



# Grace Park Hawthorn Club

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## 2023/24 Grace Park Hawthorn Club Membership Renewal Notices

Dear Grace Park Hawthorn Club Members,

It has been another great year for Grace Park Hawthorn Club with club usage and membership levels at an all time high. The club is working hard to live up to its mission statement:

***“GPHC is a member-focused club whose mission is to offer a premium sporting, fitness and function facility in a boutique, inclusive and friendly environment. Boasting first class facilities, GPHC offers access to competition across all standards of tennis, squash and snooker and encourages social interaction amongst its members and guests.”***

Membership continues to grow and is now approaching 1000. To keep members engaged and finding value in the Club, we continue to offer members events above and beyond our regular sporting competitions and events, such as Wine Tastings, Friday Evening Bar Trivia, Music Evenings and Snooker Exhibitions.

A key strategy of the club is to develop premier teams in all major club sporting activities. The Club is well represented in this regard with GPHC entering a women’s team in the tennis Premier League for the first time with the team doing very well. The club came away with the best female player award and the best club engagement award. Furthermore, we have men’s and women’s state league tennis teams and our A1 squash team came very close to winning the grand final of the recent Autumn pennant season.

Our major project for this past financial year has been the redevelopment of tennis courts 6&7, which was essential as the Courts were no longer playable for matches. The construction phase of the redevelopment was completed on time and the project came in a little under budget at \$160k and the construction phase was finished on time. Limited use has been underway since May with full use available once the surface is sufficiently hard. This project increases the Club’s capability and is an investment into the future.

### **Changes in fees for 2023/24**

CPI including costs of services, insurance and energy have increased significantly over the past few years and the Club Committee and Management have been working hard to optimise club offerings while meeting these cost increases. The increase this year is necessary to keep in line with rising costs and is only the second increase in fees in six years. Membership fees help to maintain and grow the club with improved services facilities, capital improvements including the kitchen and general maintenance.

The membership categories and fees for the 2023/24 year are:

- Adult – \$590
- Junior (under 25 years of age) – \$280
- Family Adult – \$480
- Family Junior – \$240
- Mid-week – \$300
- Senior – \$360
- Social – \$95

The club needs the ongoing support of those members to be both financially and socially viable. Club memberships are due for renewal on the **31<sup>st</sup> July 2023** and we ask our members to continue to support the club moving forward. Unfinancial members as of 1 August 2023 will not be able to book courts so don't delay in renewing your membership.

### **\$50 House Credit for Adult members that pay before 31 July 2023**

As per last year, the club will be providing a \$50 House Credit to Adult members cards for membership fees paid **prior to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**. The credit can be used in the clubhouse between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024. We note that your 2023/24 membership fees must be paid prior to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to be eligible for the House Credit.

Due to the administrative burden, members will no longer be able to add credit to their house accounts from 1 July 2023. Any existing membership credit will remain available until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, when all credit will expire.

### **Volunteering for the Club**

Our club operates for its members and relies on many members volunteering their time to assist in keeping our membership fees at this level. We thank our regular volunteers and were delighted at the response we received to our request for more volunteers. Eleven members have recently offered to volunteer - if any other members are interested in supporting the club in areas such as organizing sporting or social events, administrative assistance, maintenance and odd jobs around the club, please advise the Club Manager, Julian O'Donnell, of any skills you are willing to offer at [manager@gphc.com.au](mailto:manager@gphc.com.au).

### **Making tax deductible donations to the club for FY24**

The club has a number of capital projects that it would like to undertake (such as solar panel, LED lighting on Courts 6 & 7, additional security, etc) as it continues to grow and would greatly appreciate any support that you could provide to the club. Tax-deductible donations via the club Australian Sports Foundation project can be made by following the link below.

<https://asf.org.au/donate/gphc-clubhouse-upgrade/>

### **Renewal Notice**

Enclosed with this letter is your 2023/24 Annual Membership Renewal Notice which is due for payment by **31<sup>st</sup> July**. Should you have any questions then please contact the Club's Finance and Membership Officer, Di O'Shaughnessy, at [admin@gphc.com.au](mailto:admin@gphc.com.au)

Kind regards,

GPHC Committee

Jane Nathan, Steven Cuff (on leave), Angus Henderson, Gaurav Gupta, Rebecca Xuereb, Tim O'Loughlin, Adam Hubble, Rob De Luca, Gyver Huang, Paul De Ieso