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Discover the Wonderful World of Officiating.....

The following article was written by Sandra Petterson, a WA Tennis Official, who recently had the great honour of officiating the Australian Open Men's Singles Final!

"Who would have thought that one day I would have the great honour of being a Linesperson at the Australian Open Men's Singles Final? Not me, that's for sure. Yet guess where I was on January 31st, 2010? I was on Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne Park, as part of the officiating team for the Men's Singles Final between Roger Federer and Andy Murray. Oh My God, I was really there. A week later, as I am flying back to Perth from Adelaide after having finished officiating at the Fed Cup tie where Australia defeated Spain 3 – 2, I am still overawed by the occasion.

The thrill of having officiated at our Hopman Cup final prior to going to Melbourne was a buzz, so I was ready for the three weeks at the Australian Open. Many people are aware of the two weeks of the main draw, but the week prior to that many players are vying for the last positions in the main draw and play off in the Qualifying events.

I have become part of a big family, Tennis Officials, that meets in Melbourne every January to help make a big event successful. We all work hard and long hours, but it doesn't feel like work and as the three weeks nears the end we are feeling mixed emotions. Looking forward to going home but secretly wondering whether we have performed at a level that may keep us on to help conclude proceedings with selection for umpiring at one of the many finals that take place on the final weekend. These finals include Junior and Wheelchair events and main draw Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Umpires start leaving Melbourne on the Thursday prior to the finals, either due to other work commitments or because less umpires are required. So at the end of this first cut day, you wait to see if you will be back for Friday, maybe even Saturday, or heaven forbid Sunday. It can be quite sad at this time as it is time to start saying goodbye to members of the family, and we hope that we will get to see them next year. At the same time if you have been selected to stay over the next three days, you then wonder if you will be lucky enough to be selected for maybe the Women's Singles Final or even the Men's Singles Final.

When that final list goes up as to Umpire selection for the last weekend, you are a little nervous to look, wondering what you have been lucky enough to score. I didn't even bother looking at the lists because I never dreamed that I would be selected for the big one – Men's Singles Final. I was busy looking at my emails, when several people asked if I had checked the list. "No not yet, as it was crowded around the notice board, so I was happy to wait." As people moved away from the board and I looked around for excited faces and big smiles I felt pleased for those that had been selected. I even got a few winks from other umpires. Hmm, time for me to check the board. Two lists, one was the roster for the Saturday night Women's Singles final, the other was for Saturday Rostered Day Off. If you had Saturday off that meant you were doing the Men's Singles Final on Sunday night.



My name wasn't on the Women's Singles Final list. So I looked at the RDO list not expecting to be on it and I was. Oh my God, I was on the RDO list. I didn't know whether to cry or laugh, but I had been selected. So many members of the family congratulated me and I felt so chuffed. For two days I had to contain myself and stay calm, not easy for me I can assure you.

Sunday report time was 3:30pm and here we are ready to go. We had the Mixed Doubles Final first, which was great to help settle the nerves. Then after this, we had the big one. Being excited was fine, but now it was time to but the nerves away and focus on the job at hand. Umpires and ball kids enter the Arena first and are in position waiting for the players to be announced. This is when you get a chance to soak up the atmosphere of the occasion. In fact, I think we have the best seat in the house. We are so close to the action, we can see every bit of fluff coming off the ball, drop of sweat on the court, the players breathing hard after some awesome rallies and be deafened by the roar of the spectators.

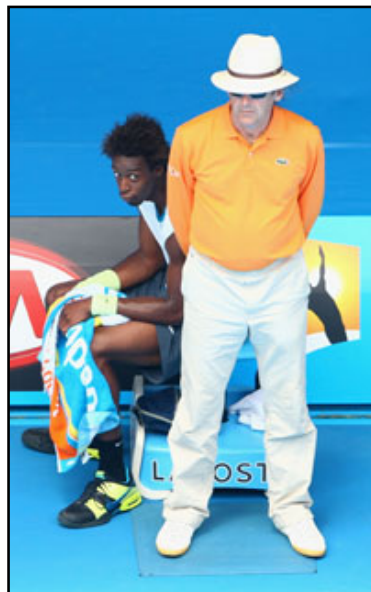
So down to business. I know it is the Australian Open Men's Singles Final and Roger Federer and Andy Murray are about to do battle and up until this moment I was excitement plus, but now I am here to do my job. Everything has gone from my mind except my line and if that ball is dancing anywhere near it. Everyone was so focused and at two points before the end of the match the reality of the occasion struck me. I started breathing deeply and had to force myself to stay focused for just a little longer. Next thing, Federer was announced as the 2010 Men's Singles Champion and now I could relax and feel proud of the job that I had done.

