

City fun breaks drought



Ali, 12, with Numurkah Tennis Club members and Ian Pohl.

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MELBURNIANS have access to a lot of sports events our rural cousins sometimes miss out on.

To share the perks around, 40 residents from Moira Shire in Victoria's north-east were given tickets to attend the AAMI Classic, held at Kooyong last week.

Kooyong Tennis Club donated the tickets.

The day at the tennis was organised through the Boroondara Cares program, which is a joint initiative between Boroondara Coun-

cil and Rotary and Moira Shire, which includes the towns of Cobram, Nathalia and Numurkah.

Rotary clubs in Boroondara and Moira Shire meet regularly to organise events and encourage a strong friendship between the two regions.

Nathalia Rotary Club president Cheryl Parker said it was important for people to leave their farms for a day and forget about the worries of the drought.

"The children are really

affected by the drought," Mrs Parker said.

"A day at the tennis is a great stress release for the kids."

She said the drought had changed young people's lifestyles, causing a great deal of stress at home.

Hawthorn Rotarian Ian Pohl said more events had been planned, with a day at the football on the cards.

Mr Pohl said he also hoped Hawthorn footballers would spend a day with residents of Moira Shire.