

MY NAME IS MARC PATTEN AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF SHORES UNITED SOCCER CLUB. I AM A MARRIED MAN WITH 2 ADULT CHILDREN AND HAVE RESIDED IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 2000, WHERE I SPENT 18 YEARS IN THE NSW POLICE FORCE. SHORES UNITED SOCCER CLUB HAS A TOTAL OF 18^{100 PLAYERS} TEAMS RANGING FROM 5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN TO 59 YEAR OLD MEN. WE ARE A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION, COMPELLED TO PAY OUR OWN OPERATIONAL EXPENSES SUCH AS LIGHTING, ELECTRICITY, FOOTBALL KIT, CANTEEN AND HEFTY BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL USER FEES ANNUALLY. WHAT DOES BYRON PARKLANDS MEAN TO SHORES UNITED SOCCER CLUB? - WE SIMPLY COULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT THEIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

WHETHER YOU APPROVE OF SPLEN BYRON PARKLANDS FESTIVALS OR EXTENSION TRIAL YOU CANNOT DENY THE MASSIVE BENEFIT TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS SUCH AS THE ONE I REPRESENT. SINCE 2013 THE FALLS AND SPLENDOUR FESTIVALS HAVE DISTRIBUTED A STAGGERING \$255K DIRECTLY INTO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SCHOOLS. JUST A FEW OF THESE GROUPS INCLUDE ^{ocean shores, 7100 TOWN} OCEAN SHORES PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE FOCKEL PRIMARY SCHOOL, MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL, BYRON BAY HOMELESS AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, SHARA COMMUNITY GARDENS, WATERLILLY PLAYScape, BRUNSWICK SURF LIFE SAVING, AND BRUNSWICK HDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND BYRON BAY NYE SOUL STREET. NONE OF THIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMES FROM COUNCIL. ALL OF THESE COMMUNITY GROUPS AND OTHERS DEPEND ON THIS SUPPORT AND SOME SIMPLY WOULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT IT. NO ONE CAN DENY THE VAST COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVALS. FFNC WHICH IS OUR GOVERNING BODY HAS ISSUED A COMPLETE BYE AND FOOTBALL FREE ~~WEEKEND~~ SPLENDOUR WEEKEND. 75% OF MY CLUB ATTEND THE SPLENDOUR WEEKEND, INCLUDING OUR ENTIRE 1ST DIVISION MEN'S TEAM.

WHILST I ACKNOWLEDGE THERE IS STILL WORK TO DO WITH RESPECT TO TRAFFIC, RUBBISH REMOVAL AND NOISE (WOULDN'T BE SO BAD IF THERE WAS SOME OLD HONEY TONK FOR SOME BUSTED ARSED ROCKERS) IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT THE BENEFIT TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS SHORES UNITED SOCCER CLUB, FAR OUTWEIGHS ANY INCONVENIENCE IN RELATION TO THE FESTIVALS AND IT IS FOR THIS VITAL REASON THAT I SUPPORT BYRON PARKS EXTENSION TRIAL AND URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE SAME.

