



Denmark Walpole Football Club
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Dear Lee

Re: Loan 148 (Your Ref: OCR20663313)

Further to your letter dated 11 June 2020 and email from Lisa Sanders, our Committee has met and discussed the balance of our loan. We appreciate your offer of a payment plan, however, as per our letter of 31 October 2019 we again call on the Shire to recognize the extreme difficulty our club has had financially over the last two years and ask that the Shire waive this last payment and consider the loan paid in full.

The work on the grounds which lasted for most of the 2019 football season caused a significant drop in our normal income including having to cancel the Grand Final scheduled because of the uncertainty at the time we had to confirm our ability to hold the event to the GSFL. Covid has now come along and participation may result in a loss for our club. We are participating nevertheless because we believe the community needs (during this unusual time) the support a club like ours can provide for players, their families and our long term supporters.

It normally costs around \$2000 to hold a home game fixture. This is for umpiring payments, programmes, Gate keeper costs, some travel reimbursement to players etc. It does not take into account medical (strapping etc) costs, equipment costs etc. We maintain no staff and all roles are voluntary. Any player payments (as is consistent with the other teams in the GSFL) are met by a separate fundraising association located here in Denmark.

This year the league is supporting the clubs to a degree but with increased hygiene and additional cleaning requirements plus uncertain levels of attendance we believe there will be little chance of breaking even. We have had to reduce fees from players because of the shortened season but fixed costs such as affiliation fees and player insurance have not been reduced. We do not qualify for any Government support that has so far been provided for individuals or small business.

We would sincerely regret a position where the historical Denmark Walpole Magpies could not continue in the only football competition available to us therefore resulting in no senior AFL in our town so we ask that you give our request your earnest consideration.

Yours faithfully

Beverley Ford
Treasurer

CC: CEO, Shire President, Councillors

21 July 2020 - Attachment 8.2.5

