

7. PUKAPUKA GROUP

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Community Board to assist the Pukapuka Group in their rental costs, short-term. Some funds are also sought to assist with their set-up costs.

PUKAPUKA GROUP

Members will recall that this group gave a presentation to the Board at the August Seminar meeting. Without repeating the fullness of that deputation, some of the salient points relating to this group include:

- Pukapuka is an island of the Cook group, located approximately 1,200 km North West from Rarotonga.
- The people of Pukapuka retain a distinct culture and language from that of Cook Island Maori.
- The community is small in numbers (7,000 world wide, 6,000 within New Zealand and 700 in Christchurch, primarily located within the Board's boundaries).
- In New Zealand the first Pukapuka Group was established in Auckland where it flourishes.
- The group provides a variety of training opportunities and is NZQA approved.

PREMISES

Members will recall that at the deputation, representatives of the Pukapuka group identified the location of premises as their most pressing need at present.

Since that deputation a suitable venue has been located. They have obtained premises in the old Windermere School – a site also housing Te Kaupapa Whakaora, Te Ora Hou and the Youth Forever Club. They have access to a large room, a kitchen and two small offices. The rental on this space is \$50 per week.

The site requires renovation and remodelling to make it suitable for these purposes. This is to be done utilising the volunteer efforts of people from within the Pukapuka Group.

USAGE

The Pukapuka Group intend to use this venue for the following purposes:

- A meeting space for their community.
- Space in which to maintain and pass on their cultural and linguistic heritage.
- An educational/training venue.
- Space from which to run a small business in order to help cover the costs of their social/cultural programmes.
- Office space for administration purposes.

FUNDING

The group intend applying for funds from a variety of sources, plus partially finance their operations from their own business. However, in the short-term they are seeking funds to help them establish and operate for the first year. Specifically they would like assistance with:

- Rental costs (January – September 2004) - \$2,000
- Set-up/Equipment Costs – photocopier, chairs, tables, computers (2), projector screen, carpet, filing cabinet, etc. Some of these can be sourced from donations; however, costs are expected to be around \$3,000 - \$4,000.

Staff

Recommendation: That a grant of \$4,000 (rental plus contribution to set-up costs) be allocated to the Pukapuka group from 2003/04 SCAP funds.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board allocates a grant of \$2,000 from the 2003/04 SCAP funds
 2. That the Pukapuka group's request for funds be considered in the Project Funding allocations for 2004/05.
 3. That the Community Board support any funding applications by the Pukapuka group and provide a letter of support.