

6. REHUA MARAE LIGHTING

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"Whiti te ra, ka whakatika; to te ra, ka kino".

The purpose of this report is to seek assistance from the Board to enable Rehua to put in lighting. This project meets the following Christchurch City Council Policy outcomes:

- Social Well-being Policy: The Treaty of Waitangi is honoured.
- Community Policy: Supplement the capabilities and resources of community groups and structures.

It also meets the Community Board's objectives, of:

"To foster a strong sense of community", "To ensure a built environment that is in keeping with the nature, scale and aspirations of the community" and "A Safe Place".

BACKGROUND

Members will be aware of the long history of Rehua Marae since its founding in the 1960's. The Marae is now the home for a variety of social services as well as being the site for numerous hui, tangi, wananga, conferences and recently royal visits.

RELATIONSHIP WITH BOARD

Over recent years the first steps in forming a relationship between Rehua and the Shirley/Papanui Community Board have been made, including:

"Nga Tapuwae o Matou Tupuna: Footsteps of our Ancestors" and the funding of heating for the wharekai in August 2000.

Rehua has recently secured an annual \$25,000 grant via the Social Initiatives Fund which helps to contribute towards its administration costs.

PRESENT NEED

A safety issue is foremost in the minds of personnel at Rehua in the form of insufficient outside lighting around the wharekai, the marae atea and the administrative building. With the growth of flora along the stream this issue has been exacerbated in recent years. Present lighting is insufficient to enable kaumatua and others to see adequately and provides poor security to the area.

COSTS

Quotes have been obtained for the installation of halogen flood lights mainly utilising present poles. The quoted amount is \$3,735.

Recommendation: That an allocation of \$3,735 be made to Rehua Marae from Strengthening Community Action Plan funds to enable exterior lighting to be installed to assist with safety in the community.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.