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Dear Member,

The Bundoora Tennis Club (BTC) committee would like to take this opportunity to keep you abreast of some very exciting developments at the club. As you may be aware we recently received news that BTC was successful in its application for \$60,000 funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) to upgrade courts 3-6. We are extremely hopeful of securing matching funding from Banyule City Council (BCC). This is particularly exciting because BTC has never received any sort of funding assistance for past infrastructure upgrades. The decision to base our application around a waterless surface, owing to current water restrictions, was no doubt a key factor in our success. These developments represent 18 months of hard work by a sub-committee of the BTC comprising James Copes, Adrian Polizzi, Matthew Testolin and Jim McGregor.

The original submission to SRV (Oct '07) included provision for new lighting and fencing on courts 3-6, a partial rebuild of courts 3 and 4 and a full conversion of courts 5 and 6 to a waterless synthetic clay surface. During the months since the submission of the SRV application we have been in regular contact with numerous clubs, Tennis Victoria, Tennis Australia and BCC regarding the success of synthetic clay surfaces as compared to the new plexi-cushion surface (as used at the 2008 Australian Open). The feedback regarding synthetic clay has been poor and as such it has not been endorsed by Tennis Australia, as opposed to the highly endorsed plexi-cushion surface. Taking this into account, the sub-committee has reviewed other relevant information including costs, court life-span, 2006 member survey, playing characteristics, maintenance requirements and future club development and has recommended that courts 5 and 6 be resurfaced with plexi-cushion. This recommendation was recently endorsed by the General Committee at a special meeting held on Monday 14th April 2008. It is important to note that the recommendation extended to performing baseline rebuilds on the remaining 4 en-tout-cas courts (courts 1-4), to assist in meeting all member requirements.

In summary, the proposed project, to be completed between November 2008 and June 2009 and jointly managed by BTC and BCC with assistance from Tennis Victoria technical services, includes the following:

1. Construct plexi-cushion surface on courts 5 and 6;
 2. Baseline rebuilds to en-tout-cas courts 3 and 4;
 3. Replace fencing on courts 3-6;
 4. Install new lighting (low floodlights) on courts 3-6.
- * Costs permitting, we also endeavour to perform baseline rebuilds on en-tout-cas courts 1 and 2.

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We also take this opportunity to advise that we have been successful in receiving grants from the Our Community Water Fund. BTC has been extremely proactive in response to the imposed water restrictions, initially closing half of all en-tout-cas courts. Changes to the restrictions of late allowed us to re-open these courts under the provision they were firstly treated to reduce water demands. These grants will allow the club to:

- a) Continue treating our en-tout-cas courts for approximately the next 12 months; and
 - b) Install 3 new dual-flush toilets, 1 waterless urinal and new water flow valves.
- We are also taking this opportunity to review a potential upgrade to both men and women's change room facilities to cater for disability access.

For ongoing updates regarding activities at the club, please refer to our website www.bundooratennisclub.com.au. If you have any queries, or would like to discuss these issues further, please contact James Copes or Matthew Testolin (vicepresidents@bundooratennisclub.com.au). A detailed review of the entire process will shortly be available on the website and in the club rooms for anyone interested.

Yours sincerely,

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