

# James is top tennis volllie

Onslow Park Tennis Club's long-term president James Edwards was named Volunteer of the Year at the annual Tennis West Awards night last Friday.

"It is James's incredible commitment to our community club that resulted in this award," club secretary Susan Beresford said.

The club submission for the award said: "James is an outstanding president and without his vision, personal drive, strength and depth of character, combined with his overall love of tennis, Onslow Park Tennis Club would not be the thriving club it is today."

James's vision over the past 13 years has reinvigorated Onslow Park from an all-grass-court club, breaking even, with fewer than 100 members, into a four-hard-court, seven grass-court club with thriving juniors, pennants, and adult and social memberships.

Onslow Park now has 240 members and is looking to convert two under-used grass courts into flood-lit hard courts to enable the club to grow further.

James also invests countless hours in club activities, with no club task too large or trivial to fit it into his busy professional life.

He is down at the club on weekends fixing pergolas, attending junior award ceremonies to present trophies, and welcoming new international

members to his home to enjoy some Australian hospitality.

James said he was delighted to be recognised, but credited the work of his committee.

"This award is not only a reflection of my efforts, but the commitment and support of the committee members and many dedicated volunteers," he said.

To see the Onslow Park Tennis Club in action, head along to its community open day on Saturday, October 28.

Interested adult players are invited to join the members for some regular club play and socialising at 85 Onslow Road in Rosalie Park between 2 and 5pm.

There will be organised sets every half hour, and a mid-afternoon break for tea with a few words from outgoing mayor Heather Henderson.

Club coaches from Tennis Factory will be on hand to offer advice, assessments and tips.

For more information visit [onslowparktennisclub.com](http://onslowparktennisclub.com).

## Juniors tee off

A junior golf program will start at Sea View Golf Club on Thursday, October 26.

The after-school program will run from 4.30 to 5.30pm for seven consecutive Thursdays and costs a total of \$120.

For more information, call 9384 8879.



Tennis West has recognised the dedication of James Edwards, president of the Onslow Park Tennis Club, naming him Volunteer of the Year.