**Byford Tennis Club Inc.**

**2019-20 Pre-Budget Submission**

I am writing on behalf of the Byford Tennis Club Incorporated to request your help in seeking financial assistance for the continuance of our club.

We are in dire need of court resurfacing as the deep cracks in our bitumen courts have progressed to the point of becoming dangerous if they are not resurfaced in the immediate future.

We are trying to encourage the local community to play at our centre in Park Road, Byford, and to promote the wonderful sport of tennis, but our sub-standard courts are hard to promote as an ideal facility.

Our club meets once a week, we are mostly over the age of 40 and some of our players are in their eighties. These are purely social games, but are wonderful for general health and fitness, muscle strength and agility, as well as for mental health. Just the regular get-together enforces social contact that would otherwise not be happening. We also encourage our children and grand-children to come and play during the school holidays, and have occasional family games on the weekend as well.

The courts are also utilised by a tennis coach one afternoon per week who gives lessons to primary school aged children, and by anyone else in the community who wishes to hire the courts at any other time during the week. Byford is a fast-growing community and tennis is a sport that can be played by all ages, and should be actively encouraged.

The Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire have approved the re-surfacing in their 2016 or 2017 budget, we had chosen the surface colours only to be told that the funding was withdrawn and the works were cancelled. In our meetings with Shire staff since then we have been told that they have no funds allocated or plans for resurfacing our courts in the immediate future. For this reason we are requesting your help to obtain funding to cover the cost of resurfacing the two courts, which should be be around $25,000.

I would also like to note that our local state Member for Darling Range, Alyssa Hayden MLA and Federal Member for Canning, Mr Andrew Hastie have been highly supportive of our group and helping us in our search for funding.

We sincerely hope that our request can be given your consideration.

Secretary, Byford Tennis Club Incorporated