Officials, which included Ball kids and Umpires shared the occasion of the Presentation by being on court throughout the ceremony and again, being so close really did make you feel such a part of it all. For many of us, our love of tennis will inspire us to try to get to a Grand Slam to watch the masters at work and be willing to pay. For some of us, becoming a Tennis Umpire will not only get us to a Grand Slam but will also get us on court with the masters and we get paid to do it. Wow how good is that?"

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN OFFICIAL??

Anyone can officiate

If you love tennis, want to make new friends, and contribute to the growth of Australia's favourite sport, then chances are you already have what it takes to **become a tennis official.**



It's a great career move

There are fantastic career opportunities, too. Just imagine being out on Rod Laver Arena during the Australian Open, or travelling overseas or around Australia officiating the game you love. **Find out more**

What is a tennis official?

Tennis officials are the backbone of our sport. From weekend pennant competitions to the Australian Open, they're the men and women who help ensure the smooth conduct of tournaments and competitions both in Australia and internationally.

Find out more

We're recruiting now

If you would like to become an official call us on 1300 15 30 40 or email us at: **officials@tennis.com.au** to register your interest.

E-NEWS QUIZ

1. When did Australasia win its first Davis Cup title?

- a) 1905
- b) 1907
- c) 1909
- d) 1912

2. When was the last time players from 10 different countries comprised the Top 10 South African Airways ATP Rankings?

- a) 1998
- b) 2001
- c) 2005
- d) 2008

3. As at Feb 2010 who leads the ATP Stats Board with the most aces?

- a) John Isner
- b) Andy Roddick
- c) Ivo Karlovic
- d) Marin Cilic

4. Who defeated Stefan Edberg in the final of the 1993 Australian Open to win a back to back Australian Open Slam?

- a) Pete Sampras
- b) Ivan Lendl
- c) Jim Courier
- d) Andre Agassi

5. Due to a re-structure in the month that the Australian Open was played, in what year was there no Australian Open competition?

- a) 1985
- b) 1986
- c) 1987
- d) 1988

6. Who was the last French player to win the French Open?

- a) Francoise Durr
- b) Marcel Bernard
- c) Yannick Noah
- d) Mary Pierce

Answers:

- 1. a
- 2. a
- 3. c
- 4. c
- 5. b
- 6. d

Tennis West Employment Opportunity: Community Tennis Officer (Full Time)

Tennis West seeks an enthusiastic, sports minded person with good administration skills and a tennis coaching qualification looking to gain full time employment.

This role is responsible for the coordination of services to all affiliated clubs and zones, through the delivery of Community Tennis programs, activities and events.

The role includes administration and on-court coaching in club visits, schools, events and community days. The role is based at the State Tennis Centre, with the position also requiring a large portion of travel and delivery of tennis throughout the state.



The successful applicant will work closely with the Community Tennis Team, including the Community Tennis Manager and Community Tennis Officer; therefore a team orientated approach is essential. Working in the sports industry requires passion and enthusiasm and often requires flexibility including weekend work.

For the **Position Description** and salary information please contact Brooke Koenig on bkoenig@tennis.com.au or 6462 8305.

Applications (CV and covering letter) close Friday 26th February 2010 at 5pm

Position Vacant: Casual Customer Service Officer, State Tennis Centre

The State Tennis Centre is currently looking for a Casual Customer Service Officer for the following shifts:

Friday 3pm – 8pm
Sunday 9am – 3pm.

