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Dear Dean

Re: Proposed Upgrade of the Rugby / Athletics Oval and additional Hardstand Netball Courts at Arena Joondalup and associated facilities

Following on from our recent discussions regarding the proposed development of clubrooms, function room, storage facilities, hard-stand floodlit netball courts and a floodlit rugby, soccer and athletics stadium at Arena Joondalup, I am writing to confirm that the Joondalup Brothers Rugby Union Football Club enthusiastically supports the development. I am also pleased to confirm your advices that we will now be the fourth proponent/applicant for the CSRFF Funding application to be discussed at next Tuesday's City of Joondalup Council meeting.

Our club is absolutely committed to becoming a member of the proposed Arena Community Sport and Recreation Association as this is essential to our long term viability of our club and Rugby Union within our community.

The game of Rugby Union and indeed the Joondalup Brothers Rugby Union Football Club itself, are acknowledged essential social structures within our society and our community. The long term future of our club is important, therefore, not only for those of us currently involved in or playing the game, but for the community as a whole as well as future supporters and players.

Our club looks forward to working with the Arena, Joondalup Giants Rugby League Club, Joondalup Little Athletics Association, Joondalup Netball Association and the various soccer clubs based at Arena to bring about what we believe will be a fantastic development for our local community, particularly our youth. Of course in the case of a club like ours, where the player, membership and supporter base ranges across the all ages from young to old, and the overall demographics of the area also indicate a vast support base for the game of Rugby Union in general, the positive overall impact on community health and well-being will be even more substantial.

The long term vision and strategy of our club acknowledges, amongst others, our role as an essential pillar of the community in providing an environment for the pursuit of the development of life skills, self-esteem, self-discipline, pride and enjoyment of sport.

In this regard we are pursuing our vision in building an *enduring club* that can achieve a foundation of permanence and stability with a firmly entrenched set of traditions located around a dedicated and fit for purpose facility.

Our current arrangement as an affiliate within the Beaumaris Sports Association (BSA) is expedient for the moment, but there is a lack of fit of our requirements, as a winter contact sport, with the predominantly, non-contact, small ball sports that form the foundation of the BSA. After extensive efforts over the last few years to work jointly with the other BSA members and the City

of Joondalup to meet our requirements for appropriate facilities and a safe and fit-for-purpose playing surface, we were advised earlier this year that, because of these conflicts and the inability to achieve a viable compromise, our requirements are highly unlikely ever to be met within that association or by those facilities. This is of course an untenable situation for us in the long term.

It is therefore clear that the proposed association of the more compatible sports interests represented by this initiative is highly desirable to our club, has benefits for the other sports concerned, the community as a whole as well as the City of Joondalup and State Government who will be considering the proposal/application.

I understand that the role of the soon to be incorporated Arena Community Sport and Recreation association will broadly be as follows;

- To access and repay one third of the funding requirement of the development. This is to be through either in kind or via a financial loan.
- To sign off on the final design and cost projections of the project.
- To manage the day to day operations of the club house (including the liquor license, functions, bar operations etc).
- To manage the financial obligations of the club house.

We understand that all the clubs need to be committed to developing the constitution of the Association and the mechanics of how the whole project will work in the future. The Joondalup Brothers Rugby Union Football looks forward to playing their part in this.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity of participating in this important initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Russell
Chairman Joondalup Brothers Rugby Football Union Club