TENNIS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Hobsons Bay City Council offers a range of sport and recreation facilities and services designed to provide participation opportunities to the local community, and to enhance the health and well being of residents.

Council's Sports Facility Needs Analysis identifies tennis as one of the most popular sports in the city. The Tennis Needs Assessment provides Council with an understanding of current tennis facility provision, participation trends, supply and demand information, future facility requirements, and a capital program to guide future investment.

Tennis has a high percentage of participants that live and play locally within the municipality (78%). In 2016–17 Tennis Victoria reported 1,579 registered participants living within the municipality, which is an 8.4% increase from 1,457 in 2013–14. There are 14 tennis venues in Hobsons Bay, with eight clubs and six public access venues, providing 54 dedicated tennis courts. Few residents live further than 2km from a tennis court.

Priorities for supporting and developing tennis

The alignment of tennis needs in Hobsons Bay with identified needs of clubs and venues, and with the future directions and investment priorities of Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria, is a key outcome of this project. The below guiding principles have been used to identify and support priority investment and service decisions for tennis in Hobsons Bay over the next ten years:

- Improved access
- Community participation
- Venue sustainability
- Management accountability

Recommendations

A detailed review of tennis in Hobsons Bay has identified several key issues and opportunities that will inform the future needs of the sport and the priority changes that will be required to address them.

Following a detailed review, analysis and consultation on current tennis participation, venue management and facility condition, a number of short (within two years), medium (within three to five years) and long-term (six to ten years) priority recommendations have been identified.



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The recommendations are provided across the three distinct geographical areas of the municipality:

- **East -** Williamstown, Williamstown North, Newport East, Newport West and Spotswood-South Kingsville
- **Central -** Brooklyn, Altona North and Altona-Seaholme
- **West -** Altona Meadows, Laverton and Seabrook

Key objectives guiding strategic directions and recommendations

East - Venue locations in this area: Donald McLean Reserve (public access), Liston Tennis Club (club), Power Street Reserve Tennis Club (club), Williamstown Bayside Tennis (club-school), Williamstown Beach Tennis Club (club) and Williamstown Central Tennis Club (club).

The following priorities have been identified for delivery in the next ten years:

- Increase the number of tennis courts within the Williamstown and Williamstown North areas.
- Provide opportunities for public access to tennis courts in the eastern suburbs to support greater recreational tennis activities.
- Establish a formal network of clubs and venues that align management and service expectations to ensure the broader benefits of all courts in Williamstown are maximised.

Central - Venue locations in this area: Altona Tennis Club (club), Brooklyn Tennis Club (club) and JK Grant Reserve (public access).

The following priorities have been identified for delivery in the next ten years:

- Increasing the capacity and sustainability of existing venues to support tennis activity growth in the central and northern suburbs.
- Plan for the projected population growth in the central suburbs and the identified gaps in tennis venue distribution.

West -Venue locations in this area: Altona Green Park (public access), Bruce Comben Reserve (public access), HD Graham Reserve (public access), Homestead Run Reserve (public access) and Laverton Tennis Club (club).

The following priorities have been identified for delivery in the next ten years:

- Retain existing number of courts and current venue distribution.
- Maximise capacity of existing tennis pavilions through Council's annual capital renewal program distribution, with additional courts provided in Laverton.
- Maximise the utilisation of existing venues and activation of public access courts.

More information and feedback

More information on the Tennis Needs Assessment, and opportunities to provide feedback on the document are available via: **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**

Ten year tennis venue capital development and investment plan

The table below provides a summary of tennis infrastructure upgrade / renewal works, planning projects and new development works identified from detailed venue audits and from the assessment's strategic recommendations. Infrastructure costs and associated priority recommendations have been provided by venue and as short (**within two years** ■), medium (**within three to five years** ■) and long-term (**six to ten years** ■) priorities.

Cost estimates are not part of Council's long tern financial plan at this stage. Council needs to develop a funding strategy to implement identified priorities.

Venue	OVERALL RENEWAL COSTS OF EXISTING TENNIS VENUES				FUTURE NEW OR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT COSTS		TOTAL ESTIMATED 10-YEAR COST PER VENUE (INC. NEW DEVELOPMENT & RENEWAL)
	SHORT-TERM	MEDIUM-TERM	LONG-TERM	TOTAL UPGRADE / RENEWAL WORKS	PLANNING PROJECT COSTS	NEW DEVELOPMENT COSTS	
Altona Green Reserve	$-	$1,000	$54,500	**$55,500**		$300,000	$355,500
Altona Tennis Club	$-	$895,000	$20,000	**$915,000**			$915,000
Brooklyn Tennis Club	$-	$47,000	$-	**$47,000**			$47,000
Bruce Comben Reserve	$10,000	$35,500	$-	**$45,500**			$45,500
DW McLean Reserve	$-	$49,500	$5,000	**$54,500**			$54,500
HD Graham Reserve	$-	$23,500	$31,000	**$54,500**			$54,500
Homestead Run Reserve	$-	$-	$49,500	**$49,500**			$49,500
JK Grant Reserve	$-	$31,000	$23,500	**$54,500**			$54,500
Laverton Tennis Club	$-	$10,000	$122,500	**$132,500**		$450,000	$582,500
Liston Tennis Club	$0	$-	$85,500	**$85,500**			$85,500
Power Street Reserve Tennis Club	$52,500	$-	$26,000	**$78,500**			$78,500
Williamstown Bayside Tennis	$17,000	$94,000	$153,000	**$264,000**	$20,000	$600,000	$884,000
Williamstown Tennis Club	$100,000	$40,000	$-	**$140,000**			$140,000
Williamstown Central Tennis Club	$38,500	$840,000	$30,000	**$908,500**		$350,000	$1,258,500
New venue location (Altona North)	$-	$-	$-	**$0**	$20,000		$20,000
New venue location (Williamstown High)	$-	$-	$-	**$0**	$20,000	$600,000	$620,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	**$218,000**	**$2,066,500**	**$600,500**	**$2,885,000**	**$60,000**	**$2,300,000**	$5,245,000

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