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Attention Chris Hollow

I write to you today on behalf of Gladstone Park Bowling Club in relation to proposed funding for an additional synthetic green for our club.

Gladstone Park Bowling Club is a community sports venue that is experiencing a continued growth pattern that is currently placing a strain on the clubs ability to maintain our current bowling green.

Due to excessive wear and tear of the green and the inability for our Greenkeeper to find time to undertake necessary maintenance and repairs to our green we are finding an increasing need for an additional green to support the current influx of members at the club.

During any renovations to the green we find ourselves in the unfortunate position of having to close the green to our members for lengths of time as dangerous chemicals are sprayed onto the green to help with the continued upkeep of the surface. These renovations are critical to the upkeep of the green. If major renovations were required we would see the club unable to participate in any form of bowls.

Due to the clubs only green being a warm seasoned grass this hinders the time frame for renovations to occur on the green and adds to the wear and tear of our current green.

An additional synthetic green would allow us to continue to provide opportunities for members and the community to engage in physical exercise during the year and participate in winter programs at the club.

We are in the fortunate position of a steady increase in members which has also allowed us to increase the number of teams at the club with the addition of a mid-week pennant side for the first time in 5 years.

We are also looking at entering another team for the Saturday pennant season which will be the first time in the clubs 31 year history that we have been fortunate enough to do so.

Having four teams at the club and only one green limits the number of members using the green at any one time and means extra travel for our elderly members to bowl at other venues.

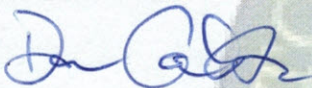
The green is also required for practice sessions, coaching and club championship games along with Championship games for the Northern Gateway Bowls Association.

We have also been fortunate enough to establish a junior school program at the club in which we hope to entice younger members to the club.

Our aim as a club is to make Gladstone Park Bowling Club the pride of the Hume shire and allow community participation for all ages and gender.

The ongoing closure of the green is restricting the amount of time available for members and the community to engage in exercise in an environment that is both socially and physically inviting.

Yours Sincerely



Darren Gibbs

Chairman Gladstone Park Bowling Club

