



The Pickled News – August 2025

Tribute to Viv Daniels our Inaugural DCSPCS President

In September 2022, eleven pickleballers who were living in Drysdale and Clifton Springs realised the need to start their own pickleball club. Viv Daniels put her hand up to lead the new Committee for the first three years of the club's life, and as a Level 1 Coach, she is responsible for teaching more than half our current members to play and love pickleball. A lot has happened since those early days with the club growing exponentially from Viv's drive and leadership, making DCSPC a successful and vibrant community that is well respected by the wider pickleball community.

Viv is now a Board member of Pickleball Victoria representing our regional interests at the state level to help grow the game even further.

From small things big things have grown! Thank you Viv, you're a legend.

Exciting Progress on Court Resurfacing Project

The Drysdale Clifton Springs Pickleball Club (DCSPC) is thrilled to share an important update on our journey to upgrade and expand our courts at Clifton Springs Bowling Club.

Last year, we applied for funding through the City of Greater Geelong (COGG) to resurface and improve our facilities. While there were several engineering uncertainties at that stage, COGG recognised the value of our application and acknowledged pickleball as a growing sport enjoyed by all ages.

Funding for Planning – A Strong Start

In December 2024, DCSPC was awarded \$25,000 in grant funding from COGG (with a \$400 club contribution) to work alongside council and engineering consultants, HK Solutions. Over the past six months, this planning phase has included:

- Extensive consultation with engineers and council
- Surveys and geotechnical testing of the site
- Assessment of power supply needs
- Development of a detailed design brief
- Consideration of improved accessibility for all abilities
- Long-term vision planning, including lighting and a potential roof

This planning process has resulted in endorsed and approved designs for eight tournament-grade courts—a fantastic milestone for our club.

Moving into the Next Phase

With FY25/26 funding now open, DCSPC has applied for up to \$250,000 in infrastructure grant funding from COGG to commence Stage 1 of development. This stage is estimated to cost \$340,000 and will deliver the new courts.

- On 13 August 2025, DCSPC applied for a Co-Contribution Exemption, requesting the full \$250,000 grant.
- We expect to hear by 1 September 2025 if this exemption is successful.
- The final grant application is due 29 September 2025.
- DCSPC has committed to contributing \$50,000 by March 2026, along with in-kind labour.

How Members Can Help

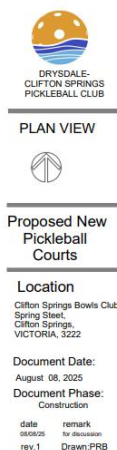
If our application is successful, the next priority will be raising additional funds for seating, shelters, and other amenities to ensure a welcoming environment for both players and spectators.

We'd love to hear from members;

- with fundraising ideas or initiatives.
- who own or work for a business that would like marketing exposure to our members through sponsorship.

Please speak to any of our committee members if you'd like to get involved.

Together, we're building not just courts, but a lasting home for pickleball in our community!



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2025/26 Committee members

The following members have now been elected to the 2025-2026 Committee.

- President Sue Shannon

- Vice-President Alison Lugg
 - Treasurer Cheryl Elvey
 - Secretary Jos Kurrle
 - General Committee: Leanne McKenzie, Linda Govan, Roy Preece, Ian Clifton, Leigh Dunn, Gary Baron, Rod Gill, Gary Roberts.
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