

19 December 2019

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development
Building Better Regions Fund – Round 4
GPO Box 594
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sir

SUPPORT FOR RAVENSTHORPE CULTURAL PRECINCT

I refer to the Shire of Ravensthorpe's project to develop the Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct and herein provide the Hopetoun Police Station's support.

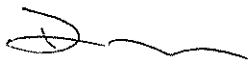
Hopetoun Police are supportive of the development of a multipurpose hub that is suitable for all ages and abilities. Positive social interactions promote safe communities, which we believe the Cultural Precinct in Ravensthorpe will do. Projects of this nature influence quality of life and promote optimistic living in regional towns.

Community safety is essential in any environment.

With a significantly higher than average senior dependency ratio, it is necessary to provide infrastructure that supports ageing in regional WA, as well as inviting younger generations to live in Ravensthorpe to support economic development. Hopetoun Police believe that this Project will make considerable inroads into redeveloping the town of Ravensthorpe and creating a vibrant regional centre.

We are therefore highly supportive of the Shire's project and enthusiastic in being a part of an active hub which will contribute to quality of life in our regional town.

Yours sincerely



Dave Murphy
Sergeant 8402
Officer In Charge Hopetoun Police Station

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To whom it may concern

SUPPORT FOR RAVENSTHORPE CULTURAL PRECINCT

I refer to the Shire of Ravensthorpe's project to develop the Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct and herein provide the Hopetoun Progress Association's (HPA) unconditional support.

HPA are supportive of the development of a multipurpose hub that is suitable for all ages and abilities. Positive social interactions promote safe communities, which we believe the Cultural Precinct in Ravensthorpe will do. Projects of this nature influence quality of life and promote optimistic living in regional towns.

Community safety is essential in any environment and we are fully committed to supporting endeavours towards positive outcomes for all community members.

With a significantly higher than average senior dependency ratio, it is necessary to provide infrastructure that supports ageing in regional WA, as well as inviting younger generations to live in Ravensthorpe to support economic development.

HPA believe that this Project will make considerable inroads into redeveloping the town of Ravensthorpe creating a vibrant regional centre., which in turn will also enhance the quality of life for the Hopetoun.

We are therefore highly supportive of the Shire's project and excited at the prospect of being a part of an active hub which will contribute to quality of life in our regional towns.

Yours sincerely


John Field Per: Robin Benson
President – Hopetoun Progress Association

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Dear Investor,

Re: Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct Development

ART ON THE MOVE (AOTM) is Western Australia's leading arts organisation for delivering high quality contemporary touring exhibitions that creates connectivity between visual arts, culture and liveable communities. Our purpose is to explore and activate the connections between art and place, and in doing so bring together and inspire diverse communities.

AOTM, with a number of State and national partners, has just completed a regional public galleries mapping and needs analysis and the results tell us that a sustainable future for the sector is, at best, a vision. We are expecting professional outputs and outcomes in a sector where over 66% of venues are operating with a volunteer base and an infrastructure with limited or no gallery materials to present quality contemporary art exhibitions with minimal resources to deliver even the most basic exhibitions and public programs.

The vision and plan presented in Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct Development will increase the capacity to secure a strong and sustainable cultural infrastructure by creating gallery spaces able to meet industry standards. This will add value and inspire/activate local artists, attract high calibre exhibitions and programs that will contribute to and enhance Ravensthorpe unique story and its place in history.

This may also open up opportunities to engage in a major investment program - Regional Exhibition Touring Boost (RETB) - which is a partner program between AOTM and the Art Gallery of WA to tour artworks from the State Art Collection into regional WA. At present Dunnart Gallery does not meet the stringent standards set for State artworks which also means they miss out on extra investment through the Regional Venues Improvement Grant (open to RETB regional venues only) and a significant learning/engagement program that is currently informing a major research program at ECU (Edith Cowan University).

Diversifying tourism, culture and social programs is a key and fundamental part of activating regional prosperity, encouraging civic pride, connecting communities that lead to a sense of belonging to place, people and communities. The creation of a cultural precinct in Ravensthorpe's town centre will be of significant value by further promoting the town's identity and showcasing its history using dynamic, unique, creative and engaging models of delivery in a fit for purpose environment.

