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Mark Dacombe,
Chief Executive Officer,
City of Canning.

RE : Request support for Canning River Canoe Club Boat Shed development

Dear Mark,

My name is Christian Thompson and I am Secretary of the Canning River Canoe Club (CRCC). We are a non-profit community sports organization promoting paddling to the residents around the Canning River. We are seeking the City's support to develop a boat shed at Kent Street Weir to be used to store CRCC member's kayaks and canoes.

Canoeing is one of the fastest growing recreational and sporting activities in Perth, record numbers of participants enter the Avon descent each year, Canoeing disciplines of Sprint kayak racing, Marathon racing, Slalom and White Water are all experiencing record participation levels. Junior development programs are full across all disciplines. New Club boat shed facilities in the Northern suburbs have filled to capacity within twelve months. Much of this growth is driven by the availability to the public of affordable paddle craft combined with excellent river improvement work done by the City's of Perth to improve the quality and attractiveness of our river systems.

CRCC is the only canoe club servicing the communities of the Canning River, we offer both recreation and competitive paddling programs to participants of all ages and all skill levels. We believe that recreational sport and competitive sports are healthy ways of building mature and responsible citizens, developing leadership skills, providing social interaction and promoting full participation in society while fostering a spirit of respect and conservation toward our environment.

Over the past twelve months we have been working with City officers, Steve Atwell, Geoff Moor and Mary Ross to identify an acceptable location for a CRCC boat shed and to understand the process and requirements for establishing such a building. This letter formerly seeks the City's support, it describes the background to our club, the proposed boat shed location, the building type and dimensions, its intended use, approximate cost and our interactions and support with the local community.

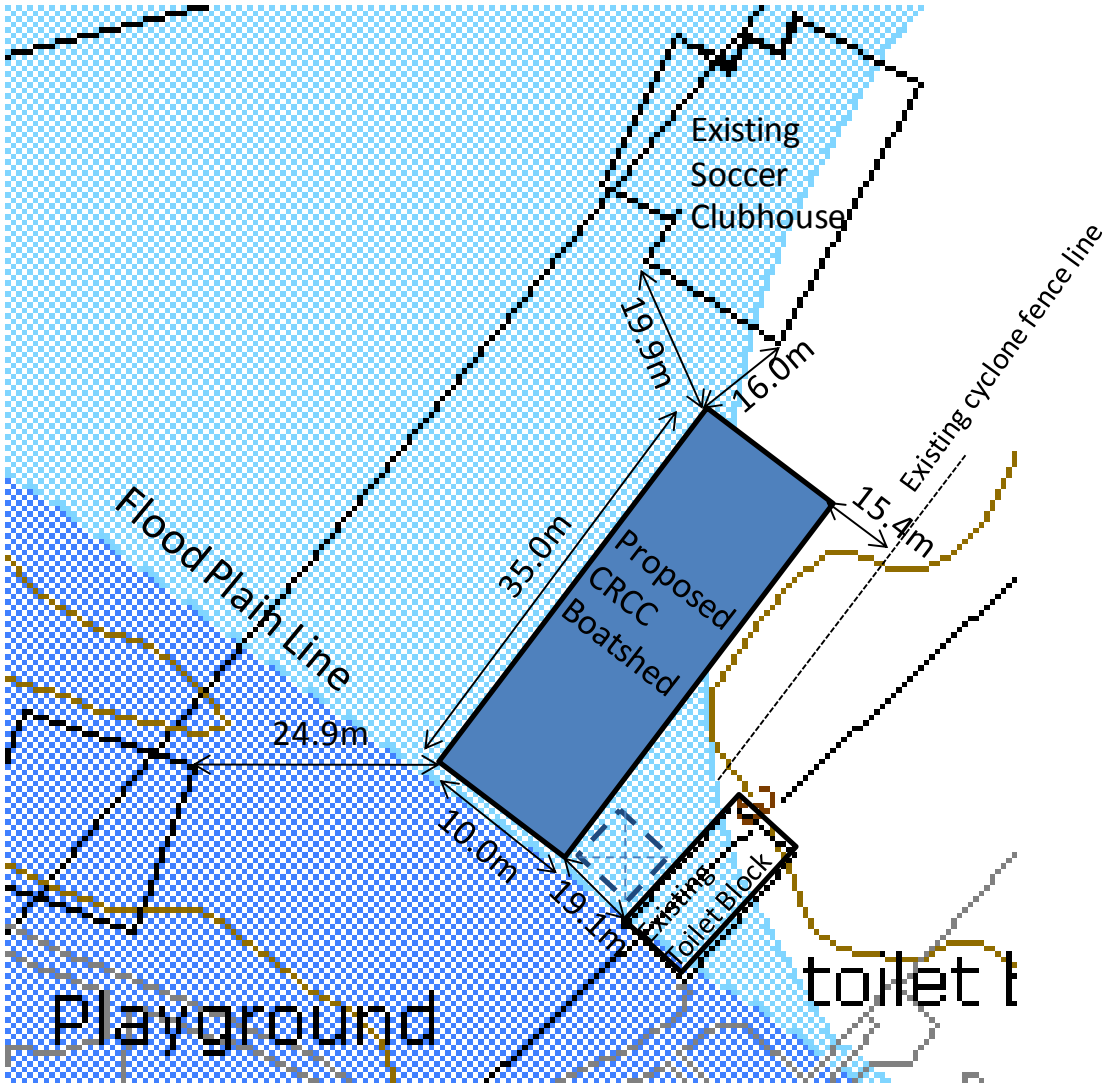
The CRCC has a long history dating back to 1974, we are the only canoe club providing paddling opportunities to communities of the Canning River and are affiliated with Canoeing Western Australia. We have been operating out of the City's Gazebo on Fern road at the Riverton Bridge for the past two years, prior to that we were based on the river banks outside the Canning Sea Scouts on Century Avenue. We currently have a membership base of almost 100 paddlers including elite paddlers such as current Beijing Bronze medalist Australian Ladies kayak champion Lisa Russ, nee Oldenhoff, current Australian National Champion Steven Bird as well as two junior Australian kayak team members. We provide a variety of paddling opportunities to the community ranging from recreational paddles to competitive racing, once our boat shed is established we will also be storing canoeing equipment and providing a service for the disabled and elderly in the local community to access canoeing on the Canning River with specialist boats able to safely carry even a person in a wheelchair.. Formal canoeing opportunities that we currently provide to the community include;

