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Secretary. Lyn Chalmers.

Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission,  
GPO Box 1428  
Canberra City. ACT. 2601

Dear Commissioner,

Reference your letter re gambling enquiry.

The Trangie Bowling Club is situated in the Central Western District of Nsw, 78 Kilometres west of Dubbo. Population, Town and District is 1500. The Club was established in November 1939. Current membership is 66 Bowling Members and 250 Social Members.

Trangie is a farming community with its main income from agriculture, Cattle and sheep for the livestock market. Severe drought for past 7 years has caused a massive down turn in income for our farmers, impacting on the towns people income.

Our Club employs 7 staff, 2 full time Employees, 2 part time and 4 casuals

Our 2 sources of revenue from gaming is:

1. Poker Machines \$136,000.00 P.A.
2. Keno Commission. \$ 11,000.00 P.A.

Poker machine takings are down \$20,000.00 on previous year. Poker machine tax last year was nil.

Every year our Club sponsors: The Trangie Rugby Union Club, Junior Swimming Club, Junior Rugby League Club. Town swimming Club, Junior Tennis Club. Town Tennis Club and the District Jockey Club. Financial support is also given to the Trangie Central School, St Johns Primary School and the Hospital Auxiliary.

We provide Clubs rooms for meetings and give financial support to local organisations, plus arrange and sponsor bowls days to help these organisations raise funds. These include The Matrons Club, Golden Oldies Club, Country Womens Association, Trangie Action Group and others.

We also give financial support to many charities, including the Australian Red Cross, Cancer Council, Vision Australia, Heart Foundation, Legacy and others.

In 2008 we entered the Inaugural Spirit of the Bush Awards conducted by Club Nsw. We are very proud of our achievement, having been awarded, the Club Nsw Spirit of the Bush small Club award for Excellence. For this achievement we were presented with a cheque for \$5000.00, to be given to a local Charity. The Board of Directors decided to give this cheque to the Trangie Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, for a much needed, special care bed. A presentation afternoon was arranged for the presentation

of the cheque. A photographer and 2 Journalist from the local media recording and reporting the event.

Total financial support to the above totalled \$11.200 with with an additional one off payment of our \$5.000.00

Our Manager and our Bar Staff are all credited with R.C.G. and R.S.A. Certificates.

We provide a pleasant and safe enviroment for patrons who wish to play bowls, Gamble and socialise.

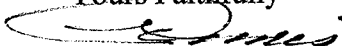
We have signs prominently displayed advising responsible gaming practices. For Problems and disputes with gamblers, Our Manager is our Adviser and Arbitrator.

G.Line and Self Exclusion Code of practice Signs are also prominently displayed. Patrons who wish to consult a consultant with a gambling problem either Telephones the Number on the sign or contacts our Manager (Greg Moss) named on the sign.

Self exclusion parons are asked to Telephone the phone number on the sign or ask our Manager to telephone the Consultant advised on the sign. We will continue our commitment to the above services,

Our Club is an integral part of the Trangie Community and respected by the Town and district people. Sporting and social events will continue, on going financial assistance will be given to charities & Organisations.

Yours Faithfully



Don Dennis  
Vice President  
15.3.09