

Strategic Focus Area: Strong. Healthy. Safe.

## **Nagambie Tennis Club Masterplan**

### **Problem and opportunity:**

Once upon a time, situated in the heart of the lakeside township of Nagambie was a thriving sporting community that came together several times weekly to socialise, compete and be active at the Nagambie Tennis Club which all contributed to the health and well being of the residents of Nagambie.

With over 100 members, 8 competing teams and facilities that were the envy of surrounding communities, Nagambie Tennis Club had it all. Fast forward to 2023 with memberships falling to 3 and the facilities deteriorating at a rapid rate a solution was needed as the Nagambie Tennis Club was now at risk of being lost to the community forever.

The Current State of the Facility -

- The 1970's clubhouse is outdated, floor coverings damaged, toilet blocks dated, painting poor, windows are single glazing
- 6 tennis courts with 3 requiring works to the surface
- The fencing surrounding the courts is rusted and patchy
- The existing lighting towers are outdated and globes are not accessible to be changed

Go Nagambie in partnership with the Nagambie Tennis Club and its members are seeking financial assistance of \$50000 to create a masterplan that includes a staged approach to outline the costing to renovate the clubhouse and includes Nagambie Tennis Courts Detailed Design.

### **How does it affect or impact the community?**

Sporting facilities represent the community and are often the first introduction to a township for visiting schools and communities that travel to participate in sporting activities. Communities take great pride in the facilities that they have been able to provide for their residents. Likewise, facilities that are outdated, poorly maintained, or in disrepair can also be a source of shame and embarrassment.

A sporting club isn't successful without its members so it was important to firstly boost the membership, gauge the interest of the community before mapping the road forward. A collaborative community approach was taken to drive membership which included a social tennis competition, coaching clinics and community bbq. With an overwhelming response the Nagambie Tennis Club now has a membership exceeding 100 and will enter 2 teams in the district competition in the 2024/2025 season. We now move our focus to maintaining the membership, strengthening the club and providing positive experiences.

The pride modern sporting facilities creates can have a positive or negative impact on the attitude of the members and the overall performance. The proposed transformation of the Nagambie Tennis Club from an inadequate sports precinct to a workable modern design has the ability to create a sense of place and belonging and entice a strong membership for years to come.

### **What is your idea and what difference would it make?**

Modern sports facilities are being created to be more multipurpose and serve more than just one demographic. They are being created to support learning for careers that revolve around

sports. Those careers include marketing, video editing, broadcast, technology, physical training, physical therapy, culinary, and event management. The sport facilities can simulate an experience that students could receive in the real world. In some cases, like Planet Ford Stadium, students are given a small stipend to operate the scoreboard for an evening.

This project will also align with the Strathbogie Shire Sports Strategy which is currently in development, providing a clear plan for the maintenance and development of sporting facilities in the community.

The overall benefit to the community and its residents is immeasurable. Go Nagambie takes great pride in identifying gaps in our community and delivering solutions to provide positive outcomes for all. There is nothing like seeing the excitement and joy on the faces of students, coaches, parents, and spectators when they come together socially or competitive in a space that is welcoming and inviting. It is also wonderful to know what impact these places will have on communities for years to come.

**Further information:**

Go Nagambie is committed to supporting the region's economic growth and will continue working with the Nagambie Tennis Club and Tennis Victoria to strengthen the Nagambie experience further.