

Bareena Park Tennis Club: Plan of Management.

The following Plan of Management for the operation of lights at Bareena for courts one, two, and three has been updated in consideration of our neighbour's concerns and in response to Council's letter 2022/766933 dated December 2nd, 2022. Each of the Council's conditions has been addressed in this revised document.

Operating as a not-for-profit and volunteer-run club, Bareena has served this community since 1957. Today, there are twenty-three junior teams in the Saturday morning district competitions; every week, around 80 veterans [many octogenarians] enjoy the club's three organised social sessions; the Wednesday morning ladies' comp and the Monday twilight in summer evenings are also popular. Balgowlah Heights Primary School utilises the courts for PSSA, and our school holiday programs are well attended; public bookings are readily available.

Despite these positives, the Bareena member numbers have declined considerably over the past several years. Bareena is today the only remaining club on the Northern Beaches without lights. The club cannot meet the needs of the new family demographic, that is, working parents who cannot play tennis except in the evenings. Our juniors are also disadvantaged and prevented from playing after 5 pm in the two winter terms.

The Bareena Tennis Club Revised Plan of Management

1-Noise Assessment

The attached Acoustic Impact statement by RWDI Climate & Performance Engineering supports the operation of lights at Bareena. The club has adopted several RWDI recommendations in this revised Plan of Management.

-Lights off by 9 pm each day of the week. Each court's lighting is independent and will automatically turn on and off via the automated booking system.

-No more than 12 players on the three courts after 8 pm.

-No music or spectators permitted.

-No Squads after 6 pm

-No Coaching after 7 pm

The RWDI report concludes that, "The noise impacts from the proposal are expected to be minimal and reasonable and would not adversely affect the amenity and comfort of the surrounding residents".

2- Obtrusive Light Report

-Potential light spill is mitigated by incorporating the latest technology by installing the Caravel MK2 LED Sports Lights and adding Rear Shields on all lights. This system complies with the standards for AS2560 and AS 4282. The attached Obtrusive Light Compliance report by Shine-On confirms that these lights are certified to comply with the relevant Australian Standards. This system will be maintained and not changed in the future.

-Each of the court lights will be independent and turned on and off automatically via the automated booking system and turned on only when required for the booking.

-The installer will supply a 10-year warranty for the lights upon completion. Bareena Park Tennis Club commit to obtaining the ten-year light warranty and accepts this condition as part of the Council DA "condition of consent".

-Certification that the design is compliant with Australian Standards AS2560 and AS4282 is confirmed in the Shine-On document.

-Back shields are included on all court lights per the attached Shine-On document.

-A light colour at 4,000k is the agreed standard.

-All cabling is to be trenched on the outside of the court fences

-Footing bearing pressure has been updated in the submitted plans

- Additional pathway lighting will be non-obtrusive LED solar powered garden bed spike lights to be installed in the existing planter alongside Court # 1 -3 (refer architectural plans)
This will improve public safety for the players and also the public who currently use this unlit Council pathway to access the Bowling club and Earnest Street.

3-Operating Hours

-At 9 pm, the lights will shut off by an automatic timed system, and players will be asked to leave the premises within 10 minutes. Although most courts in our area operate until 10 pm, such as Allambie, Manly, Curl Park and Balgowlah, the Bareena DA application has been revised to 9 pm in consideration of our neighbours.

-There will be no coaching on the weekends [Coaching is only during school terms]

-Lights will not be on all the time and will only come on with the designated booked time;
Lights will turn on and off according to those bookings with a priority for bookings directed to courts 1& 2

4-Management of players' behaviour

-Since 1957, Bareena has had a proven track record as a responsible community partner.

-Court bookings and access are via the online booking system integrated with the TNSW-recommended electronic Igloo locking system. Since 2021, the system has a proven track record, allowing only booked players to access the courts.

- Signs will be posted reminding all players to exit quietly, and a member education program will be put in place so that each player is reminded to be considerate to our neighbours and leave quietly.

-Guidelines will be e-mailed to all members and court hirers.

-The last online booking will be set for 8 pm and finish by 9 pm.

-A light kill switch set for 9 pm will encourage players to leave quickly.

- Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. The club's code of conduct will be enforced, any breaches will be directed to the committee, and disruptive players will not be permitted to play again.

-Concerns from neighbours are to be directed to the club secretary by phone, text or e-mail. Several committee members live within 500 meters of the club and can attend the club promptly if required.

-Previous occasional school holiday vandalism issues ceased following the 2021 installation of clubhouse, motion-activated video, and lighting

-Most members and players live locally and value and respect their community.

-The active presence of players at the club is more likely to discourage anti-social behaviour; this proposal is an opportunity to create a healthier and more engaged community.

5- Parking

- The detailed parking report and member survey makes clear that parking will not be an issue because of the reduced player numbers using only three courts. When compared to normal daytime parking, it is anticipated that around 70% less street parking would be required in the evenings.

Yours Faithfully

Bareena Park Tennis Club-

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President - Ross Mclean

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