

29 March 1974

The Director,
Department of Tourism, Recreation
and Sport,
Box 1865 GPO,
ADELAIDE. SA 5001

Dear Sir,

Application for Government Assistance for Provision of
Recreational and Sporting Facilities

I wish to apply, on behalf of the Old Collegians Rugby Football Club, for financial assistance in connection with the completion of construction of our club-rooms at Tregenza Oval, Laurel Avenue, Linden Park, South Australia.

Enclosed are a completed application form together with two sets of plans showing the proposed construction plus photographs showing the existing club house.

I believe that the following details in amplification of the answers on the form may be useful.

Old Collegians Rugby Football Club Incorporated has 250 members and fields four rugby teams in the winter and two cricket teams in the summer; affiliation is with the South Australian Rugby Union and the Turf Cricket Association respectively.

The club was initially formed in 1936 as Prince Alfred Old Collegians and was reconstituted in 1947 as Old Collegians to extend playing membership to a wider variety of players. The extension into cricket took place in 1972 when the club house, shown on the attached plan, was built at Tregenza Oval.

The proposed building operation to which this application refers, consists of the completion of the basement area to the existing club-house. The major reason for this is to provide an enclosed area separate from the licensed club-room (which contains a bar) so that we can assist and support junior players in rugby and cricket. This year we hope to extend assistance to a local junior club (Waratahs) and to the major rugby-playing secondary schools (Pulteney Grammar, Prince Alfred and St Peters Colleges) by providing sponsorship, coaching and an association with a first-grade rugby club.

The club is growing in size and is vigorous and active both in playing and administration. In the last four years we have won two premierships (and been runner-up in one) in first grade rugby and have just won the 1974 premiership in cricket.

The clubhouse was built in 1972 with funds raised by members plus a \$10 000 loan from the Burnside Council and a \$5000 bank overdraft. We currently would have approximately \$12 000 equity in a club-house worth \$30 000. The proposed completion of the basement is estimated to cost \$12 000 but this figure is beyond our means as loan repayments and running expenses take the major part of our income. We have opened a Building Fund and are confident that we could raise our proportion of the required sum should the State and Australian Governments provide the remainder.

The club has received a great deal of assistance and co-operation from the Burnside Council, in addition to providing a substantial loan, have carried out considerable improvements on the ground over the past five years. The oval has been levelled, a car park provided and a fine club-house built; plans are in hand to rebuild the present changing rooms and long-term plans include a covered stand and a squash court.

I would be pleased to discuss the matter further in detail at any time and to conduct you over the area personally.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Alan Spry
President.

Old Collegians Rugby Football Club Inc.
Tregenza Oval, Laurel Avenue, Linden Park.
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Dr Alan Spry, President
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Completion of basement of club house area to provide space for
Junior players

Yes

Club building fund plus of income over expenditure
on bar operation, \$4000.

\$8 000

\$12 000

- Stage 1: Drainage of sub-floor area, concrete slab.
- Stage 2: Provision of external walls, doors, windows, steps
and French drains.
- Stage 3: Completion of internal walls, doors, lighting, painting,
Floor covering.

Burnside Council own the Tregenza Oval and
O.C.R.F.C. own the clubhouse.

O.C.R.F.C. are sole lessees for the
Burnside Council at
\$600 per annum.

The Old Collegians Rugby Club has 250 members, many of whom are professional men, and is controlled by a Management Committee which includes an architect and several managers of businesses. For 1974 the estimated income is \$25 000 and expenditure is \$22 000 leaving a balance for capital expenditure of \$3000.

Club members are drawn from throughout the Metropolitan Area although the majority live in the Burnside district. The Burnside Council and the club encourage the use of the oval by local people.

10. Extent of usage expected:

The club has the Tregenza Oval on an annual lease with approximately
120 playing members in rugby (4 teams, first and reserve grade)
and 35 playing members in cricket (two teams, 8th and 11th grade in
the S.A. Turf Cricket Association). Training is held on Tuesday,
Thursday and Sunday evenings with full use for games on Saturday
and Sunday. The Burnside Council also lets the ground at other times
to interested parties (for example, the Country Cricket Carnival) and
the field is used extensively but unofficially by many local children.

11. Demographic details. Provide as much information as is
available to you e.g. -

- (1) population of area to be served by project 39.000.....
- (2) number of dwellings Information not available
- (3) nature of area (e.g. urban industrial, urban residential,
rural, etc.)

Urban residential

12. Number of educational institutions in the area to be served by
the project:

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| (1) State schools | - | Primary |5..... |
| | | Secondary |4..... |
| (2) Non-government
schools | - | Primary |3..... |
| | | Secondary |3..... |
| (3) Tertiary institutions: | Murray Park College of Advanced Education | | |

Will any of these institutions make use of the facilities?
If so,,give details.

With the recent abandonment of the district zoning of rugby clubs, O.A.C.R.F.C.
is now free to encourage sport in the local schools. We intent to approach
primary schools, both Government and private, to encourage the sport and use
of our oval and facilities. The club has previously coached local primary
school teams (such as Linden Park) on a casual basis but we now intend to partici-
pate much more extensively and encourage a community involvement.

13. Availability of similar facilities:

- (1) Location There are no similar facilities in the area.
- (2) Nature and availability O.C.R.F.C. is probably unique
as regards its cover of minor sports.

14. Plans: Please attach preliminary plans or sketches.

~~MR~~ MR W.F. ISBEN.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, RECREATION AND SPORT

Explanatory Notes.

ELIGIBILITY

Generally, the types of project that will be considered for financial assistance are:-

- . CONSTRUCTION of sports facilities.
- . DEVELOPMENT of land for urban and recreational parks.
- . FACILITIES in local communities for passive forms of recreation.
- . MULTI-purpose community centres.

It is possible that the Australian Government will set aside a special fund for use on SMALL PROJECTS of local amateur sporting clubs where minor expenditure can be arranged without involving finely detailed applications.

Encouragement will be given to projects that:-

- . fulfil a significant local need.
- . provide facilities intended for use by the local community - particularly multi-purpose facilities that are properly researched and planned.
- . involve dual use of existing or planned buildings by schools and the local community.
- . have the support and approval of the local authority and the community.

SITE DETAILS

The Australian and State Governments do not necessarily consider that only projects on public land will receive assistance. However, where properly constituted voluntary bodies of a non-profit making type seek funds, an agreement ensuring the continued community use of the facility in the event of the winding-up of the organisation will be required.

PLANS AND DRAWINGS

Past experience has shown that accurate cost estimates can only be given where engineering and architectural advice has been sought. It is essential therefore that at least preliminary sketch plans accompany an application.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Generally, financial assistance in the form of a subsidy will only be allowed for initial capital costs. Details of on-going management of the facility should therefore be included.

The Australian Government and the State Government will each consider a contribution of up to one third of the total cost of approved projects. The remainder must be provided from sources such as:-

- . local government funds
- . locally raised funds
- . moneys provided by individuals participating in the programme
- . funds provided by development organisations

Where a case is made for a greater contribution by the Australian and State Governments, it should be supported with details of existing facilities in the community, how much is currently spent on recreation and reasons why the project should be considered as a special case.

Cost estimates must be provided and must be as firm as possible because the grants scheme cannot cater for unforeseen cost increases.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING

- (i) An application form should be completed and, together with any additional supporting material, be submitted to:-

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- (ii) Applications should reach the Department by not later than Friday, 29th March, 1974, in order that they may be considered by the Australian and State Governments for the 1974/75 Budget.

Applications may be submitted at any time after that date, but will normally be considered for assistance in the 1975/76 financial year.