

The Bungip

Get the courts lit!

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KAPUNDA Tennis Club is hopeful of lighting its remaining three Dutton Park courts by the end of the current season, after recently lodging a development application with Light Regional Council.

The club's project, which has been in the planning for at least three years, involves the installation of four 15-metre light poles across the remaining three of its seven courts.

Club vice-president David Cobbledick said the lights will answer a need within its membership, as players steer away from Saturday competitions in favour of weekday evening matches.

Currently, junior and senior matches are played Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings in Dutton Park, with additional lit courts providing the opportunity to increase the evening playing schedule.

"I think we would increase our numbers having more courts under lights and with other options for evening tennis," Mr Cobbledick said.

"We also hold a junior tournament and we have floated the idea of utilising those courts under lights, for an under 18 tournament on a Friday night."

The lights will cost about \$51,000 and have been made possible due to a \$25,000 grant from the Office for Recreation and Sport, announced earlier in the year.

Further funds have been generated from club fundraisers, local sponsorship arrangements and major contributors the Nuriootpa Co-Op Shopping Centre, Renewable Energy Systems, and Dutton Park Inc.

The lights are expected to be approved by Light Regional Council early in the new year, with the club having engaged SA Sports Lighting for the installation, shortly thereafter.

In the off-season they will be used by social tennis players, when the existing four lit courts are used for netball.