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Real Tennis is ready to return to Sydney!

As you may be aware a group of passionate Sydney members has been working tirelessly over the past few years to build a new Real Tennis court in Sydney.

This will be the first new court to be built in 25 years in Australia and will help grow, develop, and promote the game.

We are now getting close to turning our dream into a reality - and we need support to make it happen.

We are launching an appeal to the Real Tennis community of Australia and across the world to help complete the fundraising efforts, so we can start building the new court.

We have already achieved the following key milestones:

- Secured the perfect location for the new court, well-connected to Sydney CBD
- Signed legal agreements
- Preliminary Court design completed
- Local Council Planning Permission approval
- Australian Sports Foundation project grant for tax deductible contributions (AU only)

Within the last fortnight SRTC has had a tremendous boost: an anonymous pledge of \$250,000 for the naming rights of the court building.

This means we now have close to 30% of the funds needed to make this opportunity a reality.

Why have we chosen the Cheltenham Recreation Club (CRC) as our new home?

CRC is a delightful club, with friendly and welcoming members. It is in a beautiful heritage conservation suburb, it has a train station right on the doorstep and is a convenient 20-minute drive from the CBD. With this ideal location, we have the opportunity to make the new tennis court an historic destination for Sydney.

CRC is on sound financial footing, and the Club has provided the land for real tennis free of charge.

Current facilities include:

6 lawn tennis courts, 1 bowls and 3 croquet greens, a charming main club house with functions facilities, bar, cafe, change rooms and other amenities.

Fund-raising summary

We have approximately \$800,000 committed out of the estimated \$2.7 million needed to complete the court construction.

This has come from around 40 individuals from the Sydney and interstate Real Tennis community in the form of cash and pledges. We have also received architectural, engineering, legal and other professional services which have generously been provided to the project on a pro bono basis.

The support of the wider Real Tennis community is needed to bridge the gap. This appeal is therefore going out to anyone who is interested in the game and has the financial means to help.

How can you get involved?

You can help us build the new court in a number of different ways:

1. Taking out a **Founder Membership**
2. Purchasing one of the various **Naming Rights** options for the new court
3. Making a **Donation**

When can you make your contribution?

As soon as possible!

Until 50% of the funding is raised, documentation for the construction certificate and tendering for a builder cannot commence.

The cost of building materials has risen over the recent period and may continue to increase further. We must lock in the final cost of construction as soon as possible.

The project is ready to go, and time is of the essence.

Memberships, Donations and Naming Rights Opportunities

Category	Value
Court Pavilion Naming Rights Court Pavilion Naming Rights; Premium Life Membership (see below). Commemorative numbered racquet.	Open to offers above \$250,000 \$250,000 has already been offered for the naming of the court.
Dedans Naming Rights Dedans Naming Rights; Premium Life Membership (see below). Seating for major tournaments (conditions apply); Commemorative numbered racquet.	Open to offers above \$200,000
Club Room Naming Rights (two available) Dedans Lounge naming rights; and Dedans Penthouse Lounge naming rights. Premium Life Membership (see below).	Open to offers above \$150,000
Winning Gallery Naming Rights Winning Gallery Naming Rights; Premium Life Membership (see below); Reserved seating for major tournaments (conditions apply)	Open to offers above \$100,000
Other Galleries Naming Rights (six available) Gallery Naming Rights (Last; Second and the Door Galleries on both sides of the net); Premium Life Membership (see below); Seating for major tournaments (conditions apply)	Open to offers above \$50,000
Platinum Founder Member Premium Life Membership (see footnote below). Platinum Founder Members Honour Board recognition	\$50,000
Gold Founder Member Premium Life Membership (see footnote below). Gold Founder Members Honour Board recognition	\$30,000
Interstate / International Founder Member Premium Life Membership (see below). Founder Members Honour Board recognition	\$20,000
Silver Founder Member Silver Founder Members Honour Board recognition	\$10,000
Bronze Founder Member Bronze Founder Members Honour Board recognition	\$5,000
Ordinary Interstate/ International 5-Year, 10-Year or Life Member	\$1,500; \$3,000; \$5,000
A donation of any amount would be gratefully received.	

Any of the above amounts may be paid by instalment. Please call us to discuss.

On an annual basis, the club will host a Founders' Tournament for all Founder Members, and a black-tie dinner for Naming Rights holders and Platinum, Gold, Interstate/ International Founder Members.

Premium Life Membership provides for Interstate/International Life Membership plus a one-time-only right to transfer your membership to another person not living in Sydney.

How can I make a contribution to the building of the Sydney court?

Donations may be made in either of the following ways:

- Escrow account – SRTC has established an escrow account for direct donations to SRTC, which means the money will be refunded in the event that insufficient funds are raised for construction.
- Australian Sports Foundation (tax deductible) – SRTC has established a Fund with the Australian Sports Foundation which has deductible gift recipient (DGR) status, which means that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. [AU only]

Funds received in the Escrow account may subsequently be paid into the Australian Sports Foundation Fund and will be tax deductible if the donor does not receive a material benefit in return.

Contributions may be made directly to the SRTC Escrow Account, by bank transfer to the following account:

Macquarie Bank; BSB: 182 512 | Account number: 966 790 388

Please include your name for reference on the transfer and email James Willis at James@totalcg.com.au with the details, so a receipt can be issued to confirm the funds have arrived safely.

If you have specific questions in considering the options set out above, please feel free to contact any of the following SRTC Committee members on the following numbers:

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The SRTC website at www.sydneyrealtennis.com.au sets out further details about the opportunity at Cheltenham.