

# SOMERS TENNIS CLUB INC



## Court 3 & 4 Project

### Raising Funds to Extend and Re-surface Court 3 and Construct a New Court 4

#### About Us

Founded in 1929, with two asphalt courts on Shire Council land at Garden Square, Somers Tennis Club has provided social and strong competition tennis to the community since then, except during the Second World War. In 1984 the club moved to RW Stone Reserve in Camp Hill Road when two Plexipave courts were built with lighting. The



current clubhouse was built by volunteers and opened in 1994, replacing the old tin shed which had served as a clubhouse. In December 2005 a further court was added, this time a synthetic grass court with lights. A healthy membership has been maintained and is made up of about two thirds local and one third non-resident members.

Somers Tennis Club has experienced unprecedented growth in the past 3 years with a 36% increase in membership since May 2013. Our membership currently stands at 170—the highest membership base of any tennis club in our district—and Somers Tennis Club has one of the lowest ratios of courts to members on the

Mornington Peninsula. Somers Tennis Club is an integral part of the community and provides a much needed outlet for the health and wellbeing of many of the people of Somers.

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## Our Future

Due to our growing membership and the success of our coaching and junior development programs, Somers Tennis Club cannot accommodate all of our junior teams on our three existing courts. Last summer season it was necessary to relocate teams to other clubs as we had insufficient courts to host all teams. We will continue to have to do so until we construct court 4. We also need to allow for growth in our Saturday senior teams, as well as our night mixed and men's teams. The additional court will ensure that our Club can continue to grow its membership; provide sufficient court space for junior and senior teams, as well as social players; increase the number of teams we enter in night, mixed, men's and ladies mid-week competitions; cater for an increased number of participants in the Sports in Schools

Program in conjunction with Somers Primary School; and be eligible to host regional tournaments.

In addition to addressing the Club's increased membership base with an additional court, our existing court 3 is due to be resurfaced.

This fundraising project is run in partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation which was established by the Federal Government in 1986 with the mission to raise money for Australian sport.

The ASF is the only organisation that can provide a tax deduction for donations to sport across Australia.

Your donation to this project would be welcomed.



## Help us by making a tax deductible donation today!

Overall, this project seeks to improve and extend community participation in tennis across all age groups and to increase Somers Tennis Club's membership base. We encourage you to support this vital club project by making a tax deductible donation TODAY!

Our Club is aiming to raise \$120,000 towards to this project. The project will be broken into two stages, commencing with the extension and resurfacing of court 3, including associated works such as lighting and fencing (approximate cost \$75,000). It is proposed stage one commence in November 2017. Stage two of the project will involve the construction of a new court 4 and will commence as soon as sufficient funds are secured (approximate cost \$150,000).

Somers Tennis Club will contribute both financially and in-kind to these two stages and will seek additional contributions by way of relevant State and Federal Government grants. Your tax deductible donation will assist with material and labour costs.

Donating to this project is as easy as visiting our Club's web site at [www.somerstennisclub.com.au](http://www.somerstennisclub.com.au) and clicking the 'Donate Now' button where you will be directed to the Australian Sports Foundation's web site to make your tax deductible donation. Donations can also be made by cheque/money order (made payable to 'Australian Sports Foundation'), or by direct deposit (bank account details provided on request).

**Your donation will be gratefully received by the Somers Tennis Club. Thank you for your support and we look forward to including you in our exciting journey forward.**