



# The Glen Iris Valley Recreation Club

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2 April 2015

The Member

As addressed

Dear Member

I refer to my letter dated 11 April 2013.

The letter advised of the Rental Determination commencing from 16 September 2013 at \$57,000p.a. plus GST adjusted annually to c.p.i. during the next 25 year term. This follows the submission from the Club to the Determining Valuer that the rental should be \$4,000p.a. plus GST. The submission from the Riversdale Golf Club to the Determining Valuer was that the rental should be \$140,000p.a. plus GST.

The Determination, while disappointing, now gave the Club a certainty with which to consider its future operations and to ensure its financial stability over the longer term. The Board considered various management models for community based tennis clubs that had been developed successfully interstate, in particular, in Perth and in Canberra. The Board was assisted by Tennis Victoria and by Tennis ACT in understanding these models. We are appreciative of the support they provided together with offers of any future assistance or advice that we might have requested. The Board then started to develop a draft management agreement that was based on the interstate models but based on our specific requirements, in particular, members' rights. During the development of the management agreement, discussions were held with a number of active sections within the Club on their initial comments on the proposed management model.

The Board was approached in July 2014 by members of the MCC (Melbourne Cricket Club) Tennis Section as to whether there would be interest on the part of Glen Iris to consider a merger with the MCC Tennis Section. The background to the request was the uncertainty over the occupancy that the MCC had for its Tennis Section at the St Kilda Road Reserve. The Reserve was nominated (since confirmed) for the re-development for headquarters for Cricket Victoria and Shield Cricket. These initial approaches subsequently expanded into discussions including both the MCC and the MCC Foundation. The discussions have led all parties to believe that a merger between the MCC Tennis Section and our Club is to the long-term benefit of both Clubs and its

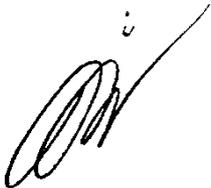
members. Both Clubs have a rich history and a proud tradition that would translate well into a new Club and supporting culture at High Street Road Mount Waverley.

The Board now believes it is now opportune to brief its members on the discussions that it has held with the MCC and seek your support to progress those discussions to the stage where formal proposals for the merger can be put to respective members in the latter half of 2015. I should clearly advise that no commitments have been entered into at this stage and that the discussions with the MCC have been on a “good faith” basis by both parties exploring the benefits of merger.

Accordingly, a Member’s Information Night has been arranged (for financial members only) on Wednesday 22 April 2015 commencing at 8.00pm to elaborate on the current discussions, to address any questions, comments or issues that you may have. The MCC will also be briefing its Tennis Section Members at or around the same date.

The Board looks forward to your attendance on Wednesday 22 April 2015 to discuss the opportunities for the new direction for our Club. Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to [info@gleniristennis.org.au](mailto:info@gleniristennis.org.au) or by mail to PO Box 39, Glen Iris VIC 3146 or call Club Secretary Andrew Sucevic on 0423 266 146.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Gillieron', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Peter Gillieron  
President