**(Times subject to change)*

If you would like more information about this position, please contact Julie Wilson at Tennis West on 6462 8312 / jwilson@tennis.com.au

Foundation Cup Interstate Results

The WA Foundation Cup teams travelled to Sydney and competed in the Interstate Challenge from 12th – 14th January 2009.

The Interstate Event is organised by the Fed Cup Foundation. The foundation's main aim is to assist and nurture talented young girls and boys from rural and regional Australia who have the potential to one day represent their country in Fed Cup or Davis Cup competition.

The Boys' Team comprised of Corey Bavin, Samuel Galati, Mathew Haynes and Marcus Bouckaert, Manager; Colin Thompson. The Girls' Team comprised of Emily Hannell, Holly Kerr, Bridget Addis and Johaline Enslin, Manager: Brooke Koenig.



The athletes competed strongly across the three days, going down to Victoria and New South Wales, and winning against South Australia. Both WA teams finished in 3rd place.

Corey Bavin, was awarded the John Fitzgerald Medal. The John Fitzgerald medal is for the most outstanding boy of the tournament based on performance, sportsmanship and general attitude on and off the court. This was a fantastic achievement for Corey.

State Tennis Centre Hosts Top Chinese Talent

The **State Tennis Centre** has played host to **11 Chinese players**, all 13 years and under, and **12 officials** including both Vice Presidents **Sun Jin Fang** and **Liu Zhi Wei** from the **Chinese Tennis Association (CTA)** from 15 January 2010 to 9 February 2010.

The trip was sponsored by **Mercedes-Benz** and part of the **'Swing for the Stars'** Tennis Program, an initiative of the CTA. The program's major objective is to increase the profile of tennis in China (particularly indigenous minority zones) and to get more juniors playing the game. It is taken directly to the schools, and gives many children their first tennis experience.



The 11 players trained for 26 consecutive days with both the **Tennis West** and **National Academies** based at the State Tennis Centre. Here they were exposed to different court surfaces, training schedules and coaches (including National and State Head Coaches, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Physiotherapist, Nutritionist and Sports Psychologist).

The team also played in the Gundry's **Midland Lawn Junior Tournament** where 2 of the CTA's juniors took event honours - proving they'll be a force to be reckoned with in the future.



Zhang Hui partnered **Tom Millar** to take out the Boys 16's Doubles Titles, while **Wei Lan** battled past the number one seed to find herself in the final, edging out the number 2 seed **Maddison Inglis** in a straight sets victory. Women's Tennis in particular is certainly thriving in China, as the Australian Open proved with the Women's Singles Semi Final appearances of Chinese duo Li Na and Zheng Jie.

It wasn't all about the tennis. The kids loved the beach experiences of Yanchee and City Beach – not surprising since most of them had never seen the ocean before. The sight of them charging into the surf with the broadest of grins was not to be missed.

Tennis West Tournament Coordinator **Joe McCarthy** had this to say about the tour "It's been a fantastic opportunity for junior tennis - not only for the CTA juniors but also for our WA juniors. The fact that the Chinese took out 2 titles in the Gundry's Midland Lawn Tennis Tournament shows the progression of their juniors and also gives our kids an idea of what they are up against on an international level. Tennis West is looking forward to further strengthening this relationship with the CTA".

This was the junior CTA's first trip to Western Australia. The trip promises a strong relationship between Australian Tennis and the CTA, with future trips to both continents already in the pipeline.

Various aspects of the tour were blogged and screened to over 200,000 Chinese daily.

\$1000 Monthly Encouragement Grant

Apply for the monthly \$1,000 Encouragement Grant!

Whether you are a coach, a member of your P&C committee, or helping out at your local not-for-profit, if you are a volunteer you can apply for the monthly \$1,000 cash Encouragement Grant courtesy of *The Encouragement Foundation*. Go to page 31 of the Fund Seeker magazine to find out more www.fundseeker.com.au

New Competitions Committee

An integrated Competitions Division within Tennis West was created with the appointment of Shane Smedley as Competitions Manager. The Association's Board of Directors this week endorsed the appointment of key stakeholders to the Competitions Committee, a committee that replaces the now defunct Tennis League Committee. This Committee will assist the Board in:



- Determining the strategic direction of Tennis West competitions;
- Reviewing Rules of Tennis League (By Law 7) and sanctioned tournaments, and
- Consulting with Member clubs and competition players

Members of the Competitions Committee are:

- Hayden Gibson – Tennis West Board member. Committee Chairperson.
- Loretta Hughes – Tennis West Board member.
- Tryphena Bixley – Manning Tennis Club Weekend Open and Senior League Coordinator.
- Ken Brown – Alexander Park Tennis Club Weekend Open and Senior League Coordinator.
- Shane Smedley – Tennis West Competitions Manager.
- Deanne Maloney – Tennis West Competitions League Coordinator.

