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Dear Brian

**RE: Letter of Support – “The Play” Musical and Regional Talent Shows**

On behalf of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, I am writing to express my wholehearted support for your proposed "The Play" Musical and regional talent shows.

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River is pleased to support initiatives that contribute to the cultural vibrancy of our region while promoting positive social outcomes. "The Play" represents exactly the kind of community-driven, youth-focused project that can help us achieve our vision of a more inclusive and connected community.

Our vision is for a sustainable, inclusive community, connected to place and respecting Boodja. "The Play" aligns with our Strategic Community Plan 2040 in the following key focus areas:

- Strategy PE.1.3: Provide, facilitate, advocate for and fund creative and community celebrations, events, festivals and programs which develop unique local communities.
- Strategy PE.3.4: Provide, facilitate, advocate for and fund services that support families, early years development and youth leadership throughout the Shire.

The proposed Talent Show's aim of creating meaningful opportunities for youth leadership and engagement strongly aligns with our strategic focus on supporting "diverse, resilient, welcoming, safe and connected community." Your approach of using performing arts as a vehicle for social change and personal development resonates strongly with our community's values and aspirations.

I look forward to seeing this project come to life and the positive impact it will have on our young people and wider community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Meldrum', written over a white background.

Julia Meldrum  
Shire President