- Club training Tuesday evenings 6pm – 8pm;
- Club social paddle Thursday evenings 5.30pm – 7.pm,
- Canning River Classic Marathon race, a Sunday in April each year,
- Canning River Nomination race, a Sunday in September each year,
- Club members are eligible to enter any Canoeing WA event, including the WA Marathon canoeing series, the Avon Descent or the WA Sprint Canoeing series.

The proposed boat shed would be as the name suggests a storage location close to the river where CRCC members can safely store their boats. It is expected that the shed once full could house around 300 boats. Based on the experience of other recently developed canoe boat sheds built by the City of Bayswater and the City of Belmont we would expect the club to be at full capacity within eighteen months. The boat shed will not be used for, nor will there be space available for community or social club events, the building is a storage location for our members paddle craft and a base for paddling activity on the Canning River.

After discussions with City Officers a sketch of the proposed location of the CRCC boat shed is shown in the plan below, the location being above the Canning River floodplain line and within the boundaries of Kent Street Weir. The rectangular boat shed has dimensions 35m long by 10m wide by 4.2m high. The location is described in measurements around the existing infrastructure of the toilet block, the children's playground and the existing Soccer Clubhouse, essentially falling between those three components. The area at the moment is inside the fenced area of the soccer grounds in a mostly cleared area of grass and informal car track. It is believed only minimal environmental work would need to be completed and no established trees need be removed. The shed itself would be constructed of a strong braced angle iron frame with welded trusses and duragal columns with colourbond cladding. The shed would have concrete footings and pad, gutters and downpipes fitted. There would be power fitted to the building and water connected in the form of a single internal galvanized tap similar to an outdoor house water tap. The water connection would be used to allow CRCC members to attach a garden hose to enable washing of boats after paddling.

Proposed Location for Canning River Canoe Club Boatshed



Tranquil Tours storage area

The following site photographs show the existing area of the proposed location.

