



# MOORA MAVERICKS

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To the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Councillors  
Shire of Moora

On behalf of the Moora Football Club Inc (Mavericks), we write to formally request the continuation of the current farmland leases over the West End Land (approximately 100 hectares) and the Sewerage Farm (approximately 36 hectares).

The Club is seeking a minimum two-year extension of both leases, with a strong preference for a longer-term arrangement if considered appropriate by Council. The continuation of these leases is critical to enabling the Club to continue raising funds toward Stage 1 of the Moora Recreation Centre redevelopment, in conjunction with currently approved \$1.2m grant funding, a project that will deliver significant benefit to the broader Moora community

Over the past two years of the current lease period, the Club has actively invested in the improvement and responsible management of both parcels of land. Key outcomes achieved include:

- Application of 1 tonne per hectare of lime across the leased land in January 2024, prior to commencement of the current 2 year lease
- Soil amelioration works completed on approximately 50 hectares at the West End Land to address historically poor-performing soils
- Retention of approximately \$130,000 in profit generated through the cropping program, earmarked for recreation centre redevelopment
- Ongoing and improved weed management across both sites, with particular focus on reducing to longer term weed burden at the Sewerage Farm

These improvements reflect the Club's commitment to maintaining and enhancing Shire-owned land to a standard equal to or better than its condition at lease commencement.

A longer lease tenure would provide clear and measurable benefits, including:

- Improved agronomic decision-making through the ability to invest confidently in longer-term practices such as lime application, deep ripping, capital fertiliser programs and strategic weed management, leading to improved yields and financial returns
- Increased capacity to generate and contribute funds toward Stage 1 of the Recreation Centre redevelopment
- Greater ability to attract support from local businesses, farmers and community groups through collaborative cropping arrangements that reduce input costs and increase overall returns

The funds raised through the cropping program directly support infrastructure investment that benefits not only the Moora Mavericks, but a wide range of sporting and community users of the Recreation Centre.

The Mavericks value its strong working relationship with the Shire of Moora and remain committed to ensuring these community assets are managed responsibly while delivering tangible benefits back to the town.

We appreciate Council's consideration of this request and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposal further if required.

Yours sincerely,

Moora Football Club Inc  
Committee