Tinonee, Chatham Public, Wingham Public and retired from Tinonee as Relieving Principal in 2014. Whilst at Tinonee she had the pleasure of coaching the Tinonee tennis team, who in 2013 were the North Coast champions of the school knockout competition. Other hobbies and interests include: volunteer work at the Manning Entertainment Centre, Mid Coast Library and working on contract for three universities as a University Supervisor of Pre-Service Teachers. Robin also enjoys Rock N Roll dancing, walking, gardening and caravan travelling.

Serving as a committee member of Old Bar Tennis Club has been a pleasure of the past two years. The club supports the community so generously.

Playing social tennis on Tuesday and Friday mornings at Old Bar has provided the opportunity to renew old friendships and make many new ones with such a great, friendly group of people.

Ross dreads having to put up with Robin's mood of disappointment if ever it is too wet to play. Fortunately that hasn't been too often.

## 2017 Seaside Classic

With the 2017 Old Bar Seaside Classic only months away, its now time to think about your participation and who might be your partner in the various doubles events this year.



Robin Middleton

## Successful Working Bee

The Club conducted what was considered one of the more successful Working Bee on Sunday 30th April 2017. The working Bee commenced at 2pm and went through to 4 pm. About 15 members turned up and the work revolved around cleaning out guttering, pruning back trees and shrubs along the sides of courts 3 & 4, and picking up many branches and leaf litter, both within the court area as well as the surrounds, following recent strong winds.

Most of the workers stayed around and enjoyed a much deserved "cuppa", following operations. The Club's thanks goes to all those who participated and tho the ladies who provided the afternoon tea.

## Membership Now Due

The fees for membership are now due. These are traditionally set at the May General Meeting, and for this year all membership fees and court hire fees have remained the same as last year's. In fact, the only change made was to abolish the Clubhouse hire of three hours or less and make all Clubhouse hire either a half day or a full day.

### Membership

Adult Member .....\$48.00

Junior Member .....\$27.00

Family .....\$125.00

### Court Hire – Per Hour

Members Non-Members

Day \$7 \$22

Night \$8 \$32

### Clubhouse

Day \$25.00

Night \$30.00

Full Day \$50.00

Kitchen \$25.00

BBQ \$20.00



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Some of the volunteers lining up for a photo shoot following the successful working bee held on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April.

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## Tom-antics

Now that the dust has settled on Wimbledon we can reflect on the state of Australian tennis, and in particular the antics of some of our more talented male players.

Their lack of competitiveness and compassion for the game at such a level is unbelievable. And to retort to Australian tennis fans that their criticism was due to the fact that they were jealous of them being "rich, was nothing short of childish. One correspondent suggests that one such player should be renamed "Tomic the tank engine"

## Eli Gains Valuable Experience in the USA



*Eli Worldon displaying his sponsorship shirt following his 26 day tennis tour of the USA. And at right, in action last year at the Old Bar Seaside Classic. The Old Bar Tennis Club was one of the sponsor names on the shirt.*

Sixteen year old Eli Worldon of Failford, recently returned from a 26 day tour of the USA with the Margaret Court Tennis Academy.

Eli, who first started playing the game at age 9, has developed a real passion for the game and has his heart set on furthering his tennis career through the US College program whilst gaining a professional qualification at the same time. His ultimate aim is to study biochemical engineering and bionics to help others to regain the joy of movement.

The tour with the Margaret Court Tennis Academy (associated with the United States Tennis Association), provided him with a valuable opportunity to experience what playing for a college team, associated with the National Athletic Association of Schools Colleges and Universities (NAACSU), is really like in the USA.

It also allowed him to play a number of matches throughout the tour, train with some of the best college players, make a number of life long friendships and understand what is expected of him as a college athlete.

Eli played about 20 matches all up, which included 3 tournaments, mainly through California and Nevada. His best result was reaching the quarter-finals in Yuba City, Northern California.

On his return Eli thanked his sponsors, especially the Old Bar Tennis Club for helping him to take part on the tour as well as the help and support of Club President, Wayne Deer.

## Annual General Meeting

If you belong to an organisation such as a sporting club and are passionate about that pursuit, then you should make an effort to attend important decision making meetings. For our Club there are two of these meetings held each year. Firstly, the May General Meeting where decisions are made regarding the setting of charges and fees which will enable the Club to meet its financial commitments for the ensuing financial year. And secondly, the Annual General Meeting which is held in August of each year. Here important administrative decisions are made regarding the direction the Club is heading and the objectives it hopes to attain.

The Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 14th August for the election of the management committee for the year 2017-2018.

Please note that this year's AGM will be held a week earlier than usual.

All positions will be declared vacant and open for nominations for the positions of:

President	Asst/ Treasurer
Vice President	Social Secretary
Secretary	Sport & Recreation Committee
Treasurer	Representative

The election process will be followed by the General Meeting for the month of August.

Since most of the current committee members have been in their positions for some time this will be an opportunity for new office bearers to not only preserve the current atmosphere of friendliness and inclusiveness but bring new perspectives, ideas and talent to the future directions of our club.

## From the Editor

This will be my last edition of "On The Line" as editor of our quarterly newsletter. After 13 years in the role I am finally hanging up my pencil and camera at the next AGM.

I take this opportunity to thank all those wonderful members of our Club who have provided me with material for the newsletter over the many years and who have made my task much easier.

