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The General Manager Hornsby Shire Council PO Box 37, Hornsby NSW 1630

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Dear Sir,

Cheltenham Recreation Club is an ageing club and in need of facilities that will attract the younger members of our community.

In 2018 an opportunity presented itself to make better use of an underutilised portion of our fabulous grounds, increasing the area available for sports activities in a new indoor setting. The addition of real tennis will be a wonderful boost to our Club that will attract new members and increase our appeal to the local community, including a number of local schools that have expressed their interest and support for the project. Real tennis is an old game with modern appeal which we think will fit perfectly, given the Club's long history.

In addition, our growing croquet membership is currently housed in a small timber and asbestos building (an old converted veranda on the proposed site) which is dilapidated, requires ongoing maintenance and is now beyond its useful life. The proposed facilities will replace the old croquet building, allowing our existing members access to improved accommodation, otherwise beyond the reach of Club finances.

Along with the childcare centre development, these new indoor facilities will contribute new users, expand our membership and entrench the position of our great Club as a valuable recreational facility for the local community.

The Board has had input into the development of proposed plans and sees the new building as an excellent addition to our current facilities. The works proposed will also assist the day to day running of the Club, while improving access and amenities for Club members and the community.

This is an opportunity that will assist us in maintaining a sound financial position into the future and has the full support of both the Board and the members of the Club.

Accordingly, on behalf of the members of Cheltenham Recreation Club, the Board of Directors seeks the assistance of Hornsby Shire Council to support this application.

Yours faithfully,

Lesley Tregoning Chair of the Board