Proposed Southern side of the shed

Proposed Eastern side of the shed

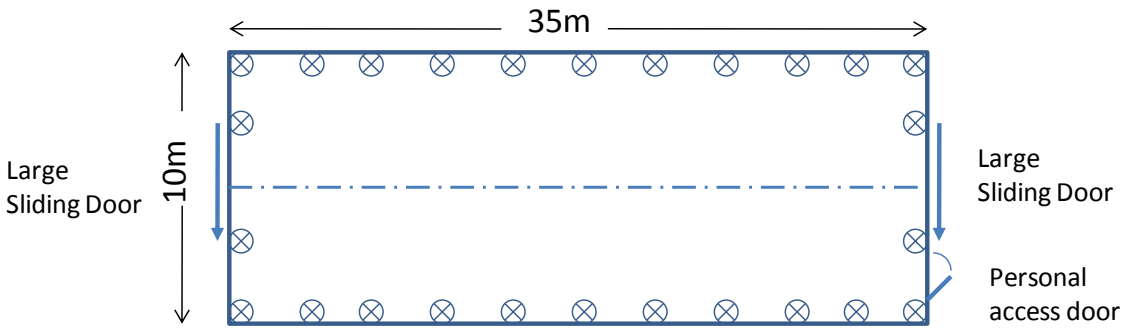
Proposed Western side of the shed

Proposed Northern side of the shed

View from the Southern wall looking North over the proposed site

A draft plan of the shed is shown below, key features include;

- 3m colourbond sliding door, lockable internally at either end of the building,
- 1 personal access door with keypad entry located on the southern wall of the building facing the river,
- 2 gutters,
- 6 downpipes,
- Internal lighting,
- Exterior timed flood light,
- Double power points at the Northern and Southern walls of the shed,
- Internal "garden" water tap on the Northern wall of the building,



CRCC has obtained 3 quotes for the cost of materials and construction of the boat shed to use for preliminary budgeting. Early indications for the total project cost are;

Item	Estimated Cost	
Shed materials	$	42,590
Shed erection	$	9,400
Delivery	$	300
Concrete floor	$	24,500
Concrete footing	$	1,240
Building license and fees	$	360
Power installation	$	10,000
Water connection	$	10,000
Internal boat racking	$	10,000
Section 18 (if required)	$	25,000
Total Project Cost	**$**	**133,390**

It should be noted these costs are commercial estimates at present and where possible club members skills and business contacts will be used to reduce the total cost of the project. CRCC would be approaching community organizations such as Department of Sport and Recreation, Canoeing Western Australia and the Canning City itself to assist with funding, it is planned that the CRCC will raise one third of the cost of the development.

The CRCC building committee has discussed the proposed boat shed with a number of community groups and include for reference support letters from,

- Ash Nesbit CEO Canoeing Western Australia,
- Shayne Hamilton President Ascot Kayak Club,
- Ty Stedman President Bayswater Kayak Club,
- Tranquil Tours – Community Canoeing, Barry and Patricia Mori.

Thankyou for your consideration in this matter. Canoeing is an exciting, healthy growing activity in Perth, CRCC provides the Canning communities with an opportunity to experience the pleasure of paddling whether it's to compete for your country or to simply experience the environmental beauty of the Canning River. By supporting the establishment of a boat shed the Canning City provides a greater opportunity for its constituents to access this sport and this beautiful water way.

Yours Sincerely,

Christian Thompson

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Secretary Canning River Canoe Club

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LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CANNING RIVER CANOE CLUB FACILITY

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Christian Thompson, a committee member of the Canning River Canoe Club, has requested me to provide this letter in support of the proposed Canning River Canoe Club facility in the City of Canning.

As a recent beneficiary of our own clubrooms/training facility just over twelves months ago, I have no doubt of the positive impact that our facility has had on the development and progress of our own club. In one year, our club membership has grown by over 140%. This has not only resulted from an increase in attendance from competitive paddlers from around Perth, but also by the general public at large, who are experiencing the many benefits that paddling has on their own health and well-being.
The most positive outcome that has resulted from our club having a new facility has been the ability to drive a junior program for the eight to twelve year age group.

