

# **TOUKLEY & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB Inc.**

Charity No.CFN 13060

ABN No. 66 302 951 602

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## **SUBMISSION**

**To the discussion paper for**

**Fairer, simpler and more effective tax concessions for the not-for-profit sector.**

### **INTRODUCTION.**

During 2009, on behalf of the members of this club, I made a number of applications and submissions, to the Australian Tax Office, the Registry of Cultural Organisations and finally to the House of Representatives of the Australian Parliament, of which copies of these documents and their replies are included herewith.

I made these applications and submissions in an attempt to have this organisation granted Deductible Gift Recipient Status. As will be noted in the statement to the House of Representatives, it seemed, at that time, that an amendment to the Income Assessment Act would need to be passed for deductible Gift Recipient Status to be granted to seniors organisations such as ours.

### **BACKGROUND.**

The Toukley & District Senior Citizens Club Incorporated is I believe, the largest self-funded seniors organisation in Australia with over 2,000 members currently. With 50 activities each week for the members and many other community events throughout the year, the club caters, not only for the physical and social wellbeing of the senior population of the Wyong Shire and indeed the wider area of the Central Coast of NSW, but intergenerational and community involvement in educational and cultural activities far beyond the scope of other organisations in the area.

Since the previous documents were submitted, as stated above, the membership has increased substantially and further significant cultural events have been presented in the centre.

These include a Multi Cultural Dance Festival in 2010 and another presentation by Newcastle Festival Opera Company. A Chinese New Year Celebration early in 2011 followed by a performance by the Central Coast Symphony Orchestra with Guest Artist, Warren Fisher from Opera Australia, a concert by country singer Beccy Cole, a Jazz concert by "Strictly Dixie" and a performance by talented members of Gosford Musical Society, one of the leading amateur theatrical companies in the country.

In 2012 we have hosted the NSW Police Band yet again, in the presence of Her Excellency the Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO. The band has agreed to perform again for us in 2013, just prior to Seniors Week.

Also in 2012 we hosted a performance by "The New Empire Ragtime Ballroom Dance Orchestra" a group of very talented young musicians from the Central Coast Conservatorium.

2013 sees the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club with a special luncheon for older long time members, a number of whom joined in the year of opening. In May 2013 we will be presenting 2 performances of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" by the Central Coast Youth Orchestra, at which students from up to 20 local Primary and Secondary schools will be invited as our guests.

In August 2013 an Internationally renowned Australian Classical ensemble the "Streeton Trio" will present a performance in the "Centenary Hall" auditorium of the seniors' centre, which is the only Public Hall on the whole of the Central Coast, at the present time, apart from Laycock Street Theatre in Gosford, capable of doing justice to such high class performances.

During all of this time we have continued to host the Gorokan HSC exams, for the 13<sup>th</sup> year, and had students from other local schools join with our members in a number of activities, including Table Tennis, various Art classes, Indoor Bowls, Card Making and Line Dancing.

In addition to these cultural and social events we have carried out significant building upgrades, replacement of the roofing on the entire main building of the centre, with Colorbond roofing, installation of Solarhart hot water systems, replacement of internal lights with energy efficient Induction and LED lighting and upgraded the air conditioning throughout the centre. All of these projects have been accomplished with grants from State or Local Government, without which none of them would have been possible. We are at present awaiting the outcome of another application to complete the installation of Induction lighting in the auditorium, which had to be postponed until renewal of the roofing over that section of the centre.

### SUBMISSION


In presenting this submission I stress that Positive and Healthy Ageing as practised in this centre is a unique Culture in itself.

I submit that if this category were to be endorsed as a cultural entity then Deductible Gift Recipient Status could possibly be granted, which would allow avenues of Corporate and or, Philanthropic funding, which are at present closed to organisations such as ours, to be opened, as the majority of those organisations will only consider applications for grants from applicants with Deductible Gift Recipient Status

This would then potentially relieve the pressure on Government funding at all levels.

