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Subject: Request for assistance from the Tasmanian Writers Centre

Nick Heath
General Manager
City of Hobart

30th April 2018

Dear Nick,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Tasmanian Writers Centre to seek your City of Hobart's assistance during our current time of funding crisis. As you may be aware, an unexpected funding shortfall has left the TWC in the position where we have been forced to consider a number of options to reduce our expenditures in the short to medium term.

One of our major expenses is rent, which we currently pay to the Salamanca Arts Centre to maintain our office in their premises. I am writing to you to ask Council to consider providing us with free office space for the next twelve months, which should allow the Centre sufficient time to become more financially stable. Ideally, such a space would allow room for two to three casual employees and a Director, allow for meetings with members, and possibly space for us to set up our library of Tasmanian literature and writing resources.

On Friday 27th April, Kimbra Parker was kind enough to give me a tour of the currently untenanted office spaces on the 4th and 5th floors of the Hobart Council Centre. I believe we may have identified a space on the 4th floor that would be of sufficient size to house the Centre for the time being. Would you please consider providing this space to us gratis for the next twelve months?

The Tasmanian Writers Centre understands that should a suitably qualified paying tenant put an offer in on the space during this period, that we would be required to vacate.

I'm told that last week, Alderman Sexton made an aldermanic request for council to find a way to help support the Tasmanian Writers Centre in our current difficult circumstances. If you were able to shelter our staff, office equipment and library in the short term, it would be greatly appreciated. As an organization with more than 20 years of service to the Tasmanian writing and reading community, we are committed to reviving the Centre, so that we can continue to initiate and support local literature and literacy initiatives. For your interest, I've attached a copy of our latest annual report, detailing some of the activities undertaken over the last financial year.

Thank you for considering our request,

Best regards

Nicole Gill
General Committee Member
Tasmanian Writers Centre