



Ball rolling on centre

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MIRVAC has begun serving up the \$77 million State Tennis Centre (STC) at Tennyson.

A site delivery team of about 15 engineers, accountants, infrastructure crew and about 30 construction workers moved on site last month.

Project manager Paul Cunningham said so far workers, using a piling rig, had installed close to 200 of the total 360 seven-metre concrete footings needed for

the centre court stadium.

He said up to 150 construction workers would be on-site once the development reached full swing later this year.

At that time, Mirvac will implement a comprehensive traffic management plan to minimise the disruption construction trucks and vehicles will have on local traffic.

Development director Matthew Wallace said a security guard was manning

the site's gatehouse 24 hours a day seven days a week, as another measure to minimise traffic disruption.

Tennis Queensland president Ashley Cooper said the action at the former Tennyson Power Station was causing excitement within the tennis fraternity.

"It is fantastic to be able to look at the site and see exactly where centre court will be located," he said.

Construction has also started on stage one of the residential sector.

The first apartments on the river will be released off-the-plan next month and Mr Wallace said the buildings should be ready for residents in early 2009.

The STC will host its first tournament in January 2009.

Mr Cunningham said a major focus would be ensuring court surfaces and specifications were the same quality, or better, than Melbourne's tennis centre.



■ Forming foundations ... Tennyson State Tennis Centre project manager Paul Cunningham