

Gosford District Tennis Association Incorporated

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19th May, 1995

Gosford City Council Main Street GOSFORD NSW 2250

Attention: Mr Peter Dorrough

Property Management Section

Dear Mr Dorrough.

Gosford District Tennis Association has managed tennis in the Gosford District for many years and does so today with continuing success.

Rather than dwell on past successes, we feel our current and future plans are far more important and should be considered in detail.

G.D.T.A. offers the general public a clean, safe and healthy environment to enjoy tennis at the Vaughan Park Courts. Competitions are organised weekly for over 1500 junior, senior and veteran members. Junior tennis development programmes are implemented and representative teams compete with distinction in Sydney, Hunter Valley and State Tournaments.

The preceding paragraph is most relevant as it highlights a matter that must be taken into account when considering a realistic rental figure.

To run tennis events, maintain facilities to an acceptable standard, to plan, organise and implement the abovementioned programmes requires hundreds of man hours per week. Except for two full time employees who handle day to day maintenance and caretaking, all other matters concerning tennis and administration of the Vaughan Park complex are handled by unpaid volunteer committee members. It is a priority of G.D.T.A. to make tennis available to ALL levels of the public at a price that disadvantages nobody. Controlling operating costs alone is not enough to allow this plan to be successful. Unlimited unpaid hours by committee volunteers is essential to the providing of this service to the tennis playing public.

Our Treasurer, Mr Murray Vaughan (also a voluntary position), has prepared a report that highlights the point that our objective of affordable tennis for all can only be maintained by minimal operational overloads and that our future development plans can only succeed if this current policy continues.

This report shows that the increase in rent as proposed is not feasable and would render future plans unachievable.

To allow G.D.T.A. and Vaughan Park to progress and continue to be a top class sporting venue we put to you that an initial rental figure of around \$4,000 per annum be considered. This is a dramatic increase on our current figure, but could be absorbed without disadvantaging members or the public users of Vaughan Park Tennis Complex.

We look forward to your response to this submission.

Yours sincerely,

MIKE NAGLE Chairman Finance Committee

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