

City of Busselton
c/- Kim Dolzadelli
Manager Financial Services
Southern Drive
Busselton, WA. 6280

24th January 2017

Re : *Dunsborough & Districts Country Club Inc. (The Club) Self-Supporting Loan Request*

Dear Kim,

The Club prepared and subsequently adopted a 5 Year Strategic Master Plan 2015-2020. That document detailed plans for the various sporting sections of the Club and facility upgrade and maintenance. The tennis section prepared plans for the construction of two additional hard courts and the re-surfacing of the 2 existing synthetic courts (*Dunsborough Tennis Courts Upgrade 2017 – the Project*).

The Project was costed out at \$214,000 and specifically involves the construction of 2 hard courts, associated fencing, stormwater treatments, hard surfacing, laykold coating, net post installation, line marking, an upgrade of the 2 synthetic courts with new synthetic material and a final laykold surface coat on the existing 2 hard courts.

Underpinning this Project cost the Club have already raised \$50,000 from the City of Busselton Community Bid Program and an additional \$50,000 from the Department of Sport & Recreation. Thus, we seek support via a Self-Supporting Loan facility for the remaining \$114,000 to complete the above Project.

By way of background the need for more courts and improved tennis facilities was established through increasing demand for more playing space resulting from increasing Club membership, growth in junior coaching and the general public/casual usage (*visitors to the region & local community non-Club members*).

All sporting sections at the Club are growing to the extent that there are now over 710 registered members. Tennis section membership has trebled over the past 3 years (from 35 to 108) and there is a further 60 juniors participating in coaching and regional pennant competitions (*mostly from the local schools*).

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Increased player participation is monitored partially by our court booking/hire sheets, increased junior coach feedback and the increasing number of players “sitting off” during Saturday social tennis. During the months of November through until March there are regularly 10-15 players “sitting off” during Saturday social tennis (Members & general public visitors).

The downside of an increasing Junior presence in Dunsborough is that Junior coaching occurs 5 evenings per week and is causing court overload issues restricting access to the courts to Club members as well as social users. This being said, the Club sees the importance of a strong Junior program and is working around the court pressures by ensuring that strict court management is in place, but it highlights the importance of additional courts to cater for this growing need.

There are no other Public tennis courts available in the Dunsborough/Yallingup district, so all the demand is focussed on the existing four (4) Club courts.

The population of Dunsborough as at June 2016 is 8,200 (*City of Busselton Population Projections June 2016*) combined with a growth rate of over 3.5% and coupled with an increasing tourist visitation to the district, especially during the school holiday and summer months, further adds weight to the urgent need for more tennis courts.

At a Special Meeting on Sunday 22nd January 2017 Members of the Club voted unanimously to approve this request for a self-supporting loan from the City of Busselton for an amount of \$114,000 to be repaid over a 10 year period (*see attached Minutes for that Special Meeting*).

Finally, the Club will be responsible for the reimbursement to the City of Busselton for this self-supporting loan and the associated costs of providing this loan. Further, the Club will enter into a “Loan Repayment Agreement” with the City of Busselton to that effect.

Yours Sincerely,

Rob Prentice
(D&DCC Inc President)

Greg Banfield
(D&DCC Inc. Committee Member)

John McCallum
(Tennis Section President)