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Attn: Geraldton City Council

We at the Geraldton Clay Target Club are writing to the city in regards to our lease which expires in 2020.

We have been in limbo for the past 7 or so years as the council has been deciding on whether it is viable to relocate us from our current location.

During this time we have had in place a moratorium not to spend any money on Capitol infrastructure. The council has now informed us that we can stay at our current location.

For us to move forward and start updating our facilities we have saved a considerable amount of money and will be applying for a grant to update our ageing toilet and shower block, new shed and disabled access to 2 of our layouts. For us to be looked favourably upon to receive a grant only having 4 years to run on our current lease will not be to our best advantage.

So it is for that reason we are seeking to relinquish our current Lease and apply for a new 21 year lease. We are very proud of our facilities which are equal to most other grounds throughout Australia.

Apart from one small grant 10 or so years ago all the equipment and buildings have been acquired through the hard work of club members. Over \$100,000 work of clay target machines and over \$200,000 of club rooms, bar and storage shed.

We were the first club in the whole of Australia to move to a fully wireless computer operated clay target machine on all 7 of our layouts.

Apart from the last 2 years we have run a corporate shoot which we have raised over \$150,000 for local organisations such as, Aquarian, Nazareth House, Saint John's Palliative Care and more recently The Holland Street School.

Each year for the last 38 plus years we have been running a 3 day clay target event. Known throughout the state and all of Australia as the Geraldton Crayfish Carnival. It is widely regarded as the biggest and best in Australia apart from a state carnival.

This event brings in excess of 200 competitors plus their families to our town for a minimum of 4 days, maybe injecting up to \$400,000 into the community.

If you would like I am more than happy to come and address the council meeting in case there is any more information that you should want.

Yours Faithfully

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