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Tennis Townsville- successful with Grant application!

Tennis Townsville is very excited to announce that it has secured quite a substantial grant from the Queensland Government, round 3 of the Sports and Recreation Infrastructure Program to upgrade the four tennis courts in Queens Park.

Tennis Townsville will also contribute funds towards the redevelopment. The project will be in the vicinity of \$400,000.

Former Tennis Townsville President and very active Tennis Townsville committee member, Vic Bayer said the upgrade will include:

- Moving the four courts towards Paxton Street and thereby creating a 4 metre walkway between the groups of court.
- The four tennis courts will be realigned to be ITF standards.
- New fences will replace all the existing fences on the four courts and around the walkway. The fences were damaged earlier in the year by Cyclone Yasi,
- Lights will be moved and consideration is being given to changing the lights on courts 11 to 13 to the same type as on court 10.
- The surface is going to be Rebound Ace Synpave courts with green/terracotta colours.
- The walkway will be shaded either with sail cover or metal and will have tables, chairs and water foundation facilities.
- The other work that will be required includes construction of new retaining wall, excavation and concreting 4 metres x 73 metres for court extensions, grinding of all the area and extensive drainage.



Some of the damage caused by Cyclone Yasi

Plans are being designed, scope of works is well advanced and Tennis Townsville is hoping to submit development plans to Townsville City Council in the next few weeks. The overall objective is to have the upgrade completed by February 2012, subject of course to wet weather.

This is the biggest grant that Tennis Townsville has ever secured and Tennis Townsville would like to thank the Queensland Government for providing the grant, Mandy Johnstone and Ken Laffey (Tennis Queensland President) for their support and of course Vic Bayer, former Tennis Townsville president for securing the grant.

Tennis Townsville President, Peter Duncan said 'We're very excited about this grant, it's the biggest one we've ever secured and we're looking forward to providing better tennis facilities for our community'.

The Minister for Sport, Phil Reeves will be visiting Tennis Townsville on Wednesday morning, 9th November at 9.45am to present a cheque and announce how much the Queensland State Government will provide towards the redevelopment.

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