I do not intend that ongoing funding be included in this proposal, any organisation that cannot cover their day to day expenses should not be operating. Such is the rapid progress of technology that expenses such as replacement of computer equipment on regular intervals needs to have sources of funding available without relying on Government grants at all times.

Yours Sincerely,



Bruce Kirkness, Secretary.

**Mr. Speaker, The Honourable The Prime Minister, The Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Members of the House.**

**With the support of the Minister of Ageing and Member for Richmond, The Government Whip and Member for Shortland and the assistance of the Member for Dobell, I wish to present the following statement.**

**OR**

**Mr. Speaker.**

**I wish to present the following statement from the Secretary of the Toukley and District Senior Citizens Club, to the Members of the House.**

**On behalf of the 1,800 members of the Toukley Senior Citizens Club I have corresponded a number of times with, firstly the Australian Tax Office and through the Deductible Gift Recipient branch of that Office, the Office of the Register of Cultural Organizations, which upon investigation was the only category under which our organization could possibly gain Deductible Gift Recipient Status.**

**Almost all avenues of Corporate or Philanthropic funding require applicants to be of Deductible Gift Recipient Status, in today's economic circumstances.**

**I understand the position of these organizations, in wishing to claim tax concessions on any funding that is delivered to community groups.**

**Our club has an Australian Business Number and is classified as a Not for Profit Incorporated organization, but receives no ongoing funding either Corporate or from any level of Government. Those ongoing costs are covered, in the main, by the activity fees paid by the members in their participation of the 50 activities each week.**

**Because the primary purpose of those activities is a healthy lifestyle and positive ageing, but does include a significant number of Cultural activities in that program, it has been deemed by the Office of the Register of Cultural Organisations to not have as its Primary Purpose, Cultural Activities!**

**I have submitted to that office and I now submit to you, The Members of the House of Representatives of the Australian Parliament, that the Culture of Positive and Healthy Ageing is in itself a unique culture!**

**If you agree that this is so, I have recently been informed that an amendment would need to be made to the Income Assessment Act 1997, Subdivision 30-F Clause 30-300 Meaning of a Cultural Organization, Section (2), to allow that classification to be included in the Register of Cultural Organizations.**

**This would then allow our organization and many other seniors groups throughout Australia to obtain Deductible gift Recipient Status**

**These groups would then be eligible to apply to those sources of funding that are at present closed to them.**

**That status would be no guarantee that the funding would be available, because of the increased competition, but it would give all groups an even chance!**

**Various levels of Government funding do become available periodically for specific purposes, but if the Corporate and Philanthropic sector were to become more accessible then the Government funds could be spread more widely in the community.**

**It may seem to the Members that this matter is being pursued with some haste, but when many of us are approaching 80 or beyond that milestone, then time slips away very quickly!**

**Yours in anticipation of a positive response.**

**Bruce Kirkness.**



## Australian Government

### Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Our reference: 2009/12237

Mr Bruce Kirkness  
Secretary  
Toukley and District Senior Citizens' Club Inc  
PO Box 151  
TOUKLEY NSW 2263

Dear Mr Kirkness

I am writing about the application of 15 June 2009 from the Toukley and District Senior Citizens' Club Inc (the Club) and its public fund for entry on the Register of Cultural Organisations (ROCO).

After assessing both the application and the additional information you provided on 21 July 2009, the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (the Department) considers that the Club does not appear to satisfy the criteria for entry on the ROCO, as outlined below.

#### Principal purpose

As noted in the Department's letter of 14 July 2009, in accordance with Subdivision 30-F, subsection 30-300(2) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (the Act), to be eligible for entry on the ROCO the principal purpose of an applicant organisation must be the promotion of one or more of the following art forms:

literature, music, a performing art, visual art, a craft, design, film, video, television, radio, community arts, Aboriginal arts or movable cultural heritage.

The Department notes that, on the basis of the information provided, the Club appears to undertake a number of arts-related activities and maintains the "Centenary Hall" auditorium as a venue for performances. However, given the Club's diverse objects and activities, which appear to relate primarily to promoting the physical and mental well-being and recreation of the members of the Club, it has not been established that promotion of one or more of the art forms specified in the Act is the Club's principal purpose. On that basis, the Department would not be in a position to advise the responsible Ministers that your application meets the criteria for entry to the ROCO.

