

NSW Tennis Centre, Homebush Bay

NSW Tennis Centre, Homebush Bay The world class Tennis Centre in the heart of Homebush Bay is a further achievement of the outcomes of the Olympics and Paralympic facility projects. Representing a \$39 million investment, funding has been provided by the NSW State Government, Tennis NSW and Tennis Australia to create a 10 000 seat capacity circular centre-court stadium. Architects, Lawrence Nield & Partners, with the assistance of international consultants the UK's Building Design Partnership, also responsible for the new No. 1 Court at Wimbledon, and tennis great John Newcombe provided specialist input. The design feature is a lightweight metal roof which provides shade to 70 percent of the seats. Weighing only 15 kgs per square metre, it has the court lighting incorporated within, avoiding the need for light towers. Adjoining the centre court facility are two show courts, seven match courts and six practice courts all with Rebound Ace playing surfaces. Extensive use of structural steel was treated in a high surface quality galvanized finish for long term protection and as an aesthetic feature of the structure. Service facilities within the tennis complex cover administration, meeting and changing rooms and retail facilities together with a gymnasium and physiotherapy centre, and a small club for members, with dining and function capacity. A tennis museum houses much of the historical material accumulated by Tennis NSW.



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During the Games competition, 7400 temporary seats will be added to accommodate spectator demands from ten consecutive days of Olympic tennis, destined to draw the world's best. The Tennis Centre is close to the new Olympic Park station, bus routes and public transport access and private parking will be unavailable during the games period, to encourage all spectators to use public transport.



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