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The General Manager
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22nd June 2018

Dear John McKee,

**SUBMISSION RE: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR GREATER SYDNEY SPORTS
FACILITY FUND APPLICATION.**

Northern Suburbs Football Association thanks Ku-ring-gai Council for the opportunity to request a letter of support, required for its application in the opening round of the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund. NSFA is seeking to fund the construction of an amenities structure at North Turramurra Recreation Area, which will include a clubroom / community space, change rooms, toilets, storage, undercover seating and the Associations offices.

I confirm that NSFA is the local governing body for football (soccer) on the North Shore and is comprised of 30 member clubs. NSFA is one of the largest community sporting organisations in Australia and our total membership exceeds 16,400 players. More locally, there are 15 clubs located in the Ku-ring-gai LGA who have a collective membership of more than 7,000 players. As you can see, we make up a large part of the sporting community in the Ku-ring-gai LGA.

NSFA has a longstanding relationship with Ku-ring-gai Council and we have worked together to deliver numerous projects, providing significant benefit to the local community. One of those projects is the newly built sportsfields at NTRA, where NSFA have invested almost \$150,000 of its own funds into upgrading the facility, by adding fencing, netting, team shelters and spectator seating.

NSFA is now seeking to increase its investment into the precinct by funding the construction of an amenities building to service the synthetic field and provide its users with much needed infrastructure. NSFA would like to reference the NTRA Master Plan (Appendix A) which includes an original overlay of the proposed structure between the synthetic field and main carpark.

We understand there are no Council funds available so the NSFA Board have committed to investing **\$1.2 million** towards this project. Our application will **seek \$3.6 million of State Government funding** which will give us the required capital to fund the project. The program guidelines require the applicant to provide a **25% contribution** for projects over \$1 million. We believe this is an incredible opportunity to parlay our Associations investment and obtain the necessary funding to accomplish one of the few remaining items from the sites original Master Plan.

The buildings **large community / clubroom space** will be central to the design. This space will be available to the community and is a key focus throughout the application as shared access and a multisport approach is vital to demonstrate the wide range of stakeholders who will benefit.

The type of existing programs and our future ambitions for the site are heavily aligned with the program's objectives, which include the need to increase participation in sport and improve the standard of existing facilities. Furthermore, the guidelines state that the type of projects to be funded under this scheme will focus on sites which; **provide increased participation for woman and girls, are multi-purpose or multi-sport, create amenities for people and facilities that promote inclusion and remove barriers to sport.** We believe we are in an extremely strong position to receive funding, given the criteria of the fund and our ability to invest a significant amount of our own equity.

Specifically we can confirm that the NSFA:

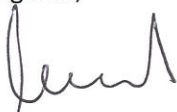
- Would like to support KMC in expanding the **Active Ku-ring-gai Program** by providing access to the new community / clubroom facility for activities such as Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi and a place for Walking Groups to meet.
- During the past six months has established a **National Pararoos Development Centre** that is headquartered at NTRA. This program provides a football development opportunity for people with Cerebral Palsy, Acquired Brain Injury and symptoms of stroke. **Blind Football Australia** have also collaborated with the NSFA to run programs out of NTRA. We can only expand these programs if we invest significantly in facilities that provide a greater level of accessibility. Inclusion is one of our key strategic aims to ensure we engage a broad cross-section of the community. To view the **Pararoos Development Centre Launch video** please click on the following link: <http://nsfa.asn.au/players/pararoos-development-centre/>
- Has the 100% support of **Elite Golf NSW**. We have attached a letter of Support from James Macdonald. Our joint plans include ensuring that the community / clubroom space becomes a "home" for all golfers attending the NTRA precinct. It will be a shared facility and will build on the outstanding relationship that already exists between the two sports. It is worth noting that Elite Golf NSW also run **Disability Programs for Golfers** at NTRA and would greatly benefit from enhanced facilities.
- Has the support of the current **Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai & Hills District Cricket Association** Chairman – Mr Geoff Hasler. The clubrooms / community space would also be utilised by cricket to ensure that the three major sports maximise the benefit of the entire site.
- Has the full support of Football Federation Australia (**FFA**) and Football NSW (**FNSW**.)

In recent times NSFA have socialised its concept plan with several operational staff and have received support for the vision provided. This letter seeks the support of Council to enable NSFA to submit an application via the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund for which it believes there is substantial opportunity to receive the required funding.