Notwithstanding the Department's assessment, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts and the Treasurer are responsible for decisions on the entry of organisations onto the ROCO. Therefore, please confirm in writing by 12 November 2009 should you wish to proceed with submitting your application in its current form to the Ministers for their consideration.



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**Public Fund**

The Constitution must include a clause (or clauses) which allow for the setting up, maintenance and winding up of a public fund before it can be considered for entry on the ROCO. Specifically, the Constitution must address the following public fund requirements before being considered for entry on the ROCO:

- the governing documents must demonstrate that the Association has a public fund, separate from its normal operating fund;
- all donated moneys and interest accruing on those moneys must be credited to the public fund and receipts must be issued in the name of the public fund;
- the public fund must not receive money or property other than donations;
- the Association must include a winding up clause specifically for the public fund (distinct from the winding up of the Association); and
- the public fund has to be administered by a group of persons, the majority of whom are persons of responsibility.

For your information, I have enclosed an example of model clauses that meet the public fund requirements.

**Account Details**

As no details have been provided with the application in relation to the bank account and the name of the public fund, it would be appreciated if these details could be provided.

**Responsible persons criterion**

A key criterion for the operation of a public fund is the appointment of 'responsible persons' to administer the fund. As part of the application process the Department is required to assess the eligibility of these persons in accordance with Australian Taxation Office specifications. As no information on the appointment of 'responsible persons' has been included with your application, it would be appreciated if this information could be provided.

Please note that the information provided by the Department is for guidance only and I advise that you seek your own legal advice in relation to the application.

Please confirm in writing by 2 October 2009 if you would like to proceed with the application. Otherwise the Department will assume that the members do not wish to pursue an application for ROCO and the file will be closed.

I hope the above information is of assistance. Should you have any queries please contact Stephen Wray on (02) 6275 9650.

Yours sincerely



Nicolette Dillon  
Director  
Private Sector Support  
Arts Development and Training Branch  
14 July 2009

**Public fund for provision of family counselling or family dispute resolution**

Item number  8  1  2

Use this item number if your fund is a public fund:

- a that is established and maintained by a non-profit company that receives funding from the Australian Government to provide family counselling or family dispute resolution within the meaning of the *Family Law Act 1975*, and
- b that is established and maintained solely for the purpose of providing family counselling or family dispute resolution within the meaning of the *Family Law Act 1975* to individuals in Australia.

❗ If your fund does not receive funding from the Australian Government, contact the Attorney-General's Department or the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA). See 'Pre-approval by other government departments' on page 7 for more information.

**International affairs  
Overseas aid fund**

Item number  9  1  1

Use this item number if your fund is a public fund that the Treasurer has declared, by notice in the Gazette, to be a relief fund. Such funds are solely for the relief of people in developing countries.

❗ If your fund is not a relief fund, contact Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) for more information about approval as a relief fund. See 'Pre-approval by other government departments' on page 7 for more information.

**Developed country disaster relief fund**

Item number  9  1  2

Use this item number if your fund is a public fund established and maintained by a public benevolent institution solely for providing money for the relief (including relief by way of assistance to re-establish a community) of people in a developed country that has suffered a disaster recognised by a Treasury minister as a disaster.

➤ If you are applying for endorsement under this item number, complete *Developed country disaster relief fund – schedule for deductible gift recipient applicants* (NAT 15607) and submit it with your application.

To obtain a copy of the schedule:

- visit our website at [www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit](http://www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit) and select Forms & Instructions, or
- phone 1300 130 248 and quote the NAT number.

**Sports and recreation  
Guides branch**

Item number  1  0  2  3

Use this item number if your organisation is a state or territory branch of Guides Australia Incorporated.

**Scout branch**

Item number  1  0  2  5

Use this item number if your organisation is a state or territory branch of the Scout Association of Australia.

**Cultural organisations**

**Public fund on the register of cultural organisations**

Item number  1  2  1  1

Use this item number if your fund is a public fund maintained by an organisation that is on the register of cultural organisations kept by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA).

