

## 5. PETANQUE COURT – LINWOOD RESOURCE CENTRE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a request from the Linwood Resource Centre for a Petanque Court at the Centre.

### BACKGROUND

As Board members will be aware, the Linwood Resource Centre provides for a wide range of needs within the local community. For many people it serves as a 'drop in centre', while for others it is the centre for various activity groups. Recently, Marion Rickerby, Co-ordinator of the Centre made a request for a Petanque Court to be established at the Centre.

### DISCUSSION

Petanque is a game of French origin in which bowls are played on a firm, level surface of grit. It can be enjoyed by people of all ages. The space required for an area to be played on (the *piste*) is an oblong shape 15 metres x 5 metres. An excellent situation on the front lawn of the property fronting Linwood Avenue allows adequate space.

### COSTS

Developing a petanque piste, including excavation, installation of a timber edge and provision of 175mm compacted aggregate to a fine grit standard is estimated to cost \$2300.00.

### CONCLUSION

Petanque pistes provided at North Hagley Park, Halswell Quarry Park and Ascot Community Hall are well used. A facility at the Linwood Resource Centre would encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate and socialise.

#### Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the installation of a Petanque piste at the Linwood Resource Centre be approved.
  2. That finance of \$2300.00 be allocated from the Board's Discretionary Fund.

#### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the recommendation be adopted.