

8. 2003/04 BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board consideration of a funding request for the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated.

The club is seeking funding support to replace the roof on the clubhouse. The existing roof is not weatherproof and means the premises are unable to be used for surf life saving patrols and junior development programmes. Work on replacing the roof is anticipated to begin at the end of September to hopefully ensure that the clubrooms are fully operational for the summer season.

A total of \$18,000 is required to replace the roof and the club has secured \$5,000 from the Community Trust along with \$10,000 worth of donated labour and materials from club members. Additional electrical work on the building is also to be undertaken at the same time and the cost of this has also been raised through members' contacts and skills. The shortfall for the project is \$3000 and this is the amount of support requested from the Board.

The club has a total of 140 members, including around 60 junior members. A high percentage of the members live within Burwood/Pegasus. The club offers junior development programmes and host and provide equipment for beach education classes for primary schools throughout Christchurch. Volunteer members of the club patrol the beaches on weekends and public holidays to ensure enjoyment, safety and accessibility of the beach for all, outside of staff patrolled times. The club hosts the Canterbury Surf Life Saving Championships every year in February and in March 2004 has the added privilege of hosting the New Zealand National Surf Life Saving Championships. This is expected to bring around 2000 competitors and 500 officials to New Brighton.

The club has tried to raise funds from other sources but timing of the project and other funding commitments and needs have made these not feasible. Avenues explored include:

1. Fundraising - Previous fundraising money was used to purchase anti-graffiti paint for the premises in the amount of \$8,500 and combined with donations raised towards this project have already tapped the club's resources.
2. Pub charities - Already support the club through equipment purchases etc and the club does not want to abuse this funding support.
3. Surf Life Saving New Zealand - While affiliated to the national body they do not receive any funding support from them, applications go directly to Lotteries.
4. Lottery funding - Unfortunately this round Lotteries were not giving funding for capital works grants.
5. City Council - Burwood/Pegasus Physical Sport and Recreation Fund
The project is not eligible for funding under this scheme as building maintenance is specifically excluded.
- Council Loans Scheme

The time frame of the project precludes this option as the scheme closes in March of each year.

The application contributes to:

- Council strategic objective A2: Strengthening communities by funding and supporting community initiatives and community organisations.
- Board objective A3: Contributing to safe and healthy lifestyles by providing appropriate leisure activities on the foreshore, local parks and Bottle Lake Forest.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board give consideration to funding the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club \$3,000 from the Board's 2003/04 Discretionary funds as a contribution to the cost of replacing the club's roof in time for the New Zealand National Surf Life Saving Championships.

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Recommendations:

1. That the Board support the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club in applying to the Metropolitan Loan Scheme and other funding sources.
2. That the Board inform the club with regret that the Board is unable to assist because of its commitments to the upgrade of the North New Brighton Community Centre.