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For, an on behalf of, Byron Bay Runners Inc.

Ewingsdale Sport and Cultural Centre (The Cavanbah Centre), 250 Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay, 2481

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Name of Application : **Modification Request : Cultural Events Site – Yelgun, NSW**

Application Number : **MP 09_0028 MOD3**

Statement of SUPPORT for modification request:

Byron Bay Runners strongly support the request for modification to the Yelgun license, to increase usage of the site for non-music events, in particular, to use the site for community/family-oriented fun runs, inter-club competitions and occasional (5-6 year) training runs for members only.

Reasons why Byron Bay Runners, Inc. SUPPORT the modification request:

1. As a sport, running has very minimal environmental impact (with regards to noise, pollution, generation of rubbish or other environmental issues). We believe that extending the license to allow runners to use the site would have no impact on local landowners or council services (with regard to noise levels, waste management, traffic management, policing or any other issues commonly associated with events previously held at the site).
2. There are currently no competitive running events within the shire, suitable for families or children under the age of 14 years old. To encourage healthy, active lifestyles within the Byron community (and beyond), Byron Bay Runners would welcome the opportunity to use the Yelgun site to stage an annual fun-run. This would also encourage environmentally-respectful visitors from outside the shire, spending money in Byron restaurants, accommodation, markets and other retail outlets, boosting the local economy.
3. Approximately 40% of our members are 8-18 years old, with a significant proportion achieving regional, state and even national representation in cross-country and athletics events. Requiring training runs between 5-7km, finding safe (i.e. off-road) areas for Byron shire children to run is currently extremely difficult. Having access to this site, would enable more junior runners to have the opportunity to train at set times of the year, in safety, for key events.

Declaration of any reportable political donations made in the previous two years: Nil