

*Plan of Management for Bareena Park Tennis Club's installation of
lights on courts 1, 2 & 3*

The Bareena members and the community are unfairly marginalised because they cannot participate in the Tennis Northern Beaches District [TNB] competitions. Bareena is the only Club on the Northern Beaches without lights and therefore excluded from participating in the TNB-organised night comps that more recently replaced the original Saturday afternoon competitions.

Bareena is a nonprofit, volunteer-run club that has served this community since 1958; today's committee value its founder's efforts, and we strive to ensure the Club's viability for both today's and future generations.

Young working families are our community's principal demographic. This same demographic, however, is no longer joining the Club because we cannot offer them evening tennis!

Without lights,

- Our community is being deprived of playing in the popular TNB competitions.
- Working parents are being excluded from social tennis.
- Our juniors are restricted when finishing by 5 pm during the two winter terms.

To alleviate any concerns for our Neighbours the committee has prepared a detailed management plan.

Plan of Management

- Participation numbers will be limited to 12 players after 8 pm.
- Court usage will be limited to 9.30 on three nights and 10 pm on three nights, there will be no usage on Sunday evenings.
- Installation of the latest technology, environmentally responsible halogen lighting ensures zero light spill outside the court footprint, efficient light activation, and low power usage.
- The reduced player numbers will also mean that noise levels will be considerably less than during daylight hours.
- From 8 pm, there will be no group lessons or squads. There will also be no loudspeakers or music at any time.
- The recently upgraded online booking system includes an interconnected electronic lock system on each gate, ensuring only those known to the Club can access the courts.
- Automatically controlled lights will ensure the court lights are turned off at the agreed times.
- The Club will install ground-level sensor lighting along the council driveway to ensure a safe and quick exit by players. This lighting will also increase safety for the general public for those wishing to access the nearby Bowling club or the public toilets.
- The clubhouse will be vacated within 15 minutes after the end of play, and strict protocols will be in place to ensure players exit quietly.
- Signs will be posted to remind the players about courtesy to the Neighbours and to leave promptly and quietly.

-Parking will be immediately adjacent to the courts on Vista Avenue. - Vista Avenue is one of the main arteries to Dobroyd, Balgowlah Heights and Clontarf. It is estimated there will be between 5 and 8 cars; therefore, ample parking is sufficient for the restricted number of evening players. In addition, many members are nearby residents and will walk or ride there.

-The existing hitting wall will not be lit, and its use will not be permitted after 6 pm on any night.

-Natural noise mitigation already exists thanks to the dense trees and an expansive parkland on the court's Northern and Western perimeters; Vista Avenue abuts the Eastern boundary. The court's Southern perimeter sits two meters below and several meters from our Southern Neighbor, there is also a 2-meter paling fence bordering Bareena and our Southern Neighbor.

-Plant screening, if required, will be made along the Vista Avenue verge and the southern perimeter which is the entrance driveway to the Club. Planting will be in line with the Council's planting recommendations.

-Solar installation is an important inclusion, a long-term objective of the Club once additional funds become available.

In Summary, considering the court's boundaries and the proximity to our Neighbours, the Club believes that this management plan ensures a good outcome for our Neighbours and the community.

Based on this Club's sixty-five years valued relationship with the Council, a history we feel reflects this Club's sound management practices and community values, our committee requests Council support for this project for this community and this Club's long-term viability.

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