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## **RE: GUNGAHLIN TENNIS FACILITY DEVELOPMENT – AMAROO**

Tennis ACT and the broader tennis community of the ACT wish to express our gratitude for the ACT Government's continued commitment to developing Gungahlin's first tennis facility in Amaroo.

Tennis continues to grow very strongly in the ACT with notable performances and record participation. This year's Australian Open saw Nick Kyrgios crowned as the first ever Grand Slam champion from the ACT and Ash Barty broke a 44 year drought to secure the women's title. Moments such as these have inspired thousands more to play tennis and it is set to be another record year with close to 100,000 bookings made via Book-A-Court for 2021/22. The most recent national AusPlay data shows tennis is the fastest growing of all sports in Australia with a 39% increase in adult participation and a 27% increase in junior participation. Remarkably, the data confirms that the rate of participation growth in the ACT exceeds the rate of these national increases.

Tennis ACT recently completed hosting a block of major Pro Tour events and Canberra's Charlie Camus achieved his first Pro Tour wins. Having just turned 15, Charlie is in the top 10 globally for his age and caught the eye of Lleyton Hewitt who invited him to be hitting partner for the Australian Davis Cup team. Nick and Charlie are two examples of many that have developed their games through community tennis clubs in the ACT, benefitting from the pathway that these clubs and their coaches provide.

Facilities in Gungahlin and in other growth corridors of ACT have long been a strategic priority of Tennis ACT as detailed in the "*ACT Tennis Facility & Participation Plan*", which is Tennis ACT's blueprint for tennis infrastructure. The development of facilities in the Gungahlin region is the highest priority in Tennis ACT's plan, to begin to address a significant undersupply of tennis courts in the ACT, and move toward a target court to population ratio of 1 : 2,000.

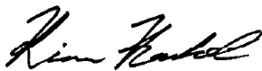
The Amaroo tennis facility, delivered in partnership by the ACT Government, Tennis ACT, and Tennis Australia, will be a critical step forward in servicing parts of the Gungahlin region and community. It will also represent a key support facility behind the Canberra Tennis Centre for major events with the proposed international standard courts. Equally, the facility will offer all aspects of the tennis experience, from coaching and participation programs to casual court hire,

social play, competitions, and tournaments. It is expected that the broader community will also benefit from a well-planned and well-appointed clubhouse, which could be used for a range of social activities over and above tennis activities. Tennis ACT is confident that the Amaroo tennis facility will become a thriving tennis and community hub, which will assist to address capacity challenges faced by the sport in the ACT generally, including by the continued growth of Canberra Tennis League teams, casual and social play, and coaching programs.

Tennis is an inclusive sport – a sport for all and a sport for life. The COVID experience has also highlighted the important role tennis plays in the community in promoting social connection and mental health and wellbeing, while at the same time promoting physical health and fitness.

Again, Tennis ACT would like to thank the ACT Government for its ongoing commitment to delivering important tennis infrastructure for the ACT community and we look forward to the Amaroo tennis facility becoming a reality.

Kind Regards,

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**Kim Kachel**  
CEO, Tennis ACT

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**Ben Fuller**  
President, Tennis ACT

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## 2020-21 KEY FIGURES

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### PARTICIPATION

# 30,868

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

### ANZ TENNIS HOT SHOTS

16 qualified deliverers and 20 match play venues

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### SCHOOLS

# 21,006

TOTAL SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

# 66

PRIMARY PARTNERS

# 16,329

PRIMARY PARTICIPANTS

# 16

SECONDARY PARTNERS

# 4,677

SECONDARY PARTICIPANTS

### ANZ RACQUET ROADSHOW

760 tennis racquets handed out to local Kindergarten students

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### FACILITIES

ACT Government committed **\$8 million** to the development of a new **12** court regional tennis facility in Gungahlin.

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### COMPETITIONS

A total of **441** teams (+13.8%) entered in The Walking Clinic Adult Leagues

# 1365

TOTAL PLAYERS

# 745

JUNIOR PLAYERS

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### BOOK A COURT

**29** venues using the Book A Court system, with a total of **81,662** bookings for the year

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### PERFORMANCE

## NICK KYRGIOS

RANKED NO.86 IN THE WORLD

### ANNERLY POULOS

Ranked as high as No.1 in Australia in her birth year

### CHARLIE CAMUS

Ranked No.1 in Australia in his birth year



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### DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT



FOLLOWERS

## 4934



FOLLOWERS

## 1678



FOLLOWERS

## 1262

**WEBSITE: 83,399** PAGE VIEWS

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### COACHES

**92** Tennis Australia qualified and trainee accredited Tennis Australia coaches