

18<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Grant Henley  
Mayor  
City of Busselton  
BUSSELTON WA 6280

Dear Grant

**RE: CO FUNDING APPLICATION WITH THE DUNSBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB (DFC)**

Firstly we appreciate your interest in considering this worthy project.

**BACKGROUND**

The DFC is a collective of the Dunsborough Sharks (Juniors), the Dunsborough-Yallingup Mulies (Mens), the Dunsborough Ducks (Masters), and the Dunsborough Dragon Slayers (Womens). The juniors have 390 registered players this season. When you couple this with the parents and volunteers and the participants in the senior levels, we have close to 600 users of the oval and related facilities during a winter week.

The Naturaliste locality has nearly a 7000 head of population according to the 2011 ABS statistics and is 25% of the City's population. The 2016 census data shows a 30% increase since 2011 for the Dunsborough node. This locality, like Busselton and surrounds, has a higher population of youth (up to 15 years old) in comparison to the state averages. The demands on sporting facilities are something you are all too familiar with.

The John Edwards Pavilion (JEP) has been overgrown by the sporting community. The open area for events is 60 square metres and is inadequate. The extension will add 120 square metres, tripling the current indoor hosting space.

**BENEFITS**

This new space will provide more appropriate facilities to serve the sporting community need. Fundraising events can now be conducted at the JEP to continue to make these clubs sustainable. No longer holding events at the Pub, Clancey's, the Lakes Tavern etc will be necessary and will provide the ability to re-invest into sport (eg; equipment etc) via more profitable events.

So often grandparents come down to winter sports to watch their grand children play and are forced to sit in their cars as there is no shelter during inclement weather. The extension will provide a better viewing opportunity and shelter.

These benefits will be shared with other clubs, including Basketball (over 350 participants), Netball, Yallingup Boardriders and the Smiths Beach Surf Lifesaving club. We are currently evaluating

management arrangements to ensure they would be co beneficiaries of this extension. We are in the process of receiving these letters of support.

In light of the future planning of sporting within the Naturaliste precinct, in particular Lot 10, the extension to the JEP is a building will always have relevance, as long as there is grass at the Dunsborough Playing Fields.

## **COSTS**

According to Evan Williams, our Architectural Draftsman, he estimates according to benchmark rates, he expects a project cost of \$170,000 - \$210,000. We have chosen to set a budget of \$200,000 to complete stage 1 and 2 simultaneously.

Currently, the DFC has raised and pulled from retained earnings, cash of \$60,000 for this extension. We have also received commitment from trades and builders of \$40,000 "in-kind" for the project.

We are requesting matching funding from the CoB of \$100,000 so we can complete stage 1 and 2 simultaneously, and deliver a significant sporting benefit to the users within Naturaliste.

## **TENURE**

We will also be applying for grants, namely the Department of Sport and Recreation, West Australian Football Commission and Holden. These applications which will look to contribute towards the fit out, requires evidence of tenure. This requires the DFC securing a long term lease, an agenda item that has been in the air for some time since the dissolution of the NSC.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Redmond Sweeny**

Acting President – Dunsborough Sharks FC.