

# POTTSVILLE and DISTRICT MEN'S SHED Inc.

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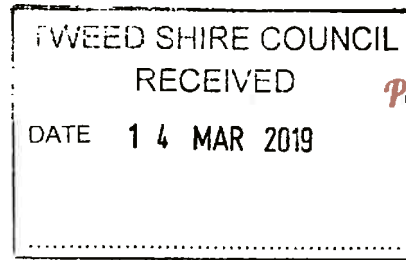
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7<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Dear Troy,

## Pottsville & District Men's Shed

As I am sure you are aware the Pottsville & District Men's Shed is extremely concerned about the fact that the 5 year Site Licence we have for the Shed at the Black Rocks Sports Field, Pottsville, is due to expire in 2022. Uncertainty of tenure beyond this date makes it almost impossible to contemplate any sort of long term planning. It also severely impedes our ability to access various forms of grant funding.

With this in mind we would like to formally request that the Council grant the current Site Licence in perpetuity or, at the very least, agree to the modification of the Licence to include an appropriate renewal clause.

Since the Shed relocated from the Pottsville Beach Primary School campus in 2017 our membership has grown from 35 to 70. It is already apparent that the increased membership and associated development of activities at the Shed is creating operational and Health and Safety issues, exacerbated by the chronic lack of storage facilities. Fortunately, the Council has kindly allowed us to temporarily install 2 storage containers adjacent to the Shed which has mitigated some of the problems, at least for the time being.

We do not want to arrive at a situation where we might have to consider limiting overall membership numbers or otherwise, in some way, have to restrict attendance by individual members. Consequently, we have been looking to the future in terms of extending the Shed which would also make the storage containers redundant.

As part of this process we have been in consultation with the Council (Stewart Brawley) and with representatives of the other clubs and organisations based at the Black Rocks Sports Field with a view to developing a community based project with the objective of improving the facilities available for the benefit all the users of the Sports Field. All the parties involved are supportive and want to be involved but, whatever the outcome of this proposal, the P&DMS will most likely be obliged to pursue, separately, its own plans for the extension of the Shed and to secure the necessary funding from sources which might not be available to the other organisations who may, ultimately, be involved in the proposed community based project.

Whilst we are at a very early stage in this process, any extension of the Shed would obviously require the existing Site Licence to be enlarged to cover a wider area. Clearly there is little point in us working up a detailed scheme and possibly incurring expenditure on the preparation of plans etc., unless the Council is willing to vary the tenure of the Site Licence as described above and also extend it to cover a wider area sufficient to accommodate the extension.

To assist with the Council's deliberations on this matter I enclose a plan showing our preliminary assessment of the preferred additional area.

Please let me know if you require any further information in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



John Wells.

Secretary,  
P&DMS.

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Yahoo Mail - plan of proposed extended licence area

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