**Glen Huntly Tennis Club**

**Renewing our Courts**

Members will be aware the committee was considering renovations to the courts, likely towards a carpet surface, at significant cost (a total cost of $118,000 to $202,000 for four courts).

IQ Tennis staff with experience in clay courts have now converted all four en-tous-cas courts into “european clay”. With great results confirmed.

This approach is more cost efficient, “clay” is attracting players as it is good for developing good ground strokes and is the surface most pro-tennis is played upon. We now have more people being coached at Glenhuntly Tennis Club, including some promising juniors and professionals who play on the Futures circuit.

The courts are smoother with more reliable bounces. A maintenance program is underway and new equipment needed for the courts is being purchased. Lines have been replaced. We also want to plant more vegetation around the courts to reduce winds and increase moisture.

It’s important to water the courts thoroughly before play (with the hose pointed up) and then do top-up sprinkling of the surface between sets. Bagging the courts needs to be done in a spiral motion from the centre out, preferably with the new large brooms which leave a fairly uniform powder surface.

Thank you for your patience and help as we undertake these improvements.

The GHTC Committee (March 2015).