



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Under Separate Cover  
Ordinary Council Meeting**

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**6.00pm Tuesday 28 May 2019**



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**Elder Park, Rokewood**

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10/04/2019

Dear Sir

RE – Rokewood Corindhap FNC seeking management control of Elder Park, Rokewood

As you would no doubt be aware, the Rokewood Corindhap Football Netball Club works tirelessly year-round to raise funds to enable the ongoing success of the club. As a small country club this can be difficult and we feel it's important to utilize the skills and knowledge of our members when looking at successful ways to generate income.

The club currently grazes sheep on the Rokewood Common under agreement and has done so successfully for many years. The club members manage the sheep by buying/selling at opportune times and selling wool after shearing every year. Not only is this profitable for the club but brings the members together socially at different times of the year.

The club also has a long-term agreement in place at the Grain Storage Site on the Cressy Road, where we sow crops and cut them for hay, to either sell to our members and supporters or the wider public.

Being a predominantly country supporter base at the club, both grazing sheep and managing crops and pastures for hay is a skill set that we have much experience with and need to utilize.

The hay crop at the Storage Site is vital to the site's maintenance, keeping it clean and tidy and more importantly safe and maintained for fire season, when the crop is cut and bailed and removed from the site.

To build on these current arrangements we request that you consider discussing possible arrangements with the RCFNC becoming involved in the management and maintenance of Elder Park, Rokewood. We view this as an under-utilized parcel of land that could be cropped and then grazed by sheep. The income generated from these enterprises contributing to the ongoing fundraising required to operate the club and its community facilities. We understand that the GPS wish for Elder Park to be grazed and not cropped, if successful in the EOI, we would be willing to discuss a compromise so maybe half and half. We would also be more that willing to have discussions about another group using the Rokewood Common for an event should that also be required.

Local landholders and members of the Rokewood CFA, are becoming very concerned about the fire risk that Elder Park presents in its current state, especially considering its close proximity to the Rokewood township. The club would like you and the council to consider fire safety within the town limits when considering our request.

Elder Park would require capital amounts of nutrients to improve the fertility to a point where cropping it would be profitable to the club. We see this as being our responsibility but would like to secure a longer-term use of the site to allow us to recover our input costs. We would propose a 5-year agreement with the potential of another 5 years ongoing.

The club secured a Community Grant this year from the GPS to go towards fencing on the Common. We would also like to use this to go towards replacement of the fence between Elder Park and the Golf Club, so we could securely run sheep on Elder Park.

The club look forward to a timely and positive response to our request to utilise and manage Elder Park and make it both an attractive and safe boundary for the township whilst also generating a much-needed income stream to satisfy the operating costs of running our strong community club.

Please feel free to contact me directly to discuss

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President RCFNC

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