To the previous members of the Tennis League Committee, thank you from all at Tennis West for your commitment and enthusiasm in recent years. Tennis League's 866 team competition throws up all sorts of challenges and your experience in navigating these has been invaluable.

Our thanks to: Helen Morgan (Chairperson), Ken McIntosh, Eliza de Jong, Mike Watson, Cathy Smith and Janet Ferreira

SunSmart Club Connect Funding \$200

SunSmart Club Connect Funding offers both metro and country tennis clubs **\$200** in funding to increase club membership by conducting a club activity or event such as:

- Club Tournament
- Corporate Tennis Day / Come and Try Day
- Mini Tennis Competition
- Any other club membership initiatives



The Sunsmart message must be presented throughout the event through the use of signage, participants wearing **hats** and using **sunscreen**.

If you would like further information on the Sunsmart Club Connect Clinics, please call Elle Dignan on 6462 8303 or edignan@tennis.com.au

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I can cry like Roger, I just wish I could play like him!"

~ Andy Murray, after his defeat in the 2010 Australian Open.

Level 1 Sports Trainer Course

Have you got a first aid qualification and are looking to take the next step? Why not become a sports trainer?

Sports Medicine Australia (WA Branch) is running their first **Level 1 Sports Trainer Course** for 2010!

Learn skills in sports taping, treating common sports injuries and much more..... Get in quick before your winter sport begins!

Date : Sat 13th & Sun 14th February

Time : 8.30am - 5.30pm

To register or find out more information visit www.smawa.asn.au



Introduction to MLC Tennis Hotshots Coaching Course

An Introduction to MLC Tennis Hotshots Course (ex-OTC) will be held on **Sunday 7 March 2010**, 10.30am to 1.30pm at the State Tennis Centre Burswood

Cost: \$55

To register contact Ryan Popovsky, Coach Development Coordinator – WA
M: 0434 655 620. E: rpopovsky@tennis.com.au



Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference

The Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference was held last month in Melbourne prior to the Australian Open. A large contingent of WA coaches (17 in total) made the journey over East to attend the conference. Each of these coaches were updated on the latest in grassroots coaching methods right through to high performance coaching, and will return to their respective clubs well briefed in these areas.

WA was again well represented with Dr Bruce Elliott and Dr Macchar Reid presenting on The key biomechanical aspects of the serve. This presentation was well received by all who attended.



Thank you to the following WA Coaches who attended the Conference: John Campbell, Dr Michael Christmass, Ashley Dyer, Brad Dyer, Cameron Fenner, Ian Ketteringham, Christina Ladyman, Sam Maxwell, Glen Popovsky, Taylor Pratley, John Roberts, Kurt Robinson, Richard Sampson, Nathalie Sputore, John Thorpe and Gary Urquhart (who travelled from Broome).

NEW: 100 Club

Club Junior Nomination Form

Download now to receive a \$100 subsidy for your Club's Nominated Junior!

Clubs that have taken out a membership of the 100 Club may nominate a junior from their club to receive a \$100 subsidy towards his/her junior fees (and other benefits as detailed below).

The Club Junior application forms are now available on the Tennis West website: www.tennis.com.au/wa → Player Development → The 100 Club.

These juniors do not have to have ranking points, or be a member of an Academy, they just need to demonstrate commitment and potential.