❗ If your fund is not on the Register of Cultural Organisations, contact DCITA to apply to be on the register. You can also apply for DGR endorsement at the same time on the *Application for register of cultural organisations*. See 'Pre-approval by other government departments' on page 7 for more information.



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts**

C09/17756

Mr Bruce Kirkness  
Secretary  
Toukley and District Senior Citizens' Club Inc  
PO Box 151  
TOUKLEY NSW 2263

Dear Mr Kirkness

I refer to your meeting of 8 October 2009 with the Minister for Ageing, the Hon Justine Elliot MP in which you provided the Minister with information in support of the application by the Toukley and District Senior Citizens' Club Inc for entry on the Register of Cultural Organisations (ROCO). Minister Elliot has forwarded the additional information you provided to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP. The Minister has passed your letter to me for reply.

After reviewing the information provided to Minister Elliot, the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (the Department) notes that it appears you may not have received my letter to you of 26 August 2009 (copy attached). As outlined in my letter, it is the Department's view that the Club has not established that its principal purpose is the promotion of one or more of the art forms specified in Subdivision 30-F, subsection 30-300(2) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Consequently, the Department would not be in a position to advise the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts and the Treasurer, who are responsible for decisions on the entry of organisations onto the ROCO, that the application meets the criteria for entry to the ROCO. However, should you wish to proceed with submitting your application in its current form to the Ministers for their consideration, please confirm your intention in writing by 4 December 2009.

Should you require any assistance with these matters, please contact Ms Nicolette Dillon on (02) 6275 9524.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Miller  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Arts Development and Training Branch

4 November 2009



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The Administrator,  
Register of Cultural Organizations.

21-7-2009

Dear sir or Ms;

To add further support to our application to be placed on the Register of Cultural organizations, I offer the following information. This club operates the Toukley Senior Citizens Centre under lease from Wyong Shire Council.

The "Centenary Hall" auditorium has the finest parquet dance floor on the Central coast of NSW. Apart from two of the largest of the licensed clubs, it has the only stage and sound system in the Wyong Shire capable of hosting a medium sized concert or stage production. The stage can accommodate up to 40 musicians.

We are in final funding negotiations to present an opera concert, performed by musicians and soloists from Newcastle Conservatorium of Music.

It will be presented on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. October by a 15 piece orchestra and 5 soloists and consist of excerpts from Mozart's Magic Flute and various well known arias and duets.

Some funding seems to be available from Wyong Council and Greater Toukley Vision, but I am so keen to see this event come to fruition, that even though I am only a pensioner I have guaranteed \$1,000 against ticket sales.

Also during October a couplet of one act plays, written by well known thespians, Jill Mather and Dina Shearing, who are both now resident in Wyong Shire, will be performed in this auditorium by extremely talented local actors.

In September a 50s dance has been booked by Greater Toukley Vision and the club's own Spring Ball will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. September.

During Seniors' Week 2010 the NSW Police Band will performing for the 5<sup>th</sup>. time in 10 years.

All of these events are part of our effort to increase the cultural content of our program for the members and the community.

In this endeavour we have the support of Councillors and Staff of Wyong Council, who freely admit that our auditorium is at present and in the foreseeable future the only public venue capable of presenting events such as I have listed.

The hall is capable of seating 450 people and with its adjacent craft room annex can accommodate almost 600 in total.

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The activities that I have highlighted on the enclosed list and the events that have been noted in this letter and the copy of the previous letter, that is also enclosed, are a great part of the culture of the almost 1,800 senior citizen members of this club, as well as all other elderly and retired residents of the NSW central Coast.

The proportion of these senior residents in this area is above 26 % of the total population.

The "Baby Boomers", generation X and generation Y each have their own individual cultures. The culture that our organization and others like us, provide to our generation is focused on healthy ageing in both body and mind.

I submit that *culture* does not have to be confined to any one or several, activities within the program that our club provides.

Indeed the variety of activities available allows the members to feel comfortable with any selection they may make.

