

We the Tooleybuc Sporting Club would like to bring to the Productivity Commission the importance of this registered club to our small local community and the surrounding areas.

Any financial figures which are quoted are a total of our last 3 financial years.

KEY FACTS:

Tooleybuc is a small township situated on the Murray River. Tooleybuc is on one of the main routes between Sydney and Adelaide.

Our population is 275. Which like most small country towns the population is slowly diminishing.

Whilst the population is only 275 the town supports 3 motels, a caravan park, hotel, with the club owning/operating 5/2 bedroom self contained holiday units.

The clubs main building is a single storey brick building, some 3685m² with an auditorium that sits 300 also 2 grass bowling greens, 9 hole dual tee grass golf course, tennis court, 18 hole mini golf course and a practice basketball court.

Our membership numbers are 2883.

The club presently operates 64 poker machines. The only other form of gambling here is Keno.

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY:

The club presently employs 40 people, with 10 permanent employees, 8 perm/part-time and 22 casuals.

The total revenue raised for the period (3 years) is: \$5,178,296 net of gaming revenue. Gaming revenue is \$5,239,966.

During this period the club has paid taxation of \$874,950 plus GST \$540,518. The taxation paid amount has also had a great effect on the clubs economic future, with a decrease in local employment and donations decrease to local sporting and charities.

The club is debt free with a Total equity of \$4,022,117.

As the club is the centre piece of town therefore the large number of accommodation facilities per head of population.

SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY:

The club provides its facilities to local organisations and sporting groups free of charge.

The local school (150 students) use our auditorium at least 3 times for special award nights etc. The Club has also provided the school with a heavy duty Toro ride on lawn mower.

Our outdoor staff provides their expertise and assistance in maintaining the local football grounds, 4 turf cricket pitches and the local tennis clubs 8 grass tennis courts.

Our Kitchen provides weekly meals for the 'Meals on Wheels'

During the period we are quoting the club has provided \$21000 cash to local organisations such as aged care, pre-school, schools, action groups. A similar amount would have been allocated 'in-kind'

For local and neighbouring sporting clubs we have allocated \$59299 cash donations over the period.

Over the many years we have assisted various organisation establish various facilities: Local net ball courts \$35000, Koraleigh Tennis Club \$8000, Tooleybuc Pre-School \$40000 to assist

establish their centre, assistance in establishing the local Medical centre \$15000, Nyah District Golf Club approx \$15000.

In conclusion we are a small but vibrant club that relies greatly on the gaming income to support our community and surrounding areas. If this was to diminish or discontinue the economic climate of this area would be adversely affected.

Darrell Fishpool

CEO Tooleybuc Sporting Club