As well as receiving the \$100 Subsidy, your club will also be entitled to:

- Nominate a further 3 promising juniors who will be invited to attend, with your main nominee, a number of specially arranged 100 Club functions organized for up-and-coming juniors.
- Invite your nominated juniors to attend a Tennis Camp at Tennis West.
- A number of official Tennis Australia publications will be sent to your Club to be made available to these juniors or held at your Club for use by the broader junior or Club Members
- A 100 Club Poster will be prepared for display on club notice boards.

Clubs that have taken out a 100 Club Membership and are eligible to receive a \$100 subsidy for a nominated junior are:

Alexander Park Tennis Club, Australind Tennis Club, Bayswater Tennis Club, Belmont Park Tennis Club, Blue Gum Park Tennis Club, City Beach Tennis Club, Corinthian Park Tennis Club, Dalkeith Tennis Club (3 x Memberships), East Fremantle Tennis Club, Hensman Park Tennis Club, Melville-Palmyra Tennis Club, Mount Lawley Tennis Club, Nedlands Tennis Club, North Beach Tennis Club (2 x Memberships), Reabold Tennis Club, Safety Bay Tennis Club, South Mandurah Tennis Club and Wembley Downs Tennis Club (2 x Memberships)

DALKEITH TENNIS CLUB, WHO HAVE 3 MEMBERSHIPS WITH THE 100 CLUB, HAVE ALREADY NOMINATED 3 OF THEIR PROMISING JUNIORS:

- 1. GENEVIEVE M^CCLOSKEY**
- 2. ETHAN GILL**
- 3. BEN WEBSTER**

All three players are a part of their club's Academy and are currently training for the 12/U National Competition in 2010 .

Tennis West welcomes Genevieve, Ethan and Ben to the 100 Club, and wishes them every success with their tennis.

If you would like more information, or would like to sign your club up to the 100 Club, please contact Elle Dignan at Tennis West on 6462 8303 or visit the Tennis West website.

Tennis Industry Awards Night

The Tennis West Tennis Industry Awards Night will be held on **Friday 7 May at the Government House Ballroom.**

Keep this date free on your calendar!

The awards criteria have recently been revised and will be sent out to clubs within the next fortnight.

More information to follow shortly.



Court Maintenance Contract: EOI

Robertson Park Tennis Centre Expressions of interest

Are called to provide maintenance of eighteen grass and eighteen synthetic grass court surfaces and associated surrounds at 176 Fitzgerald St, North Perth.

Details of the scope of services required can be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Tennis Seniors WA by phone on 9228 2918 or email info@tenniseniorswa.com



Prospective contractors will need to lodge their submissions detailing the basis of their quotation to meet the services specified along with two relevant references by 15th February 2010.

UWA Tennis Club Winter Membership Special

"Are you sick and tired of playing on wet, slippery hard courts over the Winter and the delays during League as courts dry? "

Clay courts potentially perform at their optimum when damp. The surface compacts and dust is minimized.

UWA Tennis Club welcomes players who may like to join UWA Tennis Club for the Winter. At \$100 for adult and \$40 for junior membership, players are granted full access to the facility from May 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010.

Note: League fees are additional to Membership.

Please contact Louise Foppoli
Email: mailbox@uwatennis.com.au
Mobile: 0419 911 619



Wilson Ball Order Form

As the **official ball** of the **Australian Open** and **Australian Open Series**, **Wilson** would like to provide your club with the opportunity to play with the tennis ball used by the world's best players at these great events, **the Wilson Australian Open tennis ball**.



Underpinning Wilson's reputation as the #1 brand in tennis, the Australian Open ball provides optimal performance and durability, tailored to suit Australian conditions.

Based on the feedback provided by Australian tennis players, the Wilson Australian Open tennis ball is now available in two options:

1. A **Multi-surface** version which has been tailored to suit all Australian tennis court conditions and surfaces
2. A **Grass Court** version which has been specifically engineered to perform at the optimal level on Australian natural and synthetic grass courts.

To support your clubs decision to use the Wilson Australian Open tennis ball, Amer Sports are happy to announce that they have revised their pricing effective immediately.

The standard club price is \$22.00 + GST per dozen balls ordered.

In addition they have added a BULK purchase price of \$20.00 + GST per dozen balls ordered for all orders comprising 60 dozen balls and over.

