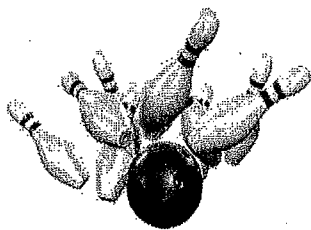


ACT Disability Tenpin Bowling



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Legislative Assembly for the ACT
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Dear Mr Smyth

RE: Inquiry into elements impacting on the future of the ACT Clubs Sector

On behalf of The **ACT Disability Tenpin Bowling Association (DTBA) Wizards League** I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above. The Wizards Tenpin Bowling is a not for profit group run by volunteers, who are mostly parents or carers of the bowlers who are aged between 18 – 65+ years and have an intellectual disability, The Wizards has a current membership of 85 bowlers and bowl every Saturday morning at Belconnen.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC)** has been a great supporter of our organisation for approximately ten years and each year we receive amounts of \$1000, \$1500 or \$2000.

Because of the CSCC support, a large number of our ACT Wizards have been able to attend various tenpin bowling competitions, locally and interstate over the years. The grants have been used to contribute to the cost of hiring buses and other associated cost for these competitions, therefore reducing the cost per bowler. Some of these bowlers are in supported employment, while most receive a full or part Disability Pension. While some of the younger bowlers still have families that can help them financially, the older ones have to rely on fundraising and donations. The past and continued support from the CSCC allows for these bowlers to compete with bowlers from all over Australia. This allows them to develop their bowling skills by performing at this level, to develop networking skills, renewing old friendships and developing their sportsman like behaviours. This experience provides the bowlers with the opportunity to put this motto into action DREAM, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE on a sporting stage that will lead to them becoming active members of the community.

Without this partnership with the CSCC, our organisation would simply not be able to provide these bowlers with these opportunities to participate in the Community. We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill the void if the CSCC was not there to support us.

The assistance of the Club industry in the ACT is reflected through our partnership with **Canberra Southern Cross Club** and is something that can only be maintained by the Club if they are able to remain a viable community asset.

We trust that your Committee will see the invaluable role the Clubs play in our community particularly for disadvantaged groups such as these bowlers with a disability.

Yours sincerely

Marilyn Richards
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