



Avoca Beach Tennis Club Inc.

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Avoca Beach Tennis has modernised its court booking system by introducing a web-accessed database to keep details of members, bookings and accounts. Considering the Club is run mostly by eighty year old retirees (I've seen their group put four players on the court with a combined age of 329 years), this is an innovative concept. For members that don't want to concern themselves with computers, friendly over the counter service is available at Video To Go, close to the courts.

The system was introduced to provide better availability of the courts, which are in high demand and nearly impossible to book at peak times. Since going online in September there has been a significant increase in usage of the courts. You can book from any computer with access to the web, so online is proving to be a great way to find a suitable time slot and if things change it's just as easy to cancel.

The website at www.avocabeachtennis.com was developed by Touch Technology and will be updated in the new year. Now that we've seen the functionality of the programme, we can tidy up a few things to make it easier to use and we could introduce some interesting and useful features. There are so many possibilities we'll have to just pick a couple – maybe a notice board for members or a pooled/knockout competition.

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