The attached order form has been prepared to accommodate all your purchasing requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact an Amer Sports Australia representative to discuss any questions you may have relating specifically to your club's situation.



Community Inclusion Project (Disability)

The Community Inclusion Project aims to assist community sport and recreation organisations to increase their capacity to further embrace the participation of people with a disability. This will be achieved through engaging, supporting and facilitating partnerships between organisations and people with a disability. Families and carers, disability service providers, local government and other relevant support networks will also be involved in the project.



We recognise that the pivotal relationship is between local sport, recreation providers and people with a disability.

The Community Inclusion Project Manager's focus will be to identify and build on current and new sport and recreation opportunities. Local clubs will be supported to raise their awareness and capacity to include people with a disability. This will be achieved by facilitating local networks and relationships to develop and implement strategies to increase participation of people with a disability.

The project will encourage collaboration between community based specialist organisations, local government, carer support groups, Department of Sport and Recreation's - Club Development Network (CDO), Disability Services Commission's - Local Area Coordination (LAC) network, and other affiliated connections.

The Community Inclusion Project will work in a specific metropolitan and regional area with the aim of utilising an engagement approach that could be replicated or adapted into other areas. The project looks forward to creating a culture within organisations that actively embraces people with a disability into the ethos of the pleasure and benefits of increased physical activity. As we invite your input and ideas, please contact Claudia Ferrante on 0439 975 997 or email claudiaferrante@wasportsfed.asn.au for further information on this project.

Ball Machine Wanted

A small country club in the Wheatbelt is looking for a 2nd hand ball machine to replace their very old one that has stopped working.



With a few talented juniors, and a location next door to the local primary school (30 chn) they are hoping that a club in the metropolitan area has upgraded and has an unwanted ball machine needing a home.

Please phone if you can help the club out.

Ian Wright (President) Yerecoin Tennis Club (08)96548010 or gkentromie@bigpond.com

Sports Sponsorships

Major Project Sponsorships - Over \$5,000

These sponsorships are generally available to organisations seeking support for an annual program of activities, those operating on a state-wide basis and those wishing to conduct major events with large audience reach. Applications can cover one or both of the following areas:



- **Active Participation Sponsorships** – available for projects involving organised sport or physical recreation initiatives that support the longer-term direction of an organisation and have increased physical activity as the primary focus.
- **Promotional Sponsorships** - Available for sport and active recreation activities that do not directly result in an increase in physical activity but have the potential to raise awareness and increase positive attitudes towards a health issue.

There are three funding rounds for over \$5,000 sponsorships and applications must be submitted according to the following closing dates:

March 31: Applications for projects starting in August, September, October or November.

July 31: Applications for projects starting in December, January, February or March.

November 30: Applications for projects starting in April, May, June or July.

[Guidelines and Application Form](#)  (296kb)

\$5,000 or Less Sponsorships

Sponsorships are available to organisations seeking support for a program or event involving organised sport or physical recreation initiatives that have increasing physical activity as the primary focus. Applications must be received by Healthway a minimum of three calendar months prior to the commencement of the project.

[Assessment Criteria](#)  (104kb) and [Guidelines & Application Form](#)  (464kb)

Healthy Club Sponsorship Program

For clubs interested in applying for Healthy Club sponsorship, the winter round will be advertised in January 2010. For more information about the Healthy Club Sponsorship Program, please click the link below:

[Healthy Club Guidelines](#)  (238kb)

Recognising Regional Volunteers

WA Sports Federation is working in partnership with ABC Local Radio to recognise the importance of volunteering in the sport and recreation industry. Volunteers are the backbone of WA communities and are the support behind every athlete.



Volunteers involved in junior sport in regional WA have the opportunity to be nominated for the 'Volunteer of the Year in regional junior sports'. A winner in each region will be selected and receive a Safe Clubs 4 Kids sports pack, and the overall regional winner will be invited to attend the 2009 ANZ Sports Star Awards in January.

Please direct your regional clubs and associations to their ABC Local Radio station websites for information about how to nominate and thank their volunteers:

- [South Coast and Great Southern](#)
- [North West](#)
- [Goldfields](#)
- [South West](#)
- [Mid West and Wheatbelt](#)
- [Kimberley](#)

Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme – Applications Open

The latest round of Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme is **now open** and will **close on 10 February 2010**. Individuals and organisations throughout regional WA will share in up to \$45 million.

