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VGCCC  
Level 3, 12 Shelley Street,  
Richmond,  
Victoria, 3121

Dear Sir/Madam,

## Re: Wangaratta RSL Community Fund Gaming Licence Number V9710053

On 12 July 2017 the then VCGLR approved the increase in the number of EGM for the Wangaratta RSL and directed the following in relation to Community Contributions: -

“From the date of commencement of the operation of more than 32 EGMs at the Premises, the Venue Operator is to:

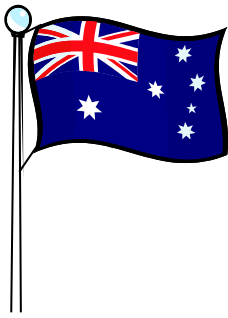
1. Make annual community contributions in the amount of \$25,000 (the Contribution) for so long as more than 32 EGMs operate at the Premises.
2. The Contribution will be allocated each year to local community groups primarily providing problem gambling and family violence services and facilities to residents in the Rural City of Wangaratta”.

The provision of the Contribution has been extremely rewarding for the Committee and members of the Sub-Branch and we have seen firsthand the positive impact it is having on a range of community groups.

I am now writing to seek you counsel and hopefully approval for the following proposal: -

Into Our Hands is a charitable foundation based in Wangaratta. Into Our Hands supports communities in Northeast Victoria by transferring philanthropic gifts from donors to community and non profit organisations. Their mission is to activate local assets and prosperity, inspire community giving and unite motivated people to build a capable and resilient Northeast Victoria. GIVE Wangaratta is a sub-fund of the Into Our Hands Foundation and has established a charitable endowment fund focussed on the long term needs of the community.

It is proposed that we distribute funds through GIVE Wangaratta to community groups that fit the profile of those the VCGLR determined we were to support. The aim is to maximise the community benefit.



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In discussions with Into Our Hands, we have identified two options: -

1. Set up regular contributions as donations to Give Wangaratta to support the fund with its annual grant making. A weekly contribution totalling \$25,000 annually from the RSL would lift this fund to the point where we could run grants for Wangaratta annually and in perpetuity. It would be the largest regular donation made to date for Give Wangaratta and an RSL representative would be invited onto the Give Wangaratta advisory committee.
2. Set up our own sub fund. The Sub-Branch can create a community legacy and perpetual grant fund for Wangaratta by allocating our \$25,000 community grants budget to a sub fund, with the RSL the adviser of that fund to see it grow to a level where it could grant income to community needs and priorities forever. The RSL committee would still advise where grants go and can name and control the community profile of the fund. It is a way of making our current grant budget go further and do more for the town over time whilst still giving grants.

So, we are asking two things: -

1. If we were to do this, does it conform with the determination made in 2017, and if it does
2. To enable the long term needs of the community we would like to build the fund so that over time it would be largely self-funded. We will of course continue to contribute \$25,000 annually, but request that for the next five years, we distribute only \$15,000 to enable the fund to grow. After that period, we would then revert to distributing the full \$25,000 annually.

I realise this proposal may seem a little unusual but respectfully request it receives your consideration. If you agree with this proposal, we would like to set up our own sub fund as outlined in the second option.

Yours sincerely,

Lt Gen Ash Power AO, CSC (Retd)President