Progress on track for Wodonga Tennis Centre redevelopment

Works are on track for the redevelopment of the Wodonga Tennis Centre. Preparation works, including tree and fence removal, have been completed ahead of the start of construction works. The project includes the upgrade of 10 clay courts to the all-weather plexicushion surface.

Cr Anna Speedie said it was anticipated the project would be finished well in time for next summer’s competition.

“We are on time and on track. It has been a real partnership with the tennis centre throughout the whole process,” Cr Speedie said.

“This project epitomises the terrific outcomes that can be achieved through partnerships between levels of government and community groups.

“The council has been awaiting the final schematic plan from the contractor some changes in relation to the proposed plan and a review of some of the prices was needed,” she said.

“The council’s infrastructure team and the working party will review the final plan for approval and awarding of the construction contract is imminent.

“The project will be delivered as per the activity schedule completed by the council and Sport and Recreation Victoria.

“As per this schedule, the awarding of the construction contract is due this month and it is anticipated this milestone will be met.

“It is anticipated this project will be completed prior to next summer ahead of the specified time in the activity schedule, which is May 31, 2015.”

Wodonga Tennis Centre president Sandra Griffin, who is part of the working party with council, said the centre was pleased with the progress and the upgrade would have a major impact on the club’s calendar.

“We’ve been working with the council on removing some of the trees and the older fencing around the centre as we prepare for the exciting phase of this project,” Mrs Griffin said.

“This project will make a phenomenal difference in allowing us to operate for 12 months of the year.

“At the moment we have little activity in the winter and these new courts will allow our members to keep playing and also allow us to attract more tournaments and events to the city.

“So it will not only be good for the tennis centre but will also mean a boost for the community as well.”

Media opportunity: Cr Anna Speedie and Sandra Griffin are both available for interviews. Please let me know if you would like to follow this up.

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