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**Date:** September 5, 2024

**To:** Mr Ian Thomson  
CEO  
Forestville RSL Club  
22 Melwood Ave,  
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**Subject:** Letter of Support for the Proposed Development of Forestville RSL Club and Recognition of the "Connecting with Country" Program

Dear Mr Thomson,

On behalf of the Gaimaragal Group Pty Ltd, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed development of the Forestville RSL Club site and your recognition of the "Connecting with Country" program as guiding principles for this project and connecting to Country and Community locally.

The "Connecting with Country" program offers an invaluable opportunity to acknowledge, respect, and embrace the deep cultural connections that Indigenous communities hold with Country that live on and are culturally connected too. By aligning your development project with these principles, Forestville RSL is demonstrating a strong commitment to fostering an inclusive and respectful approach to both community development and cultural sustainability.

We are particularly encouraged by your openness to integrating future activities that will connect the project team, RSL staff, and the executive team with the essence of the "Connecting with Country" program. Engaging with practical, on-the-ground experiences such as cultural immersion workshops, guided site visits with Indigenous elders, and educational sessions on land management practices rooted in Indigenous knowledge will not only deepen understanding but also foster lasting relationships between all involved.

These initiatives will ensure that the development is driven by a genuine respect for Indigenous culture and contributes meaningfully to a shared future.

The Gaimaragal Group would be pleased to work closely with Forestville RSL in organizing and facilitating these activities, offering our expertise and resources to help guide this journey of cultural engagement and learning. By embedding these values throughout the development process, the project will serve as a model for how organizations can meaningfully connect with Indigenous culture and Country while building a community space in the future Club and also the residential apartments that reflects inclusivity and respect.

We strongly believe that your development will create new opportunities for community engagement, cultural education, and environmental sustainability, benefiting both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the Forestville area. We look forward to supporting your efforts to make this vision a reality and are eager to collaborate on future initiatives that align with the "Connecting with Country" framework.

Should you require further assistance or wish to discuss specific plans for the upcoming activities, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are excited about the opportunity to contribute to this important project and the ongoing work of connecting with country.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Moylan-Coombs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underlining the name.

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