



## Newsletter October 2020

### ***Hello Pickleballers***

A lot has happened in such a very short amount of time. The Redlands Pickleball Club is finally on the map.

After September's newsletter went out, just after our first club championships were held, it was gratifying to have so many members come forth with their inspiring comments about the tournament and genuine interest in how to help our club and the sport grow into the future.

In our September newsletter I outlined a few ways I felt our club could move forward. I'm pleased to report that, thanks to the generosity of one of our members, who wishes to remain anonymous, the club has been given a \$5000 *loan*. And thanks to that anonymous loan, which we will pay back as quickly as possible, we have been able to progress with the work needed to the outside area, making it a day and night-time venue.

We had many members attend a working bee to help install shade cloth and perform general maintenance of the outside courts, during the professional installation of the outside lighting. A thanks goes out to them.

Our first outdoor under lights game night was played on the 7th October, just 9 months after our club was officially formed. On Wednesday the 14th October we had a record number attend the evening session our biggest turn up with 42 players hitting the courts (photo to follow). The place was electric and it was an awesome atmosphere.

This has now given the club a great opportunity to forge ahead. It also allows us to increase our game days from 4 to 8 courts, doubling our capacity to accommodate 48 people per session. It will also help the club financially, initially to clear the loan to our generous member and then to also plan into the future as to how we grow our sport in the Redlands.



During September we were fortunate to have our local member, Councillor Wendy Boglary, attend a session of Pickleball. Wendy couldn't play on the night due to a knee injury, but, has committed to returning to enjoy a game or two in the future. Thanks very much Wendy for attending we hope you will be back for a game soon when the knee has recovered. We thank you for your support in the past and would be grateful to hear of any ideas you have going forward.

Can I please ask that you bring the correct money on game day, it makes things much easier for us financially? Chris does a fantastic job keeping track of the club finances and we don't want to add additional jobs to his role, by placing people in credit or debt in ongoing game fees. Thankyou !!!

***But wait there is more !!!!!***



Thanks to **Mark Nugent** we now have our own website  
[www.redlandspickleballclub.com](http://www.redlandspickleballclub.com)

We also have our own **Facebook group** page thanks to **Jan Doran**. When you get a chance check them both out and join our Facebook group by seeking 'Janet Doran' as a 'Facebook friend' and then Jan will invite you to join the Redlands Pickleball Facebook group.

If your driving down Gordon St past the Ormiston School, take a look at the electronic sign, it has a message about our club from the school community.

THANK YOU to the  
Redlands Pickleball Club for  
adding lighting to the OLA and  
upgrading our Hall lights



Thank you for the exposure Ormiston State School

*Our club is in good shape with great members.*

We have a task force progressing our first club T-shirt which I am sure you will be impressed with and should be available at a very reasonable price in the coming weeks.

After a bit of maneuvering we have settled on a very important date for our big day. We have our Annual General Meeting / Tournament / Christmas breakup day on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 9am - 3pm**. We would love everyone to attend, if you can't come for the whole time it would be nice to have you there for the Annual General Meeting (from approximately 11.30am -12.00pm).

A big thank you goes to 'Julie McGuire' for standing up and organizing a couple of Monday night social sessions over the school holidays, background music provided a gym like workout. There were big attendances which tells me you just can't get enough of this great sport.

Most improved player of the month goes to 'Jumping Janette Christie'. Janette has improved her all-round game, well done Janette, I'm impressed.

*A big welcome goes to our new players:*

*Margaret Southern, Hiki Raureti, Anita Veail, Ian Young, Phil O'Gorman, Di Cameron, Jane Horvath, Nick Horvath, Kim Clay and Audrey Wilson.*

### UPCOMING EVENT:-

Pickleball Australia Association Ltd

2020 Queensland Pickleball Championships- Registration Open

## QUEENSLAND PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 Nov 27 - 29

Registrations are open for the Inaugural Queensland Pickleball Championships. This tournament is open to all pickleball players affiliated with Pickleball Australia Association Ltd through a state association or affiliated club.

Early Bird Rate of \$50 is available till October 31<sup>st</sup>.

This includes your registration and first event. Each other event entered costs \$10. For further information please access the official website for the **2020 Queensland Pickleball Championships**.

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