



Tennis complex boost for Thuringowa

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THURINGOWA may be the place to scout Australia's future tennis stars with a new \$3.1 million complex to be built by 2009.

The new complex will contain 10 courts, including a Davis Cup-standard court, clubhouse and supporting facilities including car parking and lighting.

It will be built at Kalynda Chase, a 1500-lot residential development being built by Urbex on 161ha of bushland off Herveys Range Rd.

Thuringowa Mayor Les

Tyrell said council research revealed a shortage of tennis courts in the Thuringowa area.

"Tennis is one of the most popular sports played in Thuringowa and there is a shortage of courts," Tyrell said.

"We hope to fill that void by building the new complex which has been a partnership of Tennis Queensland, Sport and Recreation Queensland, Urbex Pty Ltd and the council.

"The developers had arranged (former world No. 1) Pat Rafter to promote the

new complex through Tennis Queensland's development scheme.

"The developers at Kalynda Chase have contributed by providing the land and the council will be contributing just over \$1 million dollars to the project."

Tyrell said the complex had been boosted by funding from the State Government.

"The government is providing \$2,089,566 towards the project," Tyrell said.

"The centre will be located within Stage 6 of

Kalynda Chase development.

"The time for the beginning of construction was still to be finalised but the centre should be completed and open by late 2009.

"The centre will be run commercially by a Tennis Queensland operator who will be appointed by the management committee of the centre."

The developers believed it was too early to comment on the complex but looked forward to promoting it closer to the construction date.



PROPOSED LAYOUT . . . a plan of the tennis precinct at Kalynda Chase



FRESH IDEA . . . a concept design of the Thuringowa tennis complex's clubhouse