

27. PAPANUI SENIOR CITIZENS WELCOME CLUB

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a request for Discretionary Funds by the Papanui Senior Citizens Welcome Club.

I have been approached, through the Board Chairperson, by representatives of the club seeking financial assistance to meet extra costs for the hire of premises for their meetings.

The Club currently uses the Aged Concern Hall on Blair Avenue on a weekly basis for an annual fee of \$300.00. This hall is currently up for auction on 22 March and the group has been told that there is no security of use afterwards.

The club is mainly made up of elderly people living in the Papanui and Bishopdale area and includes groups from some elderly persons' homes, etc. Meeting attendances range between 20 to 40 with a peak of 60+ at Christmas. They get together for conversation and entertainment and a small "door charge" is used to pay for hall hire, the entertainers' expenses and afternoon teas, etc. The group has sought alternative premises in the area including church halls, etc. Those they have looked at do charge a booking fee. They are asking that the Board give favourable consideration to the request for funding to assist in payment of these fees to the order of \$15.00 a week, \$750.00 for a 50 week year.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the request of \$750 from Discretionary Funds.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be adopted.