

Onslow Park is named top club

At Tennis West's night of nights, Onslow Park Tennis Club in Shenton Park was named the Most Outstanding Club.

The club shared the award with Alexander Park Tennis Club, in Menora.

Onslow Park club coach Matt Bull, from Tennis Factory, has been shortlisted for the national coaching excellence award by Tennis Australia.

The club award was announced at the prestigious industry awards night at the State Reception Centre in King's Park and Federation Cup captain Alicia Molik was among the special guests.

Club president James Edwards said Onslow Park Tennis Club had recently celebrated its 90th anniversary, but the club was still as vital and energetic as a 20-year-old.

Club membership had grown from 101 in 2007 to 244 this year.

"The club now has 19 pennant teams and the Tennis Factory coaches more than 400 juniors seven days a week," he said.

Tennis West CEO Geoff Quinlan said the club had progressed in leaps and bounds in the past few years.

It had a professional structure, a positive relationship with the coaching team, had adopted innovative practices and embraced the local community.

"The club enjoys a strong sense of community and offers a wide range of tennis and social activities for all interests," he said.

"Facilities have been progressively upgraded to provide excellent quality grass courts and new hard courts under lights, and is currently in the next phase of improving the 1950s club house."



The winning Onslow Park Tennis Club team include, from left, member and past secretary Paula Edwards, Steph Bull, coach Matt Bull of Tennis Factory, club president James Edwards, Debbie Singleton from Tennis Factory, and vice captain of club competition Ian Singleton. Photo: Damo Photography