

# Hard Court Maintenance Policy

Corangamite Shire

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### Introduction

Sport and recreation play an important role in promoting a sense of community, social inclusion and community wellbeing. Suitable hard courts and related infrastructure are important assets that provide opportunities for participation in sports with high participation rates such as netball and tennis which in turn contributes to the social fabric of the community.

### Purpose

The aim of this policy is to establish maintenance and upgrade responsibilities for hard court facilities located in Corangamite Shire.

### Scope

This policy applies to hard court surfaces that are accessible by community members and are used for recreational or competition netball and/or tennis.

### References

Corangamite Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025  
Corangamite Shire Council Plan 2021-2025  
Recreation Reserve Masterplans 2021-2031  
Great South Coast AFL, Cricket and Netball Strategy 2019-2033

### Policy Detail

Council will consider as a part of its annual budget development and its 10 year capital works plan, dollar for dollar financial assistance for the maintenance or upgrade of hard court surfaces and associated infrastructure located on Council owned or managed land or on land identified by Council as a township reserve (including reserved funds for the resealing of Camperdown's Lakes Recreation Park courts).

Hard court surfaces located on other Crown land or public reserves will be eligible to apply to Council's Facility Grants Program for funding assistance on a dollar for dollar basis.

Council officers will assist committees, associations or individual clubs in gaining State Government grants for upgrade projects.

Responsibility for the management of the hard court surfaces and related infrastructure will continue to rest with the relevant recreation reserve committee, tennis association or tennis club.

Public liability insurance arrangements for hard court surfaces and related infrastructure will continue to be in accordance with land owner responsibilities (i.e. Council or Crown) and will involve organisational insurance where those courts and associated infrastructure are used by an independent club or association.

**Reference to linked Procedure or Guidelines**

Netball Australian National Facilities Policy

Netball Victoria Compliance Fact Sheet

National Tennis Facility Planning and Development Guide

It is considered that this Policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006).

The Gender Equality Act 2020 requires Council to undertake gender impact assessments when developing or reviewing any policy, program or service which has a direct and significant impact on the public. This policy will not have a direct and significant public impact and a Gender Impact Assessment has not been undertaken.

**Review Date**

April 2026

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