



...from the Chairman of The Kooyong Foundation, Peter Quinn



Club members will no doubt share my delight at the continued success of young players who have taken their careers to a new level after receiving support from the Kooyong Foundation.

In recent months,

Foundation recruits have produced some outstanding results. Jason Kubler must be congratulated on his victory in the Under 16 singles at the Australian Nationals in October.

The 15-year-old also reached the final of the Under 18 singles at the Sydney Junior ITF tournament a week later.

Another Foundation junior, Molly Polak, followed up her win in the Under 14 singles at the Winter Nationals with victory in the Open Singles at the Casey Classic Open in September. These are impressive results for a girl of 14 and a very promising career beckons for Molly.

In September, 17-year-old Sally Peers took the Open Singles title at the Acton Property Australian Money Tournament in Rockhampton, before reaching the semi final of the Open Singles in the ITF City of Mount Gambier Blue Lake Womens International the following month.

Earlier in the year, Sally reached the Under 18 Doubles Final at the Wimbledon Juniors and also racked up fine performances in tournaments in Germany (singles quarter final, doubles round 16) and Italy (doubles champion and singles quarter final).

Finally, may I pass on my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Kooyong members and their families.

Peter Quinn
Chairman of The Kooyong Foundation

Museum

The work to develop the Clubhouse in 2009 will include creation of museum displays depicting Kooyong as the spiritual home of Australian tennis.

Members and guests will enjoy displays and exhibits, reflecting the significant part Kooyong played in tennis throughout the last century.

It is proposed that themed displays, both permanent and temporary, will be features around the Clubhouse.

The Club is currently seeking to register as a Deductible Gift Recipient and this will allow people to donate items of value and subject to the conditions of eligibility, receive a tax deductible benefit.

For further information regarding these and other opportunities including naming rights and sponsorship opportunities within the new display areas, contact CEO, Chris Brown on 9822 3333.

Remembering Fitzie

Kooyong lost one of its great stalwarts last year with the death of 50-year member and passionate club supporter John Fitzgerald.



Fitzie (no relation to the Davis Cup champion but just as keen a competitor) was one of the forces behind the formation of the Kooyong Foundation and served as a key adviser to several club presidents.

The Club and the Foundation have plans under way to establish a permanent memorial to him and this will be launched at the luncheon on the final day of the AAMI Classic, Saturday, January 17.

I'd like to encourage Fitzie's many Kooyong friends to make a booking and come along that day to remember a great mate and support this important initiative.

I would also invite club members to consider making a donation to enable the Foundation to continue its work of sponsoring promising young players.

Many individual members make regular contributions and we have been fortunate to receive substantial help from people like Bert Dennis (Dennis Family Homes), John Laidlaw (Yakka) and Philip Munz (GSA group).

If you as an individual, or through a company, would like to contribute, we'd love to hear from you.

