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LAMEROO CRAFT CLUB SECURES HOME LEASE

The Lamerook Craft Club will remain an important part of the Mallee fabric, after securing a favourable new lease agreement.

The Southern Mallee District Council has thrown its support behind the volunteer community group, in an effort to secure the Club's future viability.

The lease, which will decrease from \$174 per month to \$1 per year, will have a major impact on the group's ability to meet overhead costs.

Southern Mallee District Council Mayor Jeffrey Nickolls said Council was committed to looking at innovative ways to support community organisations.

"Volunteer community groups, such as the Lamerook Craft Club, play an integral role in our community," Mayor Nickolls said.

"We understand the costs involved with administering such organisations, and want to make this easier for everyone from sports groups to craft groups, and all others in between."

This decision falls in line with Council's most recent Strategic Management Plan goal for '*An Engaged Community*', whereby Council will actively support and advocate for community organisations where diversity, participation and healthy lifestyles are celebrated.

The Craft Club, based at 45 Chandos Terrace, currently runs Dolly's Golden Rain Tree Crafts and Heritage, selling locally-made craft goods and souvenirs. It also plays an important role in promoting tourism and economic development, working with the Lamerook and District Hospital Society to facilitate access to the Lamerook Museum.

"The Lamerook Craft Club and its shopfront are highly valued by the community and I believe this agreement recognises and supports the significant contribution this group makes," Mayor Nickolls said.

The new lease arrangement is set for a period of five years.

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