



Bundoorra Tennis Club Inc.

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2008/2009 Sports & Recreation Victoria Community Facility Funding Program

In 2006 a "Strategic Plan" sub-committee was formed to review the Club's infrastructure. The review highlighted a number of areas that required development or replacement. Each area was given a priority relating to the future development of the Club and incorporating our social responsibilities. Such responsibilities included strategies to minimise water usage within the clubhouse, garden and tennis courts. Smaller projects were able to adapt however the top priority to resurface courts 5&6 to their former glory, in an en-tout-cas surface became problematic. Melbourne's Stage 3A water restrictions resulted in half of all en-tout-cas courts being closed. Consultation with government authorities, water authorities and Tennis Victoria provided advice that these restrictions were to be in place for some time, unless stringent water saving strategies could be identified with long term effects. Needless to say, avenues identified at this time were very costly. Upon further research and discussions with Tennis Victoria (TV) and Banyule City Council (BCC), it was identified that a waterless Synthetic Clay surface be appropriate for any major court resurfacing project. An application was prepared to the Sport and Recreation of Victoria (SRV) Community Facility Funding Program, specifically its Minor Facility Fund program. The application was submitted to BCC in October 2007 and subsequently supported by BCC which then submitted the application to SRV in November 2007. As of mid April 2008, we were advised by Colin Brooks MP that our SRV application had been successful. A requirement of the SRV application is for Council to provide matching funds to that of SRV. Council have already mooted that they will match these funds, however we understand that such formalities will not take place until May 2008 during the 2009 budget release.

During the months since the submission of the SRV application we have been in regular contact with numerous clubs, TV, Tennis Australia (TA) and BCC regarding the success of synthetic clay courts and the new plexi-cushion courts (as at the 2008 Australian Open). Unfortunately feedback regarding synthetic clay courts has been unflattering and caused some concerns. However the feedback received regarding the new plexi-cushion courts have been glowing. The "Strategic Plan" sub-committee have reviewed all relevant information including costs, court life-span, 2006 member survey, playing characteristics, future club development, etc and have recommended that courts 5&6 be resurfaced to plexi-cushion. The recommendation was endorsed and 'moved' at a special committee meeting held on Monday 14th April 2008. It is important to note that this recommendation takes into account the provision of upgrading (baseline rebuilds) of the proposed remaining 4 en-tout-cas courts (courts 1-4), to assist in meeting all member requests for suitable playing surfaces and standards.

In summary, the proposed project is mooted to be completed between approximately November 2008 and June 2009, includes the following:

1. Construct plexi-cushion surface on courts 5&6;
2. Baseline rebuild to en-tout-cas courts 3&4;
3. Replace fencing on courts 3&4 and 5&6;
4. Install low floodlight lighting on courts 3&4 and 5&6; and
5. Upgrade our electrical box.

* Costs permitting, we also endeavour to take the opportunity to undertake baseline rebuilds to en-tout-cas courts 1&2.

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The above project will be jointly project managed by BTC and BCC with assistance from TV technical services when required.

We also take this opportunity to advise that BTC have also been successful in receiving grants from the Our Community Water Fund. These grants will allow the club to:

a) Continue chemically treating our en-tout-cas courts for approximately the next 12 months; and

b) Install 3 new dual-flush toilets, 1 waterless urinal, water efficient shower heads 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 on-going 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 further, please contact either James Copes or Matthew Testolin (vicepresidents@bundooratennisclub.com.au).

Yours sincerely

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