

Bremer Bay Tennis Club

Request for funding to resurface tennis courts at Bremer Bay Sports Club

The tennis courts were last resurfaced in 2003 with an expected life of about 10 years. With careful management they have lasted much longer but are now worn, slippery and need to be replaced.

Project outline - Remove existing synthetic grass , improve drainage and install barrier to tree roots, treat any damage to the subsurface and then level with asphalt where needed (75% of area has been budgeted for although amount unknown until existing grass is removed). A new layer of synthetic turf will then with laid on top with an expected life of 15 years.

Since 2005 the tennis club has ceded over \$35 000 to the Bremer Bay Sports Club and now also has \$35 000 in the bank for this project. Tennis members will also donate labour and equipment where possible to reduce costs.

Our aim is to lodge an application for this project in the next Community Sports and Recreation Facility Fund (CSRFF) round in February so that we can complete the project between July and September to ensure it is ready for the next season of tennis. We have been in discussion with Chris Thompson who came onsite to inspect the courts on 20 October when he indicated we should be eligible for 1/3 support due to our location and careful management since courts were last resurfaced.

Bremer Bay Sports Club	- \$35 000	(still to be confirmed)
Bremer Bay Tennis Club	- \$35 000	
Labour & Materials donation	- \$11 000	
Shire of Jerramungup request (1/3)	- \$75 000	
CSRFF (1/3)	- <u>\$75 000</u>	
Project Total	<u>\$231 000</u>	(including 5% contingency)

As the only operating tennis club in the Shire of Jerramungup it is important to keep facilities in the town so that tennis may continue. We have a good active membership base with the season running from October to April with many continuing to play during the off season when the weather is good. Our fifth court will be multi sport marked to enable basketball to also be played. Two of the courts also have lights enabling night tennis or basketball which increases use of the courts.

As a tourist destination we always welcome visitors to the club on Saturdays or they can hire the courts if they prefer. We also have two clubs from Albany who prefer to come to Bremer Bay each year for a visit rather than us travel to Albany because they want to combine a holiday at Bremer Bay with their social interaction time with our club. We also hold annual tournaments for both adults and children. All of this is beneficial for the town of Bremer Bay and would be missed if we are unable to provide a safe and usable tennis court surface.

We are in regular discussion with Tennis West to gain support with hosting events and promotion of tennis within the community. Tennis is a great social sport involving people of all ages, we continually promote tennis to get more people involved and are open to new ideas which create a social atmosphere to involve the whole family. Currently we have a partnership with both Gairdner and Bremer Bay schools for tennis with the Sporting Schools program to encourage a new generation.

We look forward to working with the Shire and receiving their commitment of \$75000 to upgrade the tennis courts which will be a great asset to the Shire and the town of Bremer Bay. If you require any further clarification please phone Chris Cooke, President on 0429 361 025.

Kind regards

Diana Cooke
Secretary

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