



# M.E.M.R.L.T.A. INC.

Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association Incorporated



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## THE 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF M.E.M.R.L.T.A. INC.

Will be held at **6.45pm** on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24th, 2026**

**\*\*\*\*(Please note change of time and day)\*\*\*\***

**Mount Waverley Community Centre – Hall A  
47 Miller Cres., (off Stephensons Road)  
MT WAVERLEY.**

Each Club should be represented at the A.G.M. by TWO voting delegates. Additional members are most welcome to attend.

As there are By-law amendment submissions, please have your phone with you to refer to our By-laws on our Website.

**Remember** that a \$25 fine applies to a Club not represented at the A.G.M.

### AGENDA:

- Apologies
- Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM 2025 (Please download from our Website)
- Business Arising
- Condolences
- President's Report
- Anne Hubbard Award
- Treasurer's Report
- Appointment of Auditor
- Setting of Affiliation Fees & Honouriums
- Proposed amendments to By-laws
- Election of Office Bearers
- General Business

Coffee and tea will be available prior to the Meeting commencing and at the completion of the AGM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to BY-LAWS**

The following By-law submissions/amendments have been submitted by the Executive Committee

**The following submission of these By-law changes will need to be passed as a ‘block’ to allow a 5 player team for our Association**

**Proposed Amendments to Allow 5-Player Teams**

10. Composition of Teams [Item 10c below is new; the current 10c, 10d & 10e to be renamed 10d, 10e & 10f respectively.]

- a. Each team shall consist of 4 or 5 ladies.
- b. Prior to commencement of a match, any Captain playing a 5-player team must inform the opposing captain. The Home Captain will then list her team members' order (1-4 or 1-5) on the score sheet, after which the Away Captain will then complete the score sheet with her team members' order. This classification must be adhered to throughout the match. Failure to adhere to such classification will result in a forfeit of incorrect sets.
- c. When a 5-player team is used, this must be noted in the comments section on the online scoring system.
- d. A match shall consist of six sets of Ladies' doubles. Sets for four-player teams will be played in the following order: 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1st and 3rd, 2nd and 4th, 1st and 4th, 2nd and 3rd. Sets for five-player teams will be played in the following order: 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1st and 3rd, 2nd and 5th, 1st and 5th, 2nd and 4th. The order of sets may be varied by agreement between the two captains. A three-minute hit-up is permissible for the 5th player just prior to her commencing her first set.

**Order of Play**

<b>4 Players</b>	<b>5 Players</b>
1x2	1x2
3x4	3x4
1x3	1x3
2x4	2x5
1x4	1x5
2x3	2x4

**7. Registration of Emergencies**

d. Any emergency (including any pool emergency) must play in position #3, #4 or #5, or the lowest position available if more than 2 emergencies (including pool emergencies) are playing in the one match....

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Note: by-law 9b will NOT be altered:

9b. If a complete team is not in attendance at the courts listed for the match within 45 minutes of agreed starting time, the offending team shall be deemed as giving a forfeit. Penalty as per By-Law 11 (b).

### **Supporting Statement:**

The MEMRLTA Committee believes that the option of using a 5-player team on a match day would be helpful for many teams—not for winning the match but for helping more players to be able to play. When using a 5-player team, the #1 and #2 players will still play three sets each, but the #3, 4 & 5 players will play only two sets each. This is helpful for players who:

- are coming back from injury,
- find playing three sets physically challenging,
- don't want to play three sets on a hot day, or
- might need to leave early.

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### **Proposed new By-law 12h Determination of Matches (and renaming current 12h to 12i)**

If one team has such a lead as would entitle it to claim the match, the match may cease only if both captains agree to stop play. Only the games played will be the recorded score, and the remaining games will be recorded as “not played”. Unless both captains agree to stop play, the match must continue, and if one team fails to continue, then the games/sets not played, will be forfeited to the opposing team.

### **Supporting Statement:**

This new By-law is to clarify the situation when one team has a lead in the match to allow them to CLAIM the match without playing any further.

The Committee believes that both teams have the right to continue playing the match to its completion, allowing either team to gain (or improve) percentage by winning more games and hence (possibly) improve their standing on the ladder.

The option is available to stop the match after an unbeatable lead has been achieved – by agreement of BOTH captains.

The score recorded in Match Centre is ONLY the games played. If one team does not want to continue – they retire (if this occurs during a set) or forfeit, if the set has not been commenced.

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### **Proposed new By-law 14f Substitutes**

Any player who retires during a set or forfeits a set because of illness, accident or other emergency cannot take the court for any part of the remainder of the match. The remaining games or sets can only be played with an eligible emergency as per By-law 7.

### **Supporting Statement:**

This new By-law clarifies the use of players retiring during a set or forfeiting a set due to injury (most commonly). The act of retiring or forfeiting CANNOT be used to ‘rest’ for the next set.

There is a 10 minute ‘injury’ timeout in the By-laws (By-law 14b.) which can be used ONCE per player per match. The set continues after the ‘timeout’ has concluded.

### **Proposed amendment to by-law 16d Finals**

d. Semi and Grand Final matches to commence at 10.00 a.m. in the Winter and 9.30 a.m. in the Summer.

to become:

d. Semi and Grand Final matches to commence at **9.30 a.m.**

### **Supporting Statement:**

This amendment is proposed to avoid confusion between the two final start times for each season.

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### **Proposed amendment to By-law 17a Trophies**

a. Pennants will be presented to the premiers and runners-up in each section, for both Winter and Summer Competition.

to become:

a. **Prizes** will be presented to the premiers in each section, for both Winter and Summer Competition.

### **Supporting Statement:**

This amendment is proposed to match our By-laws with our recent practice for awarding prizes to our season premiers.

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**The following By-law amendment has been submitted by Donvale Tennis Club:-**

### **Proposed amendment to By-law 14 (d)**

d. A substitute should be at the court ready to play within one hour of cessation of play. A three (3) minute hit up is permissible.

to become:

d. A substitute should be at the court ready to play within **45 minutes** of cessation of play. A three (3) minute hit up is permissible

### **Donvale's supporting statement:**

Our rationale behind this is that we just feel waiting one hour for someone to come and take the court to play is a tad too long for other players to wait and contribute to finishing later on in the day.

Committee is neutral to this submission.

**NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2026/27**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Nominator</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Nominator</u></b>
President:	Christine Shearer	Gardiner	Nerida Muirden	Jessica Fary
Vice President:	Jackie Aslett	Legend Park	Diane Turnbull	Margaret Reeve
Secretary:	Fiona Dwyer	Vermont South	Marjo MacDonald	Libby Fergusson
Assistant Secretary:	Jessica Fary	Gardiner	Christine Youings	Christine Shearer
Treasurer:	Noelene Duckett	East Malvern	Debra Bolic	Jenny Turner
Record Secretaries:	Christine Youings	Gardiner	Jessica Fary	Nerida Muirden
	Helen Williams	Camberwell Utd	Susan Arthur	Donna Hansen
General Committee:	Sally Addison	Kooyong	Shelly Hart	Justin Cox
	Ros Brereton	Parker Reserve	Diana Baxter	Edda Zhou
	Jillina Kaminsky	Kooyong	Angela Godwin	Kimberley Mustow
	Hope Stewart	East Camberwell	Helen Bell	Bee Urano
	Sandra Wolf	Kooyong	Shelly Hart	Maree Duncan