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Attention:

Karen Hampton
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Devon Dart League to express interest in the vacant building previously occupied by the gymnastics club.

We are willing and able to offer a rental of \$250-\$300 per week.

We Currently have a membership of 50 Members and growing.

The DDL have 1 of 3 or 4 Certified coaches in the state. By having our own venue we would be able to hold come and try days for school ages as well as senior players. It would also enable school groups the chance to come and try darts and teachers can see how it helps kids with their maths. The numbers for younger people playing darts is currently poor. Our goal is to try and entice more people to play the sport and ensure the future of our great sport.

By having our own venue it will enables us to run more than 1 night per week (Currently Tuesday nights at the EDRC), which we are currently running. We would look at running a weekly juniors afternoon also introduce a Friday night social comp. It will also allow us to hold more weekend tournaments bringing the states best to Devonport for people to see. With the ability of being able to operate more than 1 night per week it will enable us to earn more money to hold more tournaments for both senior and junior participants with bigger prize money for the senior (open) events. Being able to hold tournaments with bigger prize pools we will be also enticing some of Australia's top players to come and compete at our events. In some cases being able to hold junior clinics and giving back to the community and hopefully encouraging younger people to play darts.

After viewing the venue. The DDL would be able to fix our dartboards and lighting to the walls and carpet the floors, Painting the venue our leagues colours. Installing counters, fridge, freezer as well as an area to be able to prepare and cook basic canteen items. We now have a visual of how we could turn this venue into a purpose built darts venue (but also able to be used for other things if needed). We see where we could set it out to try and promote and build up the participation of the sport of darts.

We would be applying for grants to be able to maintain and improve the venue on top of any repairs done by the council or even in conjunction with the council in order to get the venue up to an acceptable standard.

Sincerely,

Matt Woodberry

President/ Secretary Devon Dart League