

## 10.1 MANAGEMENT OF STUARTS POINT TENNIS COURTS

**Councillor** Bruce Morris, Councillor  
**File No** F19/1930  
**Attachments** Nil

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### PURPOSE

To review the license conditions for the management of Stuarts Point Tennis Courts to require a minimum level of community access for use of the Courts and regular reporting to Council concerning the operation, use and management of the Tennis Courts. Given that the license is currently on holding over provisions, now is the ideal time to review the license conditions.

This proposal has been initiated due to a number of complaints received by Stuarts Point and District Community Organisation, from both local residents and holiday makers in relation to a lack of access to the Stuarts Point Tennis Courts.

I intend to move the following motion at the ordinary meeting of Council to be held Tuesday, 18 February 2020.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council review the license conditions with the Stuarts Point and District Tennis Club to require a minimum level of community access to the Tennis Courts and an annual report to Council concerning the operation, use and management of the Tennis Courts.**
- 2. That if the Stuarts Point and District Tennis Club do not accede to minimum community access provisions and a reporting requirement that Council investigates other options for the management of the Stuarts Point Tennis Club facilities.**

### BACKGROUND

The following answers were provided by Council staff in relation to the Stuarts Point Tennis Courts.

1. The Stuarts Point Tennis Courts are on council managed crown land. They are currently under license to the Stuarts Point and District Tennis Club.
2. The license is currently on holding over provisions.
3. The license has no requirements to provide community access to the courts and has no reporting requirements to Council.

SPADCO have received several complaints from both residents and tourists concerning not being able to access the Tennis Courts. The current arrangements are to book the courts and pick up the keys from a private residence, with many claiming that the contact is regularly not available. In the past, it was possible to book the courts and pick up a key from a nearby shop.

The Stuarts Point and District Tennis Club facebook page has a post that states, "Due to Reserve upgrades being conducted by Kempsey Shire Council, Stuarts Point tennis courts are temporarily unavailable for use". SPADCO asked a Council Manager on the job site, and it was clarified that this restriction of use was not a requirement of Kempsey Shire Council for the foreshore reserve upgrade works. In addition, the Stuarts Point and District Tennis Club website indicates that the Tennis Courts are closed for major public holidays and to call for more details. Given the tennis courts proximity to the Stuarts Point Holiday Park, the courts could have a reasonable level of demand from tourists, particularly during major holiday periods.

Whilst access should be controlled, with an appropriate fee for use paid, given that the tennis courts are located on Crown Land, reasonable access should be available for all local residents and tourists.

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**RESOLVED:**

**MOVED: Cl Morris**  
**SECONDED: Cl Hauville**

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**FOR:** Cl Campbell, Cl Hauville, Cl McGinn, Cl Morris, Cl Patterson, Cl Saul, Cl Shields

**AGAINST:** nil