

MBC LEASE VARIATION, - Supplementary comments by the President MBC.

8th October '24

The surrender of our existing lease, and the accompanying variation as described and proposed in the new 21 year lease, aligns our Club with the other Clubs in the City of Melville.

Our Bowling Club acknowledges the reasons and the efforts that were put in by our previous administration to secure our lease, - but now, - moving forward we want the co-operative assistance of the Melville City Council.

I have been the President at MBC for the last 15 months, and have been conscious of improving the relationship with the Melville City Council, and of the importance of improving the profile of the Bowling Club, and of involving more sporting and community groups to utilise our premises.

I, along with other committee members, have read and digested the 'Element Report' that was commissioned by Council, and we have said that as a Club we support the enhancement and re-development of the Attwell House, Melville Bowling Club precinct provided that we have prior consultation to anything that impacts our Club.

With the expected involvement of the Melville City Council, it should allow our Club to be able to accumulate funds in order to actively pursue available grants, that have been previously out of our reach because our capital has been spent on constant maintenance costs!

Below is listed our current organisations regularly utilising our premises,

- Bowling Members, Ladies & Mens, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Nights, Saturday
- Community Bowls, Mixed social, Wednesday evenings
- Saints Soccer Club, Wednesday evenings, Saturday & Sunday
- Probus, good membership, - once month
- Scrabble, good membership, - every Monday

The Club has been actively enquiring to other sports to gauge their suitability including Netball, but is waiting for some direction from Melville City Council as to what in the community is required. We have established three 'PickleBall' courts to gauge the enthusiasm, and have recently had enquiry to establish 'Padel' courts.

Our Club plays a very important role in our community, - we have a significant number of members who have lost their partners, - and we provide a social structure that allows them to have healthy fellowship with in the community.

I urge Councillors to support this recommendation in the best interest of our Club and community.

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