



Major Capital Works Project – LED Court Lighting Installation

I am pleased to advise that after many months of planning and negotiations with the Whitehorse City Council we have finally received approval to proceed with our LED Court Lighting Project.

As many members will be aware, our Club has maintained high participation rates in the BDNTA competition over many years. Our current court lighting system was installed over 30 years ago and has served us well, but is now well past its' useful life. We cannot achieve the current minimum Australian standard for lighting levels and uniformity with our current system and it is not possible to upgrade the current system using the existing infrastructure.

Our LED Court lighting project will involve the installation of 27 by 7.5metre powder coated black poles and footings. There will be 42 by 500 watt Hawkeye LED luminaires. The overall installation, when in full operation, will utilise ~two thirds of our current power consumption.

Our new lighting installation will also allow us to light each court individually and will also have instant on/off capability, thereby reducing delays after power blackouts etc. We will in future also be able to integrate our new lighting system with a Tennis Australia Book a Court system. We will also be installing safety padding for some of the new light poles.

Our council does not financially support any tennis clubs with regard to capital works/maintenance projects and hence the Club will fund the entire project from our sinking funds.

Fortunately we have received support from Tennis Australia and will be able to claim a \$30,000.00 rebate after the project is completed. The club acknowledges the generous support of Tennis Australia.

The project works will be carried out Mondays to Fridays during regular daytime work hours. There will be some court usage restrictions and also complete closures during the project and where possible we will try to advise affected playing groups in advance.

Court closures during the works will be minimized where possible, but we must comply with the highest OH&S standards.

Once we have a firm start date for the works we will advise members.

Dom Alberico
President

Tennis Shoes and Court Care

Court Care

Before playing

If courts are dry they must be watered from fence to fence before commencing play.

During play

Courts must be bagged and watered (if dry) at the end of each set. If only hitting up then every 30 minutes.

On completion of play

Courts must be bagged and watered.

Tennis Shoes

Correct tennis shoes are very important when playing on red porous tennis courts.

Shoes must be **flat and have no raised heel**. Dunlop Volleys are an ideal inexpensive tennis shoe for red porous courts. They have a herringbone sole pattern and no raised heel.



Dunlop Volleys



Addidas Tennis Shoes



Not appropriate for porous courts!!!