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Sent: Friday, 20 August 2021 6:51 AM
To: Brooke Coleman-Smeekens <Brooke.Coleman-Smeekens@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: -[EXTERNAL]-Rates assistance grant application

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Further to our application

The Kununurra Dragon Boat Club failed to lodge an application for the Rates Assistance Grant in 2020 due to the following reasons.

Although we had been advised of our PO box number being incorrect it was not updated as requested in 2019 due to our Treasurer leaving Kununurra. After covid entered Australia and WA Border restrictions work, dried up and I injured my Achilles tendon working at home, needing crutches for 3 months.

Early in 2020, Covid shut down sporting clubs like ours, due to social distancing requirements. The 2020 ORD River Marathon Paddle had over 100 participants booked to travel to Kununurra in June from as far away as NZ, and the club became heavily involved in efforts to refund participants 100% of their booking fees, held by Fit Events our Organiser. After many hours of negotiations by the Committee, the Club temporarily closed down after settling an \$8000 + loss with Fit Events.

Prior to the resumption of paddling in 2021, the Rates notice was sent to the wrong PO Box number again, then returned undelivered by the Post Office, due to the incorrect PO Box details. During 2019 we had a new treasurer Nick Gordon, who left Kununurra earlier this year. We have Cathy Cummins as our new Treasurer ongoing.

In May 2021 I became aware of the problems with regard to the overdue rates and we apologise for the above failures in administration of the Club rates account. The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley has been extremely patient in assisting us, and we greatly appreciate the support we have received.

The Club is committed to resuming our annual ORD Marathon paddle event and building a Shed on the lease block, having a need for storage of 8 dragonboats and associated trailers, oars and paddles.

We seek to resolve our problems and hope to grow a better relationship in the future.

Sincerely

Kelvin Pine
ORD River Paddlers Inc

From: Wyndham Community Club <>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 August 2021 11:42 AM
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Cc: Nick Kearns <Nick.Kearns@swek.wa.gov.au>
Subject: -[EXTERNAL]-Re: I-77067 - GS.05.59 - -[EXTERNAL]-RE: Rates Assistance Grant

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Hi Brooke and Nick,

We really appreciate Councils previous and current support to the club. I feel that our working relationship has really strengthened and we are very appreciative.

We did not lodge an application for hardship rates assistance for last FY 20-21 due to a number of accidents and hospitalisations of key committee members.

We appreciate your consideration for our application.

Yours Sincerely
Kevin Forrest
Treasurer Wyndham Community Club

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