

6. KAPUATOHE HISTORIC RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to seeking funding from the Board for the cost of installing an irrigation system in the garden at Kapuatohe. A request has been received from Kapuatohe Historic Reserve Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Board will be aware there are currently no tenants in Kapuatohe schoolhouse pending the building review that is being undertaken by Kevin Mara – City Solutions. The Committee agreed to wait for the outcome of the review to consider the findings. There has been a delay with the review and it is expected to be tabled at the next Committee meeting to be held on 23 April 2003.

The previous tenant maintained the gardens to a very high standard. A gardener has been employed for three hours per week to keep the garden to a basic standard. There is no budget to increase the gardener's hours. There are currently no facilities on the premises to water the garden.

With no tenants in the schoolhouse the garden has started to display signs of distress, something that casual watering will not fix. There is an irrigation system in the lawn, but no system for the garden. We are able to utilise the remaining two connections from the lawn.

Three quotes were requested and to date only one has been received for providing and installing the system at a cost of **\$2,536.88** (incl GST). It is proposed that further quotes will be tabled at the meeting.

To ensure the Shirley/Papanui Community Board vision continues to maintain this historic place, we request funding for the irrigation system. The Kapuatohe Historic Reserve Committee does not have the available funds.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board agree to allocate \$2,536.88 (as per the received quote) for the full cost of the irrigation system from its Discretionary Funds.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

1. That the staff recommendation be adopted.
2. That Kevin Mara's review of Kapuatohe Historic Reserve be tabled at the 30 April 2003 ordinary meeting.