

## Nick Allen

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Hello Nick,

The below is what we have sent to Dept of Sport and Rec,

Dear Tom and Maria,

It has only very recently come to the attention of The Kununurra Camp draft and Rodeo Association (KCRA) of the CSRFF program which has a cut-off date of September 30<sup>th</sup>. The association is in the planning stage of a project and after close review could potentially meet all the eligibility criteria for priority consideration for assistance.

KCRA holds a 21-year lease with the state government expiring in 2037. In August KCRA received notice that the organisation can no longer use quarantine facility holding yards located 500m from the Rodeo Club for excess animals whilst running the Rodeo and Camp draft events. This infrastructure has been vital to the format and capacity of the events for the last 11 years that Russell Cooke has been associated with the club. This is a detrimental blow to the organisation; without the construction of new holding facilities, it is unlikely KCRA can continue to deliver the major draw card Camp draft and Rodeo events as it has been.

After experiencing its biggest year on record the annual Camp draft and Rodeo events held in May and August will be altered, scaled back or potentially cancelled for 2023. These events bring a huge influx of spectators and competitors to the town. The event showcases the iconic Rodeo and Camp draft and provides inclusion, participation and opportunity for Indigenous competitors and spectators.

This helps not only the traditional tourism businesses, but a range of businesses. This event connects people that run the stations and it is an important social and networking event for local businesses. Most importantly it promotes health and wellbeing, encourages participation, and brings the community together. The KCRA has run numerous Rodeo and Camp draft schools in the past and will continue to do so.

In 2022 the KCRA has collaborated with local stakeholders and community groups to utilise the KCRA facilities for new and existing initiatives.

The inception of an expanded centre for learning and skill development for Indigenous youth developed by Steve Burke from Horsepower in collaboration with Wunan. The program uses the facilities to train Indigenous youth valuable horse and cattle skills. This program is set to continue into the future.

East Kimberley Clontarf, Operations Officer, Cameron Jackson devised a new initiative to use the campground for football camps. This program will now for a part of the annual curriculum.

Letters of support for our submission are currently being drafted by Steve Burke, Cameron Jackson and the Wunan organisation.

Your consideration to discuss KCRA circumstances, proposal and next step would be appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you.