

Mid Canterbury Tennis Charitable Trust

2015 Annual Report

This has again been a relatively quiet year as far as the Tennis Trust is concerned as we complete the 15th season of tennis at the Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre. The court resurfacing planned for this season was again postponed as the proposed block of courts are still in good condition - but for continuity it will be necessary to do a block of courts next season.

The construction of a volley board has been investigated and whilst it appeared that a site near the pavilion may have been suitable it proved impractical. A site in the domain at the far end of the complex just through the bottom gate appears acceptable to the District Council and is being researched.

Normal maintenance took place but the annual programme of spraying the courts and surrounds with a Moss and Mould killer was deferred as previous spraying has proving effective in keeping the courts in good condition for this season. The paved area has been sprayed.

The courts proximity to Oak Grove and the Hospital presents an ongoing leaf, seed and nut problem in the latter part of the season. The court clearing has been a joint operation with the Management Committee and with the retirement of Ray Chalmers a more formal roster is being put in place. The leaf screen on the buildings has been effective but is needing replacing and the spouting requires attention.

Thanks to Gary Hunt, Chris Thomas and Chris Anderson for their work in maintaining the Centre to a high standard. Reg Donaldson continues to prove invaluable in his quiet attention to the nets and anything else that requires his expertise.

Sponsors

I would like to acknowledge and thank the businesses and individuals that continue to support the Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre. Their ongoing support is vital to the viability of the Centre. It is important that, in return, we strongly support these businesses with our custom. The five year court contracts come up for renewal this coming year.

Finances

The Charitable Trust has recorded a loss for the year after depreciation of \$22,303 (2014 loss \$25,434). With no significant maintenance required this year the cash position has improved to \$59,384 (2014 \$36,087) but that will change the next year or two as we renew and maintain our 15 year old assets. David Bishop's budget projections for the next 10 years indicate that our planned maintenance programme is achievable but we should be aware that major capital work would require outside funding.

Eric Bryant

It was with sadness that we record the passing of Eric Bryant who died earlier this year. It was Eric's generous donation of \$50,000 that provided the initial impetus to develop the Tennis Centre. He took immense pride in the way it all turned out and it was fitting that his funeral service was held at the Centre where he had such a big influence on its development.

Trustees

One of the founding development committee members Ross Smart stood down at the start of the year after valuable service to the Trust. Incidentally it was Ross that recommended that we base the design of the ATTC on the Waikato Tennis Centre – and it proved to be a very good model. Thanks for your contribution Ross.

Neil McCann was appointed a trustee earlier in the year and his strong interest in tennis and his willingness to act as the Trust's representative on the Management Committee will be invaluable.

I thank the other trustees for their ongoing support – David Bishop, Gary Casey, Gary Hunt and Phil Crozier. Special thanks are again due to David Bishop for his diligent financial management.

Thanks again to everybody else that contributes so willingly in ensuring that the Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre continues to be a vibrant place and a tennis facility of the highest order.

Jack Allan

Chairman