

## Presidents Report 2025

Having the position of president of GCPA in 2025 has been an honour. Our committee has worked through the issues that have arisen through the year quite harmoniously.

The main projects for the year have been the roof over the courts which is progressing well. There have been a few hiccups along the way with council and designs, but we are getting closer to having the roof constructed. Earlier in the year we did some fact finding visits to the Pat Rafter Tennis centre and Josephine Neale's house to see different construction methods and how time and our salty environment will affect the different methods it was decided after much discussion with the project manager and ourselves to go for the soft roof such as on the Pat Rafter Tennis Centre over a hard type of construction. The Pat Rafter Centre was built in 2007 opened in 2009 and still looks Brand New.

The other large project that was successful was the resurfacing of the courts this was done and found to have an adhesion problem the paint company and the contractor came back and sorted it out and we now have a good surface for a couple of years till we can do a major project on the resurfacing of the courts that will give us a sound surface for years into the future after the roof structure is finished.

We had a great club day organised by Peter Lee and Helen Bryant. It was a great success being oversubscribed and very well organised. As the day went on it was good to see different teams doing well as the make up of them was a variety of the talent that exists in our club. Finishing off with an enthralling final.

The inaugural State Of Origin was held between the Tweed Club and GCPA, Tweed was victorious but by just one win over 40 games and great fun was had by all. It will hopefully become an annual affair in which I am sure will be fought tenaciously in the future.

Our team at Runaway Bay led by Geoff and backed up by Peter Bell have kept Runaway Bay running like clockwork. There are some interesting times in the future for Runaway Bay as the council is doing some preparatory work towards a complete new plan for that extensive site and Geoff and Peter are both involved in the planning. So hopefully we will have a good outcome.

Tallebudgera has had another successful year under Geoff's tutelage and is going from strength to strength. We also thank Geoff for his photography over the years and especially this years Club day.

I would like to make special mention of the efforts put in by Vicki Tamandl. She was a great help in understanding the Black situation and organised meetings so we could

speak to those at the time of the incident and understand the details. She also gave valuable information to our secretary and kept us up to date with grants available and helped write them.

The social committee worked hard though due to weather and other constraints some of the events didn't eventuate. Well done guys.

The committee has worked harmoniously on these projects and many other day to day issues that have arisen over the year. Special mention must be made of Ian Goldie and Darrell Rose's efforts in the efforts required to do the research on the roof. Annettes ability to keep us all on our toes and performing our roles. The Runaway Bay team have kept us up to date with issues up there and the other committee members for being a part of a vibrant team.

The Black affair is still ongoing, but it must be noted that we have won the case at this stage though there is an Appeal to be heard in November on the outcome. From discussion we have had with our legal team we are hoping for a positive outcome.

We had some down time this year with cyclone Alfred and the resurfacing of the deck. We have performed admirably in the finance area considering the down time that nature and circumstances gave us.

I would like to thank our Convenors for a great job done very well. A thankless task at times but one carried out with aplomb. Our maintenance team of Gary and Arthur kept things maintained and we now have a practice wall on the Southern Side for those that wish to practice by themselves. A lot of work done by these guys, keeping the day-to-day activities of the club .

I wish the incoming committee much success for the future. I am not applying for the position again as my work commitments have increased and I am unable to give the time and effort required as your president.

Regards

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