



Queensland tennis hits a winner

Queensland is poised to reclaim its place as a premier destination for the international tennis circuit with construction now under way on the \$77 million State Tennis Centre at Tennyson.

The tennis centre will be complete by the end of 2008, in time to host the inaugural Australian combined Men's and Women's Hardcourt Championships in January 2009.

Premier Peter Beattie said Queensland would soon compete with other states for major tournaments and the economic benefits that flowed from them.

The development includes transport infrastructure to make the site accessible by public transport.

"The Tennyson Riverside Development will also deliver major improvements to local infrastructure including an overhead walkway connecting the tennis centre to the Yeerongpilly railway station," he said.

"It will open up public access to the Brisbane River from Tennyson to Yeerongpilly, with improvements such as pedestrian and bicycle pathways and the creation of open green space for recreation."