

### **East Gippsland 13/U Tennis Girls Win Foundation Cup**

Over last Sunday and Monday at Traralgon Tennis Centre, the best regional 13/U female tennis players competed for the coveted Foundation Cup.

Teams from the ten Tennis Victoria country regions fought for the title in warm conditions and East Gippsland were successful for the first time going through winning each of their group matches before the final play off round on Monday afternoon.

A State representative team will soon be selected from the 40 competitors to play other States in the national finals in the new year.

Manageress of the winning team, Tennis East Gippsland Regional Development Officer, Julie Glynn said "Everyone in our region is thoroughly thrilled with this first time win. Our girls played excellent attacking tennis to take it up to some of their otherwise better credentialed opponents. Their camaraderie over the two days was a delight."

The East Gippsland team comprised Chelsea Rawnsion (Sale), Alannah Boyd (Sale), Stephanie Barnett (Bairnsdale) and Sarah Jolly (Sale).

Central Gippsland also performed very well, taking fourth spot with their team comprising Kate Bradley, Tessa Hawke, Sophie Grumley and Emma Waite (all Traralgon). Manager, Graham Charlton said "We were pleased to host this important event at Traralgon, and we saw some good up-and-comers who aim to make tennis their career. The path ahead will be tough but these events help identify future prospects for the Tennis Victoria scouts who were observing the event."

See photo: Julie Glynn (Tennis East Gippsland Regional Development Officer), Alannah Boyd, Chelsea Rawnsion, Stephanie Barnett, Sarah Jolly, Brian Beers (Tennis Victoria Country Officer), Liz Peers (Tennis Victoria Player Development Officer)