Announcing the opening of the contestable grants program in Bunbury today, Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said each of the nine development commissions would make available up to \$5million to applicants within their region.

“The grants scheme is providing money for projects to help attract investment and increase jobs or improve the quality of life in regional WA,” Mr Grylls said.

“This innovative program allows individuals and organisations to bid their case for funding directly to their development commission, knowing their proposal will be dealt with at the local level,” the Minister said.

In the inaugural round earlier this year, 320 applicants State-wide received grants totalling more than \$30million.

There’s a wide range, from building and restoring local facilities to upgrading services such as water and electricity supplies as well as allocations to support community attractions and events.

The latest round of contestable grants is part of a total pool of \$73million allocated to regional communities through the Regional Development Commission structure in the 2009-10 budget.



The applications for contestable grants are now open and will close on February 10 next year.

A list of Regional Development Commission contacts is available on the Department of Regional Development and Land's website:

<http://www.royaltiesforregions.wa.gov.au/Content/MajorProjects/RGS/Default.aspx>
or by phoning 9217 1400.

Goldfields Tennis Reunion

23RD - 25TH April 2010

The Goldfields Tennis Club is hosting a Goldfields Tennis Reunion in Kalgoorlie- Boulder over the Anzac long weekend from the 23rd -25th April 2010. The reunion is open to any person who has been or currently is a member of any of the tennis club in Kalgoorlie- Boulder, Kambalda and Coolgardie regions. The reunion Committee led by Life Members Neville Hatton, Vicki Eaton and Merle Gaby has compiled a database of more than 800 names and is now trying to locate the addresses and contact details for more than four hundred of those names.



Tennis has a long history on the Goldfields dating back to the 1930's with the formation of the Eastern Goldfields Lawn Tennis Association in 1931. At one stage there were more than a dozen tennis clubs in the local association and this excluded private tennis courts located on the mining leases of companies operating on the Golden Mile.

The sport was particularly strong in the post war years and produced many outstanding male and female players in that era including Laurie Quan, Les Grafton, Alan Hicks, Ted and Dick Hamilton, Rob and Rick Kilderry, Rudi and D'Orsogna and Dawson Hamilton. Amongst the ladies Jan Blackburne, Lorraine and Gwenda Don, Margaret Stewart and Lillian Cartledge all represented the State in the Wilson Cup.

Since the 1970's the region has generated junior players of the calibre of Des Ward, Ashley and Justin Johns, and more recently Astrid Kanther and Brittany Sheed and James Kirkland. Other players of the calibre Mal and Geoff Hodsdon, Helen Muir and Krista Davidson have lived in the region.

In the late 1970's the remaining local clubs relocated to the existing complex in Marshall Street, Kalgoorlie. For more than twenty five years the playing surface was grass before the courts were redeveloped in 2004 to construct eighteen hardcourts, twelve with lights.

With the redevelopment, the Goldfields Tennis Club was inaugurated. The club currently has a membership of one hundred and thirty players and offers tennis programs for players of all ages and ability.

The reunion committee has planned a full weekend of activities to players to meet old friends, teammates and rivals to relive the memories, duels and triumphs of days gone by. The itinerary includes a reunion function, social tennis, bus tour and an afternoon at the KBRC's Anzac Day race meeting.

For more information please contact any of the following Committee Members, Merle Gaby, 90931627 (H), Mal Hodsdon 90212751 (W), Neville Hatton 90211738 (H), Vicki Eaton 90213276 (H) or Shane Power 90917147 (H). Alternatively you can visit the club's website www.goldfieldstennisclub.com.au to download the Reunion Registration Form.

INTERESTING TENNIS FACT

Fastest Man Serve:

The fastest serve officially recorded lies with American player Andy Roddick, at 155 mph, or 249.4 kph. It happened on September 27, 2004 in a Davis Cup match against Belarus. Roddick was playing Vladimir Voltchkov and the serve set him up with three match points. Needless to say, it was an ace!

