

**KARRATHA FALCONS FOOTBALL &
SPORTING CLUB**

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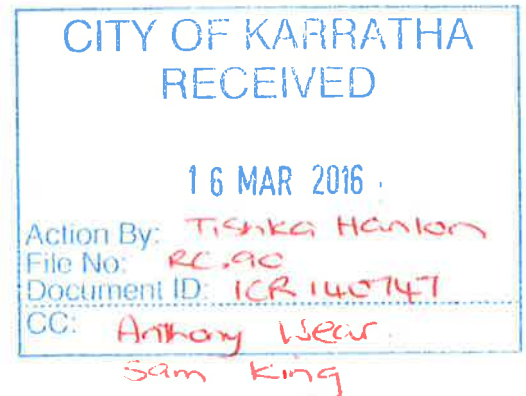
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15 March 2016

Dear Councilors



SUPPORT FOR INSTALLATION OF THE ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD BULGARRA OVAL

The Karratha Falcons Football & Sporting Club has sought support from the Bulgarra Oval user groups to lobby the City of Karratha to get the electronic scoreboard installed for the benefit of all user groups and have presented these letters of support to the City of Karratha's Business Supervisor Sam King for consideration.

The existing electronic scoreboard was purchased by the City when the old Falcons Football Club scoreboard had to be demolished for the Frank Butler Pavilion. The electronic scoreboard is very large and cumbersome and is an effort to move across the grass. It is currently stored in the end bay of the Bulgarra shed compound and the only club using it is the Falcons senior football club.

An approach was made to the City of Karratha in late July 2015 to discuss and find a suitable location but the City officer advised that the scoreboard installation was not a current consideration or in any future plans for the oval and that the club should consider submitting a grant application for the club to install the scoreboard.

The Falcons Football club feel that as the scoreboard is a city asset and would be installed on a city oval for the benefit of all city user groups that pay for use of the oval facilities that it should be for the City to install. Volunteer user groups are not set up to install infrastructure and it opens up all sorts of liability issues such as safety and insurance.



Suggested Location at Bulgarra Oval



Wickham Scoreboard

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Dear Peta

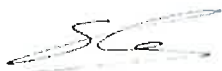
RE: SUPPORT FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD – BULGARRA OVAL

Thank you for your email received Saturday 27 February 2016. Community Services have discussed the idea internally and can provide the following comments for consideration:

- The previous Bulgarra scoreboard was removed to allow construction of Frank Butler Community Centre however was due to be removed regardless due to its condition and safety concerns;
- Provision of scoreboards at sporting ovals is not considered the priority of City of Karratha and deemed a club / Association responsibility. The existing electronic scoreboard had been supplied as a one-off facility as a part of the redevelopment project for Bulgarra. It was made portable by request from Clubs at the time so that it may service the three sporting ovals at Bulgarra. It is quite easily moved by two staff members, who are available to train users in its use if required;
- There has been no provision from Officer's in the 2015/2016 budget review for the installation of a scoreboard at Bulgarra Oval. Officer direction is to make application through the City's Community Grant Schemes however Councillors will have opportunity to add new budget initiatives for the 2016/17 budget;
- The fixed Wickham scoreboard is smaller than the current moveable Bulgarra Scoreboard by about 1/3 size where the Wickham installation is not water tight and may not fit with the aesthetics of Frank Butler Community Centre;
- As of Tuesday 1 March 2016 only 3 letters of support have been received by Officers from the North Pilbara Football League (NPFL), Karratha Kats Football & Sporting Club and Karratha Falcons Junior Football Club;
- Should funding be successfully sought further considerations surrounding the potential of permanently installing an electronic scoreboard, such as preferred locations, method of installation etc. could be further investigated by Officers in collaboration with user groups.

Once again thank you for your email and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Sam King
Recreation Facilities Business Supervisor

Tuesday 1 March 2016