

★ COMMUNITY NEWS

Tennis tots tackle hot shots

The future stars of tennis may have just the start they need, with the introduction of the region's first ever junior tennis circuit of its kind.

The MLC Hotshots Colour Ball Challenge will give children from Dalby as well as Kaimkillenbun, Quinalow, Cecil Plains, Tara, Warra, Chinchilla, Kilcoy and Cooyar, the opportunity to take part in the new tennis program.

Beginning this Saturday, the program is for children aged five to 14 years and will be held every weekend through October and November.

Coach Stephen Farrell will lead the sessions, which will allow the children to not only test out and develop their tennis skills, but also keep fit and healthy while meeting new people.

Mr Farrell said he hopes to see programs like Hot Shots help boost tennis in Australia.

"There are so many kids in our country areas that have great potential but they need an opportunity like this to get them started," he said.

Supported by BMO Accountants, communications manager Megan James said it was invaluable children within the Western Downs have sporting opportunities like this.

"BMO is glad to be able to assist in bringing new and exciting opportunities to those in regional areas who would otherwise be excluded from events like this," she said.



Tennis Hotshots participants with coach Stephen Farrell and BMO communications manager Megan James.