

Boom times as ladies get in the swing

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ALMOST 500 players are set for a new-look ladies tennis competition.

Officials have launched the Tennis Geelong Midweek Ladies Tennis Association, with 472 players registered in 78 teams.

A host of teams crossed from the Bellarine Peninsula Tennis Association to the new competition, which kicks off on February 5.

"In 2002, we had a midweek competition in the afternoon but the ladies wanted to play in the morning, so they joined another association," midweek competition organiser Susan Bissett said.

"Now we've started up a new competition and new

clubs have joined. "We had 78"

Among the teams in the new-look competition are Geelong Lawn, Hamlyn Park, Jan Juc, Angelsea and Wandana Heights.

The tournament will consist of 10 divisions, with six teams in grade one who will play 15 rounds and a knockout final. Eight teams will play a 14-round season in grade two.

"It's going to be a high-light," midweek committee member Berris Marshall said.

Marshall is part of a new-look committee comprising Janeene Barry, Dorothy Mitchell, Vicki Rossiter, Mary Fawcett, Julie Lamond and Bissett.



NEW LEAGUE: Loretta Whitford practices for the new competition, above left. Kathy Turner, Cecile Nicholas and Olga Watters, right.



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