



31 December 2016

Members Communication From the Main Committee Body – Gosford Tennis Centre (GTC)

We are very pleased to announce the receipt from Central Coast Council of a new 15-year. The lease is now with the NSW Crown Lands for their signing and as an interim measure the GTC has a 12-month extension of its current lease until the new lease is signed.

The committee has worked tirelessly to secure this extension particularly during a time when the council went through amalgamation some 2 months after our tender was submitted to Council. Some key aspects of the new lease which we are hoping to negotiate with Council in the new year, includes:

- a) An annual rent of \$40,000 plus GST to be charged
- b) Restrictions in sub-leasing and hiring to third parties, with the Council obtaining 50% of all income generated should these events arise.
- c) The appointment of an independent General Manager and Tennis Director to oversee and operate the tennis centre on a daily basis.
- d) Meeting key infrastructure milestones as outlined in our Master Plan.
- e) Having a Council Representative attend GTC committee meetings.

We are hopeful with the support of Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW that we will be able to achieve many of these key aspects and to negotiate a lower annual rental fee.

Following confirmation by Central Coast Council in September 2016 that we had become the preferred tenderer, we have started to transition from a volunteer committee into 2 separate entities ensuring a “checks and balances” approach in our governance of the GTC. As a result, we would like to outline these changes that come into effect as of today:

- Rob Eldridge stood down as President of GDTA and GTC in October 2016 and has now become the Acting General Manager role, a full time paid



position, until 31 March 2017. Rob's role is to manage the day to day functions of the GTC, including the hiring of the Tennis Director and key personnel to ensure a business as usual approach for our members. This role will be advertised in February 2017 as a full time permanent position and we will advise you when this occurs.

- Rob De Vivo, the AGM nominated Vice President has stepped in as Acting President, whilst Chris Lees has become Vice President.
- Tony Haworth remains as Treasurer, and Kat Lees continues as Secretary
- Connie Spence continues in her role as Ladies Mid-Week President and remains as a permanent main body committee person.
- We have several other permanent committee members with now only 2 vacancies and we will hope to fill these in the new year.

What does this mean for our Tennis Club?

The committee has agreed to change the name from Gosford Tennis Centre to Gosford Tennis Club, as this name has historical links to the region when the Gosford Tennis Club was first established in 1906. The colours of the club will remain as per our constitution – navy and sky blue, and memberships currently advertised will continue as is.

The club is financially strong to cover ongoing working capital requirements, however as you may have seen we have had to delay the last part of Stage 1 of the Master Plan given we were required to seek a DA to move lighting on courts 5, 6 and 7. The DA and funding from Tennis Australia was subject to a lease extension and now that we have this we would hope to finish this project in mid 2017.

Over the coming weeks Rob Eldridge and his team will make regular announcements on key personnel, tennis programs, competitions, and other exciting initiatives for our members through mainstream and social media communications.

What does this mean for our members?

We would hope you will continue to use the tennis courts, continue with your current membership, and become more involved. Now that we have returned to a more community based recreational facility, your support is crucial with the hope

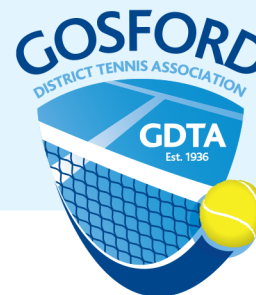
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that some of our members will volunteer to help us out at times when large events and functions occur at the club. Remember, all profits go back into the club to improve facilities and member services!

We acknowledge there will be a few bumps in the road through the transition period and in the early parts of 2017, however we are confident with the support of our members, Tennis Australia, Tennis NSW and our local community of achieving a successful and sustainable community facility.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Brownlow and his team from International Tennis School for their commitment over the past 2 years in growing the tennis centre and its membership base. We wish them all the very best for the future and we look forward to seeing the school's players competing at the Club next year.

Should you have any further questions on this announcement or any other aspect about local tennis, please do not hesitate to contact Rob and his team at the Gosford Tennis Club either by the landline 02 43252921, mobile 0422 974 749, email rob@gosfordtennis.com or rob@gdta.com.au.

Lastly we wish our members and the general tennis community a very happy new year and we look forward to seeing you on our courts in 2017.

Kind Regards,

Your Gosford Tennis Club committee