

## An account of Tennis Victoria's Country Week 2016

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Healesville entered one of the biggest tennis tournaments in the world in early February looking to match it with some of the big tennis clubs across Victoria.

Our team comprised of Robert Cameron, Tom Nolan, Mark Scully also Vince & Matt Gillett.

Teams may be entered with 8 names registered in advance. Over 1000 players that made up more than 190 teams graded into ten grades competed at the regional event hosted by Wodonga Lawn tennis club.

With Vince and Matt unfortunately stuck in America we needed a few Wodonga locals to help us out.

Day one began with Tom and me (Robert) losing 4 close matches against two of the top sides. The day however finished well and in our final match of the day against Korumburra-Beaconsfield we got our first win.

Our second day started a lot closer with two early tiebreakers which were both won - we looked to be ahead and a chance to make finals. With some poor serving and our limited experience on grass we were once again on the back foot losing on games. With reinforcements coming up we were able to regroup and get a win on the Albury courts against the locals. Mark hadn't played much grass court tennis but he added nicely to the group with some classy drop shots and low slice. Unfortunately the results didn't go our way and although we won half our matches for the week we didn't quite make finals.

We look forward to 2017 at Yarrawonga and will be looking to take some extra players.

***Anyone keen for 2017?*** The dates are: Monday 13 Feb – Thursday 17 Feb.

Semi Finals 4 pm on the Thursday. Friday completes all the grand finals.

There are also Ladies Doubles.

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