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18th July 2022

The Chief Executive Officer
City of Greater Geraldton
PO Box 101
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Re: CSRFF APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF THIRD SYNTHETIC GREEN

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 an existing turf green with a synthetic green. This installation of a third synthetic green will offer another playing surface which can be used all year round with minimal maintenance, reduce labour and intensive turf maintenance costs making 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.

This proposal will provide the highest quality covered surface, placing us in the best possible position to bid for major events within the Sport Tourism industry, which will have a flow on effect to local business. The proposal has the support and backing of Bowls WA.

The Wonthella Bowling Club has made a net membership gain of thirty members over the past eighteen months, as well as maintaining its partnership with the Junior Soccer Association for their Futsal program.



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Our volunteer members have conducted numerous functions and relationships with individuals, organizations, companies, etc, where our facilities and greens have had additional use. We anticipate a new venture with the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service where up to 400 of their aging citizens will join us socially and for playing bowls.

With our current two synthetic greens and two grass greens we have made significant financial gains for our club, but we are certain that, with a third synthetic a number of issues will be solved. Though our dedicated grounds volunteers have done wonders in maintaining our grass greens, they are getting older and new capable replacements are difficult to find. (Indeed, green keepers for race tracks, schools, golf courses, etc suffer the same pressures and the associated costs)

The savings for the club with the installation of two synthetic greens, and our management of them, gives us great confidence that a third green will consolidate our strategic plan. Apart from the labour component, the savings in chemicals, fertilizer and water are considerable.

(The non-use of chemicals and fertilizer must be a plus for the environment and the recycled waste water that we will now not need, can be used for other Council needs)

We have state of the art lighting on our two greens and, together with the three synthetic greens, we will not require our other grass green in the foreseeable future. This will be offered to other sporting bodies such as soccer or croquet.

The financial stability and the growth in membership, coupled with visitor participation, have all come about because of our adherence to the strategic plan developed back in 2017. With the support of the City and State funding for this application, our club will peak and be situated as an outstanding asset for the city and this region.



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We trust you will support this application and if you require more information or have any questions, please contact the club via the above details.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Griffith", with a long, sweeping underline.

Bob Griffith – Vice President
On behalf of the
Wonthella Bowling Club
Executive Committee



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History of the Wonthella Bowling Club

In September 1964 on land that was then vested by the Geraldton Town Council with the Wonthella Progress Association the early development of the Bowling Club assisted by the Association became a reality. The Wonthella Bowling Club became incorporated in December 1965.

The real work commenced in 1965 with the formation of two greens watered by a bore.

The next two years were spent preparing plans to build the clubhouse. With much persistence hard yakka and true grit the clubhouse officially was opened in October 1969.

Affiliation with the RWABA and entrance to the Men's Pennant competition was achieved in September 1968.

Modernisation and extensions to the building were completed in May 1977.

The club house and greens have been maintained to a high standard again due to the dedication and support of many of the members who volunteer their services.

"Friendliest club in the West" is a motto that members of the club are proud to be part of.

Club Vision

Our vision is to develop the Wonthella Bowling Club situated in Eighth Street, Geraldton, into one of the major Regional Sporting facilities in Western Australia that will cater for State, Regional and Australian bowling events and carnivals whilst still providing the most up to date Lawn Bowling facilities for members and tourists visiting the Batavia region.



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Supporting notes for application

The Wonthella Bowling Club installed its first Synthetic playing surface in 2019. The second synthetic was completed in March 2021. The second synthetic is funded by a Self-Supported Loan through the City of Greater Geraldton.

The installation of both greens has significantly reduced the environmental impact of water and chemical use reduction, therefore enabling further improvements in the broader community's air and water quality with a third synthetic installation.

The club has successfully been able to ensure sinking funds are set aside for the foreseeable replacement surface costs of the current synthetic surfaces we have. This replacement is expected within 10-15 years of installation. The club has budgeted for the sinking fund replacement cost for a further third green.

The ongoing difficulty in getting suitable greens volunteers means that if the application is not successful it would be almost certain that one of our playing surfaces would need to be decommissioned. This would mean the club would not be in the position to be able to host large regional and state events due to lack of space for the large numbers of players that would compete.

Wonthella Bowling Club is the largest lawn bowls club in the region putting the club in an advantage over others when applying for the opportunity to host large scale events.

Events Hosted by Wonthella Bowling Club

Batavia Bowling League (Dongara/Denison Bowling Club, Mullewa Bowling Club, Northampton Bowling Club, Geraldton Bowling Club, Wonthella Bowling Club)

Mens Pennants Season Finals. Each year the clubs rotate on who will host the finals of the Pennant Season. With only a couple of clubs now able to accommodate the numbers of players (less greens, smaller facilities) Wonthella is in the perfect position to



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be able to be the main host club for the finals. This coming season 2022-2023 finals are fixtured to be held at Wonthella.

