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Mr Darren Lambden
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Dear Darren

Nomination for Club of the Year

On behalf of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield I would like to take this opportunity to endorse the nomination put forward by the Greenacres Tennis Club for Tennis SA's 2019 Club of the Year.

In mid-2016 the club had a membership total of approximately 15 players, and had done for many years. The club approached the City of Port Adelaide Enfield regarding the state of their courts which required remedial works to bring them up to scratch. Council were reluctant to spend significant dollars on the works given the current status of the club.

In partnership with Tennis SA, Council commenced having conversations with the club regarding their future. Council highlighted that things at the club needed to change and if they were supportive of the recommendations being presented that both Tennis SA and Council will work with them to assist them in moving forward.

One of the first actions was for the club to recruit and establish a new committee. The new club committee quickly embraced the challenge and setting about growing and building a successful club. In recognition of this Council agreed to do a basic resurface of the courts to get them through the next two years as they go about revitalising their club, with the support from Council that if the club does significantly grow then more substantial works will be undertaken.

Through strong leadership of the committee the club went about setting a plan in place to be the best club in the North East Tennis Association. Within the next 12 months the club had appointed a Club Coach, grown their senior tennis program, established a social tennis program and for the first time in more than 15 years established a junior tennis program. The club is now hiring additional courts through Council to cater for their junior program, an incredible outcome.

The club has grown to over 100 members and they are to be highly commended for the work their achievements. The club also recognised that their club governance structure needed strong attention and through the STARCLUB program have begun this process. More importantly the club has embraced their community, one that is rich in diversity.

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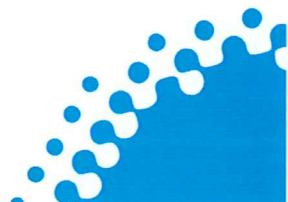
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In recognition of the clubs efforts Council, with the support of Tennis SA and Tennis Australia have undertaken the following projects to help improve their facility and create more opportunities for the local community to enjoy and participate in the game of tennis:

- Lighting upgrade including two new poles to ensure all four courts can be played under lights
- All four courts were completely resurfaced January 2019
- Tennis Australia's Book-A-Court program has been installed
- Council are currently negotiating a new agreement with the club that would see a lease / licence over their building and courts allowing the club to take control of the facility.

The Greenacres Tennis Club have been an absolute pleasure to work with and accepted all the challenges that Council and Tennis SA put to them. They are not resting on their laurels and will continue to strive to be the best club in the North East Tennis Association.

It is an incredible outcome for this club and what they have achieved since mid-2016 and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best with their nomination. They are truly a well deserving club

Yours sincerely



Claire Boan
Mayor

