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The Chief Executive Officer City of Greater Geraldton PO Box 101 GEARLDTON WA 6531

RE: CSRFF APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF SYNTHETIC BOWLING GREENS

Dear Sir

Enclosed is our application, including attachments for the State Governments, Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) forwarded for your support and assessment.

The application is for the replacement of two existing turf greens with two synthetic bowling greens. This installation will offer a playing surface which can be used all year round with minimal maintenance, reduce labour intensive turf maintenance costs and make the club more sustainable. It will also provide a high quality and consistent surface allowing the club to promote and conduct State and National competitions, complimenting the many other high-quality facilities in the Eighth Street Precinct.

In recent years, there has been a rapid development in the quality of synthetic turf available and their installation has increased dramatically around Australia. This proposal will provide the highest quality surface, placing us in the best possible position to bid for major events within the Sport Tourism industry, which will in turn have a flow on effect to local business. The proposal has the support and backing of Bowls WA.

The cost of the removal of the existing greens and installation of the new synthetic Greens is \$425,069 (ex GST) and we are seeking up to \$134,717 from the City of Greater Geraldton. We are requesting the maximum allowed through the CSRFF program of one third or \$134,717 and the club will be contributing \$141,870 in cash and up to \$13,765 in voluntary labour and donated materials.

There is some asbestos to be removed from the existing plinths around the greens which the club is keen to do through qualified club members. There is approx. 100 sheets $3m \ge 0.15m$ and we are requesting Council consider waiving the fees for the disposal of this.

The club will also forward an electronic version of the application which will make it easier for your staff to complete the Local Government Assessment section.

We trust you will support this application and if you require more information or have any questions please contact our President, Kevin Exten or our Secretary on the contacts above.

Thanking you in anticipation Yours Sincerely

Joe Beaver Vice President 26 June 2017