

Gosford Tennis Club – Update August 2021

We are due for a committee meeting, however due to the current low level of activity at the club we have decided to provide a brief update of what is happening at the club instead. We intend to hold one more regular committee meeting sometime in the next few months prior the AGM to tentatively be held sometime in November.

During the current restrictions, due to the Delta outbreak of COVID 19, which have been in place since the end of June GTC has been able to offer court hire (singles play only) and Private Coaching (2 players plus coach) as approved by Tennis NSW. This has resulted in the club receiving an average of over \$1,200 per week. Luckily the weather has been favourable and it has been great to be able to offer this opportunity for exercises not only to our members but to the community as a whole. All necessary COVID conditions have been met including QR Code, hand sanitiser and notification of other conditions.

The club has submitted applications for a number of grants which currently available due to the COVID restrictions and is hoping to receive over \$40,000 up to the end of August. There are also other grant applications being prepared during this time as would normally be the case. Thank you to Jackie and Kylie for all your work on this.

In consideration of court hire and grant applications the total expected income for the July and August is somewhere between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

During this period front desk staff have not been required and are receiving JobSaver payments where applicable. A low level of office work has continued including responding to customer inquiries, administering court hire bookings, general account and grant preparation which is expected to cost around \$2,500. General maintenance has continued to be carried out at a cost of approximately \$500. Some other miscellaneous costs have also come through amounting to approximately \$2,000. This is all expected to come to a total of around \$5,000.

I'm sure there are some things I have missed, however hopefully the club should, from a cash flow perspective come out of the 2 months somewhere in the vicinity of \$40,000 ahead.

As the centre now has a keypad lock on the front gate, we have been able to utilise this for court bookings access. The system has been working quite well with the gate code being changed on a weekly basis.

I would also like to make mention of a number of GTC members were playing or involved with the Country Championships at Foster when the lockdown announcement was made who had to make their way back home at very short notice. Prior to the announcement it was great to see so many players enjoying the event at Forster.

GTC (Chris Lees, Alex Silcock) have had a meeting with Gosford Council (Phil Cantillon, Callum Shaddock, Kerrie Forrest) at which the following was discussed. Council require that GTC repair damage to retaining wall (rather than full fix) and have acquired a quote from a council approved contractor for \$20k-\$30k. Central Coast tennis strategy is currently on hold with a focus on renewals and WHS issues. The strategy is geared at participation increase, not infrastructure redevelopments.

Our 3 options regarding leasing are:

- Wait for a plan of management – and continue to hold over on month to month until then (council said this would take a year, but realistically could be much more than that as there has been no deadline mentioned in the extension).
- Apply for new lease with ministerial consent (Council said they wouldn't support this), or
- Ask for a licence for 12 months (Council said this would take about a year to get in place).

Because we are crown land, this means we are lower on the list of council priorities in terms of lease renewals.

Council won't support any redevelopments even if we fund them ourselves or via third parties because they will need to account for them as a depreciating asset on their balance sheet. Therefore they will only tend to support maintenance and repair grants rather than infrastructure upgrades.

I think we need to look at this as positively as we can and focus on looking at doing what we can from the Master Plan with a focus on asset renewal (resurfacing, re-fencing, reinstate damaged buildings etc). I actually think there is quite a bit we can do, we just need to ensure we

On a positive note, just prior to lockdown GTC had the trees and bushes behind courts 22 & 23 significantly cut back to allow light and breeze onto the court surface. This has resulted in quicker drying times and also reduced aegly build up on the courts. GTC will now continue to maintain these clearances and work to reduce adjacent undergrowth to further improve the situation.

At this stage there is not too much more to report as things are pretty quiet. Please also see attached a financial and operational update. See photo below taken on Thursday afternoon, showing all courts being utilised.