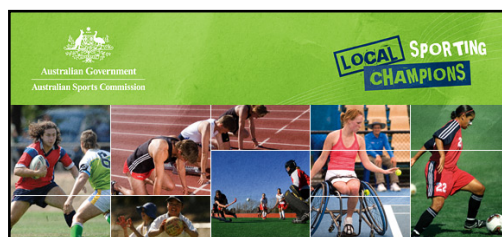
Local Sporting Champions

Junior coaches and officials can now apply for their share of \$1.6 million sports grant!

Young coaches and officials can now apply for their share of the Australian Sports Commission's annual \$1.6 million Local Sporting Champions grants — an Australian Government initiative to support junior sport.

Previously only available to young athletes, the Local Sporting Champions grants eligibility criteria has been broadened to recognise the importance of supporting young coaches and officials — crucial to Australia's sporting grass roots.

'Sporting competitions and achievements would not be possible without our young coaches and officials and these grants are one way the Australian Sports Commission is recognising their commitment and dedication to their chosen sporting field,' said Judy Flanagan, ASC Director of Community Sport.



The grants of \$500 per individual and \$3000 per team are available to help meet costs such as travel, equipment, uniforms, and accommodation. To be eligible to apply, applicants must be aged between 12-18 years and travelling more than 250km to participate as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee in upcoming state or national level sporting competitions.

'I encourage our young coaches and officials participating in state and national level competitions to go to the ASC web site to fill in an application form. There is nothing to lose and a lot to gain, so why not give it a go?' Judy Flanagan said.

The grants support young people participating, coaching or officiating in official state or national sporting competitions and are administered by the ASC in association with Local Members of Parliament.

Applications for the 2009/10 grant cycle are now open, so if you know someone eligible get them to apply now!

For further information including application forms and eligibility criteria please visit www.ausport.gov.au/champions.

Australia defeats Spain 3-2 in Fed Cup Clash

Australia is on the cusp of returning to the pinnacle of women's teams tennis after heroic feats from Samantha Stosur sealed a memorable Fed Cup triumph over Spain.

Stosur featured in all three of Australia's victories against Spain in Adelaide as the host nation claimed the tie 3-2 on Sunday.

Stosur's blemish-free achievements were the cornerstone of a win that progresses Australia into an April play-off for elevation to the elite



World Group for the first time since 2004.

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The top ranked Australian clinched the tie in a doubles decider with 39-year-old Rennae Stubbs, within hours of her second singles success at Memorial Drive over the weekend.

Stosur and Stubbs eclipsed Spain's Maria-Jose Martinez and Nuria Llagostera 6-4 6-2. Stosur was on court for the doubles match within two hours of her ruthless demolition earlier Sunday of Anabel Medina 6-1 6-3.

That victory was followed by an Australian gamble on Alicia Molik that didn't work out. Molik had been listed to partner Stubbs in the doubles but was summoned for the fourth rubber singles with Australia leading 2-1.

But the South Australian was crushed by Carla Suarez, the Spaniard winning 6-1 6-1 as Molik sprayed 33 unforced errors.

Stosur and Stubbs then took to their do or die role with aplomb, prevailing in a tight first set before romping through the second.

Australian Captain David Taylor hailed Stosur as "the best player in Australia, male or female at the moment".

"For her to come here under pressure, under scrutiny ... to go as far as any Australian in the singles at the Aussie Open, and come here and then do that for your country is just a really good effort from her," Taylor said.

"That can change careers and could give her an extra step up now to get even better. "It's very significant."

Stosur said the decision for her to feature in the defining doubles fixture was made after her comfortable singles win on Sunday.

"That definitely helped, that my singles match wasn't too long," she said. "and I was playing pretty well out there so that helped a bit."

The world No.11 was satisfied to lift Australia to a play-off, against an as yet unknown opponent, to return to the elite World Group.

"I'm just really really happy, it has been a long road back to this point," Stosur said.

"It is just really exciting and really great to be a part of ... it's a great feeling."

Spanish captain Miguel Margets Lobato said Stosur was the undoubted difference between the nations.

"Samantha was too good," he said.