As almost all avenues of philanthropic or corporate funding now require the applicants to be of Deductible Gift Recipient status, our application to be entered onto the Register of Cultural Organizations seems to be our last chance of accessing any of those funds.

Our ongoing running costs are covered by the activity fees paid by our members.

It is funding for any specific purpose that we may need to access in the future, that may be denied us without DGR status.

Some years ago we received a grant from the Annie Danks Trust for alterations to gain additional office space. That fund now requires applicants to be of DGR status.

Recently we were invited to apply for an NRMA Seniors Volunteer Award, but were unable to do so, as DGR status was required!

I further submit that this *culture of the ageing generation*, extending their life span and helping to reduce the health system costs, by participating in activities suitable to their age and physical condition, is in itself an *independent culture*.

Could you on our behalf, send a copy of this letter and any previous documentation to the Parliamentary Secretary, the Minister or any other authority who may be able add *culture of the ageing generation* to the list of acceptable activities as listed in subsection 39-300(2) of the act.

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A Special General Meeting of club members would have to be called for any changes to be made to the club's constitution.

There is some cost involved in organising that meeting, having changes gazetted and a reprint of the constitution booklet.

We are prepared to incur those costs if a positive outcome of our application is forthcoming.

We would put to that meeting the following additions to the constitution:-

The club will establish and maintain a separate Public Fund to be known as (*Toukley Cultural Fund*) [a suggested title]

Any donations to that fund will be deposited in a separate financial institution Account with separate receipts issued under the name of that fund and stated As a gift.

A sub-committee of persons of responsibility i.e. Justices of the Peace, would Be formed to administer the fund.

No monies would be distributed to any member or office bearer, apart from Out of pocket expenses.

If, in the winding up of that fund any monies remaining in the fund, will be Transferred to a similar Public Fund, as laid out in Subdivision 30-B, section 30-100.

Yours Most Sincerely,

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Bruce Kirkness, J.P. Secretary.



Mr Bruce Kirkness  
Toukley & District Senior Citizens Club Inc  
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TOUKLEY NSW 2263

Our reference: S&ME/HOB/6290672  
Receipt Number:  
Contact officer: Stuart Cox  
Telephone: 13 28 69  
Facsimile: 03 6221 0660  
Your reference:

1 July 2009

Dear Mr Kirkness

### **Deductible gift recipient application**

We refer to your application for endorsement of Toukley & District Senior Citizens Club Inc as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) under item 12.1.1 – Public fund on the register of cultural organisations. Unfortunately we are not able to endorse your organisation at this stage.

As discussed on the phone, the Register is administered by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA). The Treasurer and the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts decide whether to register the organisation and its public fund. The decision is not made by the Tax Office.

In order to check the status of your application, please contact DEWHA:

Phone: 02 6274 1111  
Fax: 02 6274 1666  
Website: [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au)

### **Review rights**

You may object to our decision if you are dissatisfied with it. Your objection must:

- be in writing and sent to:

Australian Taxation Office  
PO Box 3000  
PENRITH NSW 2740

- state fully the grounds you are relying on, and be lodged with the Commissioner of Taxation within 60 days from the date of service of this notice.

**More information**

If you have any questions or need to discuss any aspect of your case, please phone:

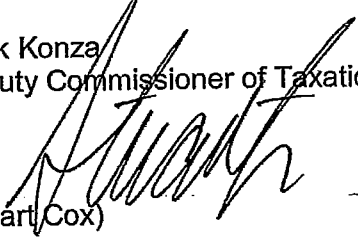
- Stuart Cox on 03 6221 0366, or
- for the cost of a local call, **13 28 69** between 8:00am and 5:00pm and ask for Stuart Cox on extension 10366.

Please have your case number 6290672 ready so we can quickly access your case details.

Yours sincerely

Mark Konza  
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

Per  
(Stuart Cox)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Cox', is written over the printed name and title of Mark Konza. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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The Administrator,  
Deductible Gift Recipient office  
Australian Taxation Office.