Interleague Round Robin (Interleague: Broad region of clubs incorporating Batavia Bowling League, North Midlands Bowling League, Central Midlands Bowling League, Central West Bowling League, Moore District Bowling League)

With the installation of a third synthetic the Wonthella Bowling Club will be in an advantaged position to host the Interleague Round Robin Competition. This is rotated throughout the leagues however as many clubs are downsizing and greens are becoming harder to maintain, the installation of a third synthetic guarantees the Wonthella will be one of the main clubs that can guarantee (with a third synthetic) three premier greens with consistent playing surfaces, vital for a premier competition like the interleague rounds. There are quality guidelines set by the Interleague that clubs must adhere to (ie: greens quality, club facilities, parking, closeness to city center etc) prior to being able to host. This event features the premier bowlers from all leagues all over the state to compete with visitors coming to Geraldton benefiting the wider Geraldton Community.

The club hosts 2-3 rounds of Community Bowls throughout the year. This event attracts starting bowlers and businesses from the local area to have fun and join in on a game of bowls with their work colleagues and friends. These events prove to be so popular that we anticipate each round attracts on average 120-130 members of the community each round enjoying the game of bowls. With this number of players, the club must have 3 high quality greens available.

Wonthella hosts 4 major club events inviting bowlers from all over the state to play in them. These are all annual and prove to be very successful for travelers coming through to the north particularly caravanners.

These events are well sponsored and the club must have three premier quality greens available to be able to host.



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27th June 2022

Gary Clark
Club Development Officer
Wonthella Bowling Club
PO Box 489
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Dear Gary,

Re: Installation of a 3rd synthetic green

Thank you for information around the club's plans for the installation of a 3rd synthetic green. Given the club has sufficient financial resources to meet the initial outlay and thereafter the requirements for a "sinking fund" to meet costs for a future replacement green, Bowls WA has no problem in supporting the project.

The financial benefits, notwithstanding the above, for the club to move to a fully synthetic complex and thereby reducing the on-costs of a grass surface would now appear obvious. Often the combination of grass and synthetic is not cost effective with labour, water, fertilizer still required for grass, yet an annual sinking fund still required for the synthetic surface.

It will be very important to plan effectively for the decade ahead as the synthetic surfaces begin to near the end of their useful life and hence a significant capital outlay.

We wish the club all the best in the sourcing of funds and the successful completion of the project.

Regards,

Ken Pride
Chief Executive Officer

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QUOTATION: WONTHELLA BOWLING CLUB

Supply and install of one (1) new synthetic bowling green to C Green.

Scope of Works:

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| • Remove and dispose of the old base | \$10,098 |
| • Compact and grade the sub base | \$2,250 |
| • Install a new concrete plinth to 4 sides | \$10,120 |
| • Supply and install new block walls to 4 sides | \$10,450 |
| • Supply and install new base material | \$18,150 |
| • Supply and import 4mm washed dust for the top screed layer and bind using Polymer Flobind | \$6,435 |
| • Compaction and laser level of the new base materials to Bowls Australia standards | \$28,205 |
| • Supply and install Monarch Pro synthetic grass | \$112,147 |
| • Freight of all products to site | \$13,750 |
| • Site tidy up | \$1,100 |
| • Hand over to the Cub and provision of maintenance manual and Warranty documents from the manufacturer. | |

TOTAL PRICE: \$212,705 inc GST.

- Excludes sub-base drainage
- Excludes asbestos removal

Regards

Tony Crockett
20th June 2022

26th July 2022

Wonthella Bowling Club

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in the conversion of your synthetic green. I'm sure we can work together to achieve an outstanding result. Our products are second to none on performance and durability and the exclusive 'Springlock' yarn ensures a great green for many years to come. Our Excell and ProShot products have no peer on the market and therefore stand out in every aspect. Every product and company involved is 100% Australian which gives us pride in what we do.

Our corporate statement of "**Excellence in Sporting Construction**" is not only a value statement, but a promise to all our clients. Our focus is on building quality facilities we can be proud of, not budget products of questionable integrity. This not only ensures customer satisfaction but also guarantees that we will be around for many years to come to satisfy any further needs our clients may have.

There are six (6) things you can expect from KCL Sports:

- 1) We will listen to your ideas and concerns when formulating our proposal.
- 2) Your project will be constructed within the time and cost we give you.
- 3) KCL Sports offer a seven (5) year workmanship and 7 year pro rata materials guarantee.
- 4) We will contact you at least once a week with updates on the progress of your court.
- 5) Our employees and sub-contractors will be polite and helpful at all times.
- 6) We will keep the site as clean as possible at all times.

Scope of Works

- Construction time: 3-4 weeks, depending on fine weather.
- No allowance for line marking.
- Remove and dispose current base
- Supply and install concrete plinth to 4 sides
- Supply and install 4 new ditch walls
- Supply and install new base material

Base Construction

- Supply, compact and laser level as required
- Stabilise with 'Flobind' polymer stabiliser
- Hand screed to a tolerance of 3mm in 3m.

Surface

- Supply and install 'ProShot' synthetic grass surface to the prepared base.
- The synthetic grass will be installed in a diagonal configuration.
- All seams will be joined using 450mm wide seaming tape and outdoor adhesive.
- Supply and groom into synthetic surface kiln dried, 300 micron sand infill.
- Instruct maintenance procedures.
- Leave area clean and tidy.

Our Price: \$207,872.70 + GST

Total: \$228,660.00 inc GST

We want your new facilities to be exactly what you want, and I want you to be confident in your decision to choose and use KCL Sports. If you have any further queries call me on 0414685519.

Kind regards
Jon Hastings
KCL Sports