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SUBJECT: Tennis Orientation to Coaching Course Drouin 31 August 2008

Learn to be a Tennis Coach

Tennis enthusiasts of any playing standard (aged 15+) have the opportunity to enrol in an Orientation to Coaching (OTC) course. The course will be held at the Drouin Tennis Club on Sunday 31 August 2008 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

OTC courses are conducted by Tennis Victoria qualified coaching staff. The OTC course aims to provide participants with coaching information and activities. It presents *take away* concepts as well as *can do* activities that can be implemented across a range of participant standards and ages. You do not have to be a strong tennis player to enrol.

Course content is directed at children's sport and covers basic tennis skills, group organisation, planning, child development, safety aspects, modified games and activities as well as administration of junior tennis programs.

The course includes two major components:

- The OTC CD-ROM that includes the OTC Manual, interactive questionnaire, game based coaching tennis videos and other tennis resources.
- A four-hour on-court practical session which includes general sport and tennis specific coaching principles.

Application forms can be downloaded via www.tennis.gippsport.com.au at the calendar page.

For further information please contact Tim Bray 8420 8420 or e-mail tbray@tennis.com.au Details and a list of contacts can be found at – www.tennis.com.au and by clicking Coaching Matters then Orientation to Coaching (OTC).

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