Our Expression of Interest needs to be lodged by the 31st August 2018. We thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this submission.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



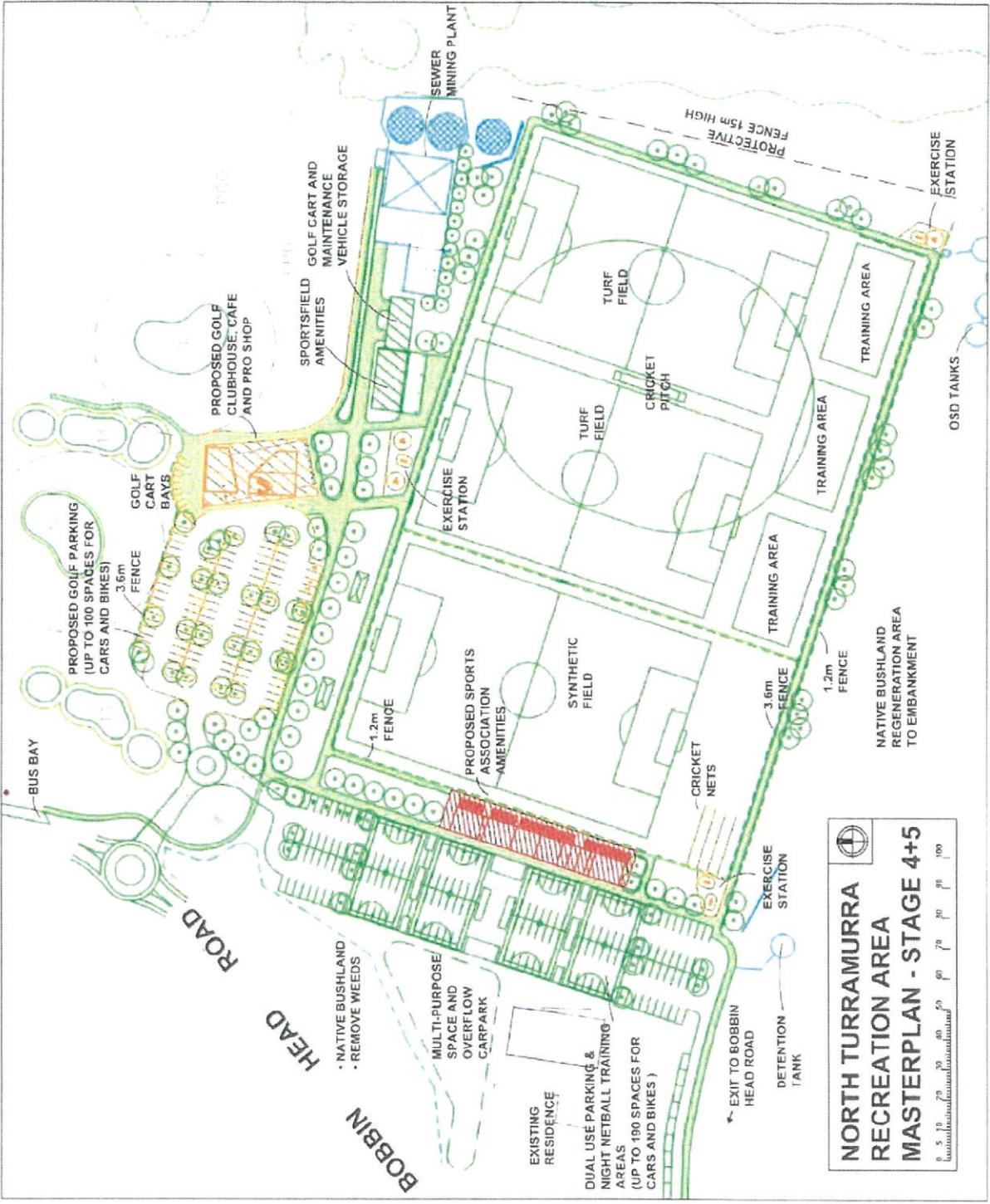
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To Whom it may concern.

I write this letter in support of the proposal put forward by the NSFA for the development of a clubhouse within the North Turramurra Recreation Area.

With up to 1000 visitors to the golf course facility per week, we believe the construction of an updated clubhouse would compliment recently updated golf course perfectly.

We are inundated with questions, particularly from visiting social and community groups about why there isn't sufficient supporting infrastructure to the golf course. Thus, myself and fellow professionals believe the addition of a useable clubhouse would significantly increase usage of the facility.

As you can imagine, golf is a sport with the main focus on social interaction, and with over 80% of our weekday visitors being senior members of the community we believe the addition of a clubhouse would be a vital service to the community. Unfortunately, at the conclusion of play these players are forced offsite due to the poor facilities with most players commenting that their experience would be enhanced should there be a place to eat and drink at the conclusion of their round.

At Elite Golf NSW we see our responsibilities in the community to promote, engage and work to increase participation rates. As part of that commitment we run several events throughout the year providing an opportunity for the local community to utilise the facility while Elite Golf NSW provides catering and entertainment. These events also aim to raise money for local charities such as Camp Quality, Beyond Blue, and Rotary. We believe these events could be certainly improved should there be a clubhouse and acceptable indoor facility onsite.

Should you require any further details or information, please don't hesitate to contact me on the above contacts

Yours Sincerely

James Macdonald