

Asset Manager Report – Annual General Meeting for 2020 – held on 2 May 2021

The year was a quiet one due to Covid-19 forcing the closure of the clubhouse and restricted use of the courts.

Clubhouse

Building work on the termite damaged clubhouse was completed in February 2020. The vinyl floor planks were laid during the month and the builder returned to fit new skirtings and towel rails. The clubhouse was once again open for use by all members and users of the club.

Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions

The club (clubhouse and courts) was closed on 26 March 2020 in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time. Reopening the clubhouse was only possible in certain circumstances and with a Covid-19 Safety Plan in place. We developed and implemented the Ainslie Tennis Club - Cleaning and Hygiene Requirements – July 2020, purchased appropriate cleaning and sanitising products and trialled giving access to a small number of members. Further relaxing of the Covid-19 restrictions in July allowed for the clubhouse to be opened and used by all members and guests.

Termites

Two inspections were carried out during the year (February and August) with both confirming there was no live termite activity in the subfloor or clubhouse. The annual inspection is due July-August 2021.

Courts

Replacing the grass surface on court 3 was investigated however at a cost of around \$45,000 it was not considered as feasible in the near future. General and regular maintenance of the court surfaces is best at extending the life and prolonging the high replacement expenditure. An annual maintenance program for all three courts is planned to start in April 2021.

Lights

The committee decided after receiving advice of yet another broken court light it was time to seriously consider converting to LED. At a cost of over \$58,000 for all three courts it was not feasible to progress without supplementary funding such as a grant. Pennant games managed to continue despite the reduced light and plans were developed to progressively move to LED by replacing broken lights with LED where appropriate. No further action was taken during 2020 although discussions continued with various contractors and Tennis ACT. In April 2021 four lights were replaced with LED.

Gardening and working bees

Thanks to the efforts of many of our members in supporting the working bees and taking on extra activities the gardens, clubhouse and surrounds have been kept neat and tidy. The garden at the entrance was cleared to make way for a more inviting space for which plans are being developed.