



Jeff's got big plans

FORMER international touring tennis professional Jeff Schneider (*pictured*) has taken over the Redland Tennis Association coaching reins with plans to rejuvenate community involvement in the sport.

Jeff has come to the Cleveland courts from a position as West Australia tennis coach.

He brings with him a wealth of experience gained from his early playing days in Victoria, three years playing the rugged international circuit and five years as a senior coach in Germany.

Jeff achieved an ATP singles rating of 450 and was ranked in the top 200 in doubles during his playing career.

His experience has given an insight to the requirements of coaching programs and Jeff is keen to offer Redland residents a wide variety of tennis fixtures and coaching methods.

"There's great potential in this area," Jeff said. "I will be trying to generate interest and enthusiasm for tennis in the community.

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"One of my aims is to create a family environment where all age groups in the community can enjoy their tennis."

Eight courts are available for hire at the Redland Tennis Centre. They cost \$5 an hour each during the day and \$8 an hour under lights. It is advisable to book in advance.

Jeff has a number of coaching programs planned for the new season which starts in July. They will include instruction for novice players, through to the most advanced seniors.

And he hasn't forgotten the little ones — special mini-tennis with mini nets and rackets will be introduced for youngsters aged from 4-7 years.

Other variations include 'drop-in' nights when Jeff will give specialised coaching in one particular tennis stroke.

Jeff's also available for individual coaching.