

Woodriff Gardens Tennis Complex

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The Woodriff Gardens Tennis Complex in Penrith has secured its future with the investment of A\$500 000 spent on the resurfacing of their 14 courts. A five-year agreement between Tennis Australia and the NSW State Government has enabled this refurbishment after securing a new license agreement with the Penrith City Council.

The Nepean District Tennis Association (NDTA) worked very closely with Tennis NSW and Tennis Australia to develop a business case for improvements, which demonstrated a clear economic return to Council and state government to justify their investments. Not only are there more than 8000 users of the facility in Penrith, but the impressive events program, which boasts local, state and national-level tournaments, provides a strong economic impact for the local community. The new license agreement is now sustainable for tennis and Council have agreed to a very fair and reasonable allocation of asset management and maintenance obligations going forward.

Tuff Turf were awarded the contract to refurbish the courts and enlisted the assistance of Mapei to ensure that the resurfacing was completed to a world-class “international standard” playing surface. Fabio D’Amato (Mapei’s Technical Director from Italy) travelled out from Italy to assist with the product installation on the first two courts. Fabio’s technical knowledge and product installation experience was paramount in ensuring the professional finish and playing quality of the courts were second to none. The courts at Woodriff Gardens Complex were the first tennis courts in New South Wales to be resurfaced using **Mapei’s Mapecoat TNS Cushion System**. Below is a quote from Penrith Mayor, Karen McKeown expressing her appreciation for the quality of the courts.

“The new surface is a rubberised acrylic surface that will have the same playing characteristics as the courts used in the recent Australian Open.

The new playing surface is produced by Mapei, with the courts in Penrith being the first to use this product in NSW. In ensuring the quality of the courts, Mapei flew their Technical Director from Italy to oversee some of the initial surface applications. Tuff Turf, the contractor responsible for the project, are on track to deliver the next 4 courts in a week’s time with all 10 courts being completely upgraded by Easter.”

Tuff Turf commenced installation of the first 4 tennis courts with the application of **Mapecoat TNS White Base Coat** over the entire newly laid asphalt base. This process was followed by five coats of **Mapecoat TNS Grey Base Coat** creating the cushion base for the tennis court. A coat of

Mapecoat TNS Finish 1 was applied followed by two coats of **Mapecoat TNS Finish 3** which gave the tennis courts the desired speed as specified by the client. This completed the tennis court installation and once completely dry the white line marking was created using Mapei's **Mapecoat TNS Line White** product.

Tuff Turf and his contractors have now completed their contract which included ten full size championship tennis courts using this **Mapecoat TNS Cushion System** with outstanding results. When **Mapecoat TNS Cushion** is applied on surfaces it forms a semi-elastic playing surface that has excellent playing comfort and performance characteristics such as perfect bounce of the ball, quick, safe change in direction and an excellent compromise between balance and slide for players.

The Woodriff Gardens Tennis Centre will be enjoyed by social and professional tennis players alike and, accordingly, will become the main tennis centre in NSW's behind the Homebush Tennis Centre.