

MAINTENANCE REPORT 2018

I won't talk about the excellent clubhouse renovations as I know Sue will talk about them. Apart from the many smallish maintenance jobs that crop up during the year, the following are the important issues from 2017/18.

The new shed has been a great improvement for both the coach and for maintenance, except when the renovations were to start when everything was transferred from the store, breezeway and shower area, to the shed. The large number of cupboards in the renovated area has allowed the shed to again be made more usable.

We had two large storms in early January this year. Unusually, this washed away a lot of sand. We therefore needed to top up the sand and groom the courts. We required 4 tonne (4 thousand kilogram) of new sand at a cost of \$2,387 plus the grooming, a total cost of \$3,707 (that's where your fees go).

You may have noticed last year, that the back of court 6 was very lumpy and bumpy. This was due to the black wattle tree roots growing onto the courts. I informed Maroondah Council and asked them to pay for the removal of the roots. Their response was that "WE were responsible for maintenance of the courts" as per our lease agreement. Further emails, pointing out that we did an excellent job of maintaining our courts and this was not a maintenance issue, and a change of personnel at the Council, saw them agree to pay for the root removal, a saving to us of \$3,080.

After lots of trouble with the drain in the corner of court 2, a larger drain was installed earlier this year and this seems to be working well. Tree roots were also removed from the drains under the court. One of the consequences of blocked drains, is the spreading of dirt/mud onto the courts which has the potential to damage the courts and also is very slippery if stood on.

The high lights on courts 4 & 5 are getting old and the committee have been exploring options for replacement. We currently have two options:

Option 1. Replace the high lights with low level lights like on the other courts. The quote for this, as at December 2016 is, \$36,850 plus \$2,420 to disconnect the old lights and remove the towers. There would be an addition cost to cut the carpet and reinstate as 9 large holes need to be dug to install the new light poles.

Option 2. Replace only the lights with LED lights. The quote for this, as at December 2017 is, \$32,340. This option utilises the existing high poles and no court work is required.

Both options are expensive and we have informed Maroondah Council of our desire to replace the lights. We are hopeful that they may assist at some future time. Maybe divert a few thousand from the netball or football club upgrades!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the maintenance of the club during the year, especially Chris Hall, Chris Wishart, Viv White, Dianne Phillips and various other coerced workers for the garden and landscaping (and much more to come), Peter O'Connor who organises the grass mowing and Bob McMillan who poisons the grass on the courts and around the outside.

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