19-6-2009

Dear Sir or Ms;

Following the instructions set out in (NAT2948) page 13 item 12.1.1 I have forwarded an application to be included on the Register of Cultural Organisations, as well as tendering this application to have endorsement as a deductible gift recipient.

If and when that first application is approved, we will immediately set up a Public Fund with a separate financial institution account and carry out all other required actions including calling a Special General Meeting of our members to make the necessary alterations to the Constitution of the club.

That is the reason that clauses 3 & 6 of the application form have not been completed.

Hoping that we receive a positive response from both of these applications, as most avenues of funding now require all applicants for that funding to be of deductible gift recipient status.

This club has been operating for 31 years completely self-funded, apart from a number of grants for specific purposes, over the past 10 years.

Yours sincerely,

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Bruce Kirkness, Secretary.

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The Administrator,  
Register of Cultural Organisations.

12-6-2009

Dear Sir or Ms;

This club has been self-funded for all of its 31 years, being in the mid 1980s the largest such seniors club in the world, having 5400 members.

Over the past ten years we have been successful in obtaining a number of grants for specific purposes, mostly from Government sources, but several from Corporate or Trust funds.

We find at this time that most avenues of funding require any applicants to be of Deductible Gift Recipient status.

This situation has prompted the presentation of this application to be placed on the Register of Cultural Organisations, even though it may appear that the principal purpose of this organization is to provide healthy lifestyle activities to the senior members of our community, as seen by the attached activities list.

The indicated Cultural activities have always been an integral part of that program!

On the last weekend in June the club holds an annual Arts and Crafts show to showcase the variety crafts and art mediums that are taught or practiced within the classes. These range from copper work and leatherwork through crochet, hand embroidery, quilting and quilling, lace making and card making to porcelain painting, water colour, oils and folk art.

At present members of the art classes are involved in the Toukley Community Art project to create a series of murals to be displayed throughout the area.

The club's variety group presents 2 or 3 shows each year, in our "Centenary Hall" for the enjoyment of our members and the public. This very weekend, Wyong Drama group is presenting 2 one act plays in that hall.

Our choir performs almost weekly for the enjoyment of residents of the many nursing homes in the area.

Several years ago the club organised and hosted a Youth Music Festival involving most of the High Schools and Colleges in the Wyong shire.

The rapidly expanding line dancing group also gives demonstrations at nursing homes and community events. During seniors week 2009 the club organised a Multicultural dance festival involving five ethnic dance groups.

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Over the past 10 years we are proud to have presented a number of concerts performed by, the NSW Police Band 4 times, the Royal Australian navy Band twice and the RAAF Central Command Band.

In our auditorium we have a Wurlitzer Theatre Organ which is played regularly by our resident organist, our only paid employee, for keep fit classes and Friday night Old Time Dance

To add to these events, each year we have had a number of local performing arts groups present concerts in our "Centenary Hall" auditorium.

Even though we have had professional artists over the years, the cost of presenting these shows is now out of our financial reach.

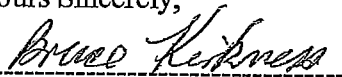
If this club is considered to be eligible to be placed on the Register of Cultural Organisations, the board has agreed that a "Public Fund" will be established with a separate financial institution account. Any donations to that fund will be used solely for the activities indicated.

Also that additional clauses will be added to the "Aims and Objectives" of our constitution, to comply with the requirements of the register.

A Special General meeting of the members of the club would need to be called for those additional clauses to be passed for insertion into the Constitution.

We would only take these steps, if approval to be placed on the Register is granted!

Yours Sincerely,



Bruce Kirkness JP, Secretary.





**Australian Government**

**Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts**

Our reference:

Mr Bruce Kirkness  
Secretary  
Toukley & District Senior Citizens Club Inc  
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TOUKLEY NSW 2263

Dear Mr Kirkness

I acknowledge receipt of your recent application for the Toukley & District Senior Citizens Club Inc and its public fund to be entered on the Register of Cultural Organisations and wish to advise that it is currently receiving attention.

Yours sincerely

*Linda Mallory*

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Private Sector Support  
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