

## 7. TEMPLETON COMMUNITY FACILITY

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The purpose of this report is to request financial support.

Board members will be aware that the Templeton community facility is nearing completion. It is proposed to have an official opening for this facility some time early in February. A project co-ordinating group has been meeting for some months to oversee progress and to assist in the formation of an ongoing management committee. Bob Shearing is the Board's representative on this committee.

When the building was designed discussions were held with City Solutions about the provision of two netball courts at the rear of the building. No financial provision was made to build the courts at the time of the letting of the tender. It was envisaged that the courts would be built at some future date.

Now that the building is almost complete there is money left in the contingency fund which would help cover the cost of building these two courts. An estimated cost of these courts is in the region of \$50,000 – \$60,000. In discussion with the project manager, it has been agreed that some of the contingency fund could be available to build these courts if the Board would also contribute a sum of money. It would be preferable to complete this whole project prior to the opening. A contribution of \$15,000 – \$20,000 from the Board would enable us to present to the community a completed facility ready for community use.

At the Board's Environment Committee meeting of 10 December 2002, under item 7 "Projects Referred for Possible Funding" the issue of the construction of these courts was raised. There was general agreement from elected members to support the construction of the courts to be part funded through Environment Committee funds.

I now seek support from the Board for a financial contribution to enable these two courts to be constructed. Subject to agreement from the project co-ordinating group that the Board make a grant of no more than \$20,000 for this work to be undertaken.

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board grant up to \$20,000 being funded from the Discretionary Fund and Environmental Committee Project Fund at \$10,000 max each (subject to confirmation of costs by the project manager) for the completion of the netball courts at the Templeton community facility.

### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.