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Ms Karen Godfrey
 Manager Economic Development & Innovation
 City of Greater Geraldton
 Cathedral Avenue
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Dear Karen

I am writing on behalf of the Geraldton Internationals Rugby Union Club to request we be considered to be accommodated in the proposed sporting complex.

Various gatherings of rugby players have produced teams and games in the Midwest region for many years. The Geraldton Internationals Rugby Union Club was born in 2002 and celebrated its tenth anniversary this season.

A large rugby orientated community exists in the region with our club incorporating people originating in South Africa, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Ireland, Pacific Islands, Eastern States of Australia, and around WA including from this region. We have had sponsorship support from the local business community during our ten year existence which is only getting stronger. Our paid up full membership base for 2012 was 26. We had enquiry or limited participation by at least 30 others. Our members ranged in age from 17 to 43.

We are an incorporated club. We conduct an AGM each year and have had another general meeting during the year for the last two years. The committee listed below meet fortnightly during the season and monthly during the off season.

President	Peter Elliott-Lockhart
Secretary	Tasman Nolan
Treasurer	Tasman Nolan
Vice President	Ben Taylor
Head Coach	Colin McKay
Club Registrar	Brett Inglis

The club participates in only one structured competition per year being the WA country carnival. The club has the distinction of being the only club to participate in all of the last ten carnivals. During the year we play "friendlies" against other clubs during the preseason, post season and bye rounds of the Perth competition. We also organise intra club games and encourage and assist any other organisations to play (eg we are playing against the local police in a match on 3 February 2013).

We have had numerous attempts to raise a junior program but have faced a number of hurdles that have resulted in failure. Rugby WA have indicated and provided assistance to develop a junior program including training qualifying our head coach as a level two coach. The two main issues contributing to these failures have been the lack of an adequate facility to train/play and the tyranny of distance from Perth (closest suitable opposition).

Our short term goals are to find or create a surface that is suitable to train/play on and to increase participation from previous and potential players. These goals are closely related and we have continued to struggle to attract and retain members when our home ground is not adequate for our needs.

Our long term goals are to contribute towards and build facilities to build the game of rugby union in the region. Securing long term tenancy where facilities are available will ensure we are able to offer the community a chance to play our game. With an increased participation and the building of a competition in the region will strengthen our club where a junior club program can build and prosper.

Ideally, we as a club would like to be considered for relocation. We would like the opportunity to continue to grow our footprint in the region and build a healthy club with a long term home.

I appreciate your consideration and would like to thank you in advance. Should you have any queries or problems please do not hesitate to contact me on 0400728204.

Kind regards



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