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Hello Amanda,

As previously mentioned by phone earlier today, the SJ CRC management committee has spent a great deal of time considering the prospect of taking on the responsibility for the SJ Community Fair. Given the fiscal deficit that we have taken on in an effort to retain the Community Resource Centre for the wider community we have decided that we cannot be responsible for taking on, both financially and personnel wise, the Fair in 2020.

We would like to suggest that as a prelude to taking over the event in future years 2020 might provide the opportunity for the SJ CRC to co-brand with the SJ Shire. Toward that goal we would like to offer the services of 30 volunteers on the day of the event, participate in the marketing of the event via social media and provide the CRC function room as an exhibition site for a photographic and/or art competition that could be open during the event and possibly the night before.

The SJ CRC also has a stage that is approximately 7m X 9m in area and 600mm in height that may be useful for a performance or demonstration site. There are multiple gazebos available for alternative shade and eating sites.

The committee wonders how you might envision us participating in other non-financial capacities.

During the consideration phase I have approached the Bendigo Bank in Byford for a letter of support for this event with the idea of making the SJ Community Fair a really BIG event to meet the needs of the youth of our Shire. To this end they have committed to being the sponsors for both a "Kids Zone" and a "Youth Zone". Given the current very large demographic of the youth group (I believe 25% of the population is under the age of 14) it would appear to be a good investment of our community time and effort to provide an event for this age group.

The SJ CRC committee would also like you to be aware of the fact that 3 management committee members are also on the committee that organises another premium event, the annual Food and Farm Fest in May, so are fully committed to that event for the 6 months prior to that occurring. The SJ CRC reputation needs to be repaired in the light of events of the past year and co-branding with the Shire is a helpful way to, at least in part, restore the appropriate standing in the community.

I am also personally willing to complete a Regional Event Scheme (See the link below) grant application for much of the operational expenses for the SJ Community Fair. However, I would need Shire assistance with the provision of estimated costs as learned from the 2019 event as well as a letter of support from the Shire to assist with the grant application. Unfortunately, the timeline is really tight as the application needs to be submitted by Wednesday, December 13th, 2019.

<https://www.tourism.wa.gov.au/events/Event-sponsorship/Pages/Regional-Events-Scheme.aspx#/>

The SJ CRC committee trusts that this offer to co-brand the SJ Community Fair for 2020 is a viable approach for both parties and will go some way towards a serviceable arrangement to keep this event on the calendar for our community.

Regards

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