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Graham Kennett  
General Manager  
Kyogle Council

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Dear Graham

It is an exciting time in Kyogle with many activities happening throughout the LGA. It is such a wonderful time to be a part of our local community.

We oversaw the facilitation of a series of 'community conversations' last year which provided us with the local knowledge and information we needed to ensure that our service delivery, programs and advocacy is meeting the needs of our community. We were very fortunate to have such a large contribution from the community. The community conversations were supported by our regional partnership with Consortium of Neighbourhood Centre's (CONC) and the NSW peak body, Local Community Services Association (LCSA).

We'd like to take this opportunity in thanking you for your ongoing support of our organisation on many levels. We are very excited by the prospect of the new purpose built community gym and have been an enthusiastic partner in the consultation toward its final developments. We will continue to work closely with council to bring this to fruition.

Thank you for the ongoing contributions to Kyogle Youth Ventures (KYV) as evidenced in your draft operation plan 19/20. A program will continue, however, through feedback from Kyogle High School we are currently redesigning the current structure of the program to modernise and meet the new and emerging issues young people in our community are now facing. We would also like to acknowledge the contribution council makes to Youth Week events in partnership with our Community Drug Action Team and Kyogle Youth Action (KYA).

This is also our opportunity to thank you for the allocation toward the Reconciliation Group and NAIDOC celebrations. KT Inc. continues to remain a committed partner and active member of the committee and events. We look forward to the upcoming Kyogle event to be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

It is important to note and thank Council for their ongoing support of our community organisation by way of the free use of the building situated in Memorial Park. This partnership assists with the ongoing development of community services and activities to meet our growing community needs. Throughout the previous year we have been successful in gaining approximately \$80,000 that we have spent on refurbishing the building. We now have a brand

new kitchen and access for people who use wheel chairs. The building has been painted throughout and we now have a greater capacity for the delivery of our growing service provision. We can now offer a new and emerging program called '**The Fair Share Kitchen**' and this program offers emergency relief services and support along with food security activities, food boxes and we are working toward healthy meals and lifestyle workshops.

With this change we have decided to rebrand (new logos) the programs throughout the organisation and look toward referring to the building in Memorial Park as '**The Laneway Community Space**'. We continue to offer and grow our youth specific services program '**Kyogle Youth Action**' to ensure young people feel safe, supported, understood and have activities specifically created with and for them. To compliment and support this program we can now offer support for people and families of all ages, via The Fair Share Kitchen program. We keep the space free for youth specific activities and are now operating throughout the whole week with support from outreach services. We are also expanding our services to outer lying communities including Bonalbo and are working toward a partnership with the Aboriginal communities around Tabulum.

We note there are two specific references to young people in the draft 2019/20 operational and delivery plan and there are many references that we would love to work collaboratively with Council on as detailed in the Community Strategic Plan 2016 - 2026. KT Inc. would like to offer Kyogle Council a proposal to help implement the actions identified.

We would like to enter into an MOU with Kyogle Council and request that council allocate funding to Kyogle Together Inc. in the order of \$50 000 to engage an ongoing community development worker to assist with the implementation of specified and identified actions outlined in councils planning documents.

In reference to action concerning young people, KT Inc. has been an active member of various incarnations of the youth advisory committee and we would like to see this group meet its full potential by having the Community Development Officer activate and support this committee. We understand there is an annual allocation of \$6000 to the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and we would like to negotiate that these funds are retained to implement the actions as identified by the YAC.

We are keen to work in the cross-generational skills sharing space as young people have told us they are keen to work with older people, particularly in the digital communication and marketing spheres. We understand the Kyogle Chamber of Commerce is also working in this space and we are keen to expand these opportunities through our Chamber membership.



We look forward to hearing from you and would like the opportunity to further discuss our proposal.

Kind regards  
Sharyn

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