



LOCAL TENNIS GETS BOOST BEFORE CHARITY MARATHON

Hornsby Kuring-gai District Tennis Association is getting ready to serve up another 24 hour tennis charity marathon on October 29-30.

The annual tennis marathon which raises money for Hornsby Hospital's children's ward is now in its 7th year at Asquith's Mills Park Tennis Centre. Early preparations for this year's charity marathon are still being finalised with event organiser **Mai Donnelly** urging the local community to get involved and support a great cause.

"This year's theme is 'Rock around the clock' so come on down to the tennis centre in dress up clothes if you wish and have a great time," Ms Donnelly said.

The marathon day will be divided into three different stages starting with a 2pm to dinner slot, dinner to breakfast and a breakfast to finish time slot. Participants can choose a single session at \$30 per person or a full 24 hour pass from \$80. Price includes food, activities and tennis game time. Family passes can also be purchased.

Preparations for this year's event have also been boosted by a \$1000 sports grant given to the Tennis Centre by Hornsby MP Matt Kean.

The grant was used to purchase a tennis court sweeper which will better prepare the courts for major events competition matches.

Matt Kean said, "I am thrilled to be able to support local grass roots tennis in the Hornsby Shire area."

"Mai and her team (pictured below with Matt Kean) do a wonderful job in supporting local charity and promoting tennis every year."

Last year the team raised over \$3500 for the Hospital's Children's Ward.

For more information on the 24 hour tennis charity event contact Mai Donnelly at Mills Park Tennis Centre on 9482 1370.