At the helm of the Canning River Canoe Club are a hard-working group who have for a number of years contributed a great deal to the sport in Western Australia. This work has included the management and direction of a recent National Sprint Kayak Championships held in Kelmscott. The leadership group will no doubt ensure the long-term prosperity and growth of the club in the City of Canning region.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the content of this letter. We hope that the club is successive in attaining their own club facility as it will no doubt have a positive impact on the surrounding community, as it has in our experience.

Sincerely,

Ty Stedman
President
Bayswater Paddlesports Club

Christian Thompson– President
Canning River Canoe Club Inc.

Dear Christian,

Canning River Canoe Club (CRCC) new club rooms and Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)

I am writing in support of the above.

Canoeing Western Australia (Inc.) is the peak administrative organisation for all types of organised canoeing and paddle sports in Western Australia. The Association is a confederation of the affiliated canoeing clubs and other organisations, and was formed in 1966. Canoeing WA conducts a wide range and competition and recreational events in all forms of canoeing and paddle sports.

Close proximity to the water from the area of boat storage is also important to CRCC as it is preferable that they are able to lift and carry boats to the water rather than rely on transport via vehicle and trailer. It is preferable that boats are stored indoors so that they can ensure they are safely secured and protected from potential vandalism and the environment. Storage of the boats would require a storage facility.

Finally, given the social nature of the sport, it would be desirable that CRCC are able to have a club room close to the storage facility that could be used for social activities, committee meetings and annual general meetings. It would also be highly desirable to have changing and showering facilities and it would be preferred that there are separate facilities for males and females.

I herby provide support for the Canning River Canoe Club and to the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) application.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ash Nesbit
Executive Officer
Canoeing Western Australia

Ascot Kayak Club

Letter of Support for Canning River Canoe Club Proposed Developments.

From: Shayne Hamilton (President – Ascot Kayak Club)
To: Christian Thompson (Secretary – Canning River Canoe Club)
Subject: Ascot Kayak Club Inc. support for CRCC Boat Shed and Club Room Development

Christian,

This letter from the Ascot Kayak Club Inc. is in support of your proposed Boat Shed and Club Room developments and also for the future growth of the Canning River Canoe Club and paddling in the Canning River region.

As you know, the Ascot Kayak Club Inc (AKC) underwent a similar exercise several years ago with the backing of the City of Belmont. Since our own re-development, AKC has experience significant growth with membership numbers jumping from approximately 150 to 550 (current numbers) in the space of 5-6 years. This expansion of the club now has AKC as the biggest paddling club in Australia by membership volume.

The growth of AKC has fostered many benefits, not only for the club itself, but paddling in the area and we are now well positioned to work closely with local organizations and the City of Belmont in offering community based paddling experiences such as the annual Autumn River Festival that is hosted by the City of Belmont. AKC has also had the pleasure of hosting the paddling discipline of the Transplant Games.

Our hall facilities are used extensively by large and small organizations in the area as a meeting and training location, with great feedback coming from all that enjoy our wonderful facility.

Interestingly, approximately 50% of our membership base are recreational and social paddlers, so despite our expansion, we have still maintained our strong competitive heritage and been able to cater for non-competitive paddlers. This approach means that club membership enquiries have come from all people interested in paddling a kayak and not just those interested in the excitement of racing. Membership enquires continue to be very strong, and whilst we are more than happy to continue to grow our membership base, we are limited in areas of boat storage, and are now having to look at growth management in that particular area.

As mentioned in the opening paragraph, the Ascot Kayak Club Inc. fully supports a similar development and expansion project for your own club. The benefits to paddling in the Canning River region would be plentiful, and your current club management would do a fantastic job of fostering and supporting the growth and subsequent benefits to the local and extended community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional assistance with your application for development, and I (and the AKC members) wish the Canning River Canoe Club ever success in their endeavour.

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18th May 2010

Christian Thompson
Dear Christian,

We (Barry and Patricia Mori) of Tranquil Tours wish to support your application to have a permanent boat shed at Kent street Weir to house your canoes. This is a fantastic way to show everyone what a good recreation you have. It is also good of you to allow an extention so that Tranquil Tours can share the shed with you for their venture of canoes and carriage for the aged and handicapped.

We support your application and will work in with you and help you in any way we can.

Thanking you
Yours in Boating

Barry Mori

B. Mori

Patricia Mori

P. Mori