



**PO Box 194, Kalamunda 6076**

To: Chief Executive Officer, City of Kalamunda

Re: Rental, Jack Healy Centre

Dear Rhonda,

The Darling Range Hub have greatly appreciated the opportunity of moving into and helping reinvigorate the Jack Healy Centre over the last five months. We certainly appreciated the support of Council in enabling a four month free rent arrangement during the last four months of the 2020-21 financial year.

The purpose of this letter is to seek a continuation of a modified version of this arrangement into the 2021-22 financial year. Our request is for free use of the old lounge as our operational office base of the Hub, and we pay the senior community rate for use of the dining room and hall when utilised.

We are seeking your support for this arrangement based on a number of factors; namely-

- Given the delay in the Learning Centre moving out of the lounge facility, the Hub only had the benefit of free rental for a four month period in the last financial year. Occupancy was further affected by periods of COVID restrictions.
- The Hub is still in an establishment phase due to the impact of COVID and we are building membership. Like many groups servicing our Seniors, we have needed to minimise any membership fee (currently only \$40 and \$30 if the individual becomes a local Community Bank member), and thus as volunteers, we have to fundraise all operations.
- The Hub has contributed greatly to the revitalisation of the Jack Healy Centre, in terms of making it an inviting space. Our Coordinator, Jacqui Pettitt has become a de facto Coordinator for the Centre playing a key role in making its appearance attractive and handling liaison with Council re any issues like recent problems associated with leakage, lighting and gas. The Hub has at its own expense contributed to upgrading the facility. Currently the Hub is investing \$12,000 to amenity upgrade including the replacement of the stove, installation of splash panelling, provision of crockery, glassware and cutlery, new indoor and outdoor furniture, improved signage and new gardens. These improvements are for all users of the Jack Healy Centre to utilise.

I would be very happy to meet and elaborate on this request if required.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Yours

Peter kenyon (Hub President)