ART ON THE MOVE commends the Shire of Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct project and application for investment to activate the local environment whilst connecting to and providing broader infrastructure needs for WA.

Kind Regards,



Kim Jameson, Executive Director
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Dear Sir/Madam

RAVENSTHORPE CULTURAL PRECINCT – LETTER IN SUPPORT

I write in support of the Shire of Ravensthorpe's application for funding through the Building Better Regions Fund (Round 4).

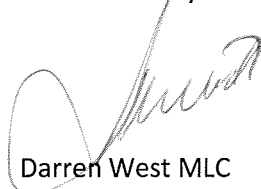
In May 2019, Water Minister Dave Kelly declared a water deficiency in the Shire of Ravensthorpe and announced government departments will cart water to farmers to protect animal welfare in the affected area. The water deficiency declaration is a Government response to support livestock welfare.

With a view to diversifying and boosting the economy to reduce its reliability on the agricultural industry and attempt to retain the population, the Shire's initiative is to develop the Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct.

The Cultural Precinct will see the co-location and connection of existing community groups into one precinct that will be used by many local and regional social groups, leisure groups, schools, corporates and the general community. It will also support tourism as a subsidiary economic driver with the creation of a Visitors Centre and linkages with the region's art, culture and natural assets.

I wish the Shire of Ravensthorpe all the best in their effort to seek funding to ensure that this important facility comes to fruition to benefit the community and visitors to Ravensthorpe and the State's South.

Yours sincerely



Darren West MLC

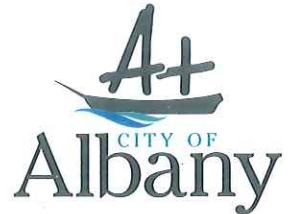
Member for Agricultural Region

18 December 2019



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Our Ref: CS.SPV.45 / LT19198282
Cross Ref: NAP19107695
Enquiries: Paul Nielsen

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Shire Of Ravensthorpe
Po Box 43
RAVENSTHORPE WA 6346

Dear Tammy,

RE: In principle Letter of support for Shire of Ravensthorpe Building Better Regions Funding application for construction of a cultural precinct in the town centre

The City of Albany refer to the Shire of Ravensthorpe's Building Better Regions Fund application for funding towards the Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct and provide our support for the project. Our community recognises the potential for our region to become a unique visitor destination, and wants to see the City continue to improve our tourism offering and market our region as a great place to visit.

The City of Albany has seen the benefits of considerable investment in its own CBD Cultural Precinct, as well as in destination marketing through the Amazing South Coast. This investment has encouraged more visitors to come to Albany and the surrounding region through effective promotion and the ongoing development of the tourism offering to encourage visitors to stay longer.

The construction of a cultural precinct in Ravensthorpe will create a point of interest for visitors and contribute to retaining them in the region for longer, helping to support the City of Albany's vision.

This Project aligns with the following outcomes of our Strategic Community Plan- Albany 2030:

Objective 2.1: To strengthen and grow our region's economic base

2.1.1 Work with business and other stakeholders to attract investment; diversify the economy; create jobs and support small business growth.

Objective 2.3: To develop and promote Albany as a unique and sought-after visitor location

2.3.1 Encourage, support and deliver significant events that promote our region and have a positive economic and social benefit.

Objective 4.1: To build resilient and cohesive communities with a strong sense of community spirit

4.1.1 Facilitate and promote arts and cultural activities for all ages by providing a variety of arts and cultural activities that attract local and visiting patrons

4.1.2 Promote and develop an authentic sense of community by developing programs and providing services that make people feel welcome, involved and connected to each other

Objective 4.3: To develop and support a healthy inclusive and accessible community

4.3.1 Develop a range of activities and facilities that connect people, promote a healthy community and are appropriate for all ages

Objective 5.2: To advocate, plan for and build friendly and connected communities

5.2.2 Create infrastructure and connected streetscapes that are consistent and reflect our unique heritage

We wish the Shire of Ravensthorpe all the best for a successful grant application to ensure this fantastic initiative comes to fruition for the betterment of our region.

Should you have any further queries with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact myself on direct telephone 6820 3610 or via email pauln@albany.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Paul Nielsen
Manager Arts and Culture