

**5. NORTH HAGLEY BOWLS CLUB INC –
SURRENDER OF LEASE**

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The purpose of this report is to obtain Council acceptance to a surrender of a sports body lease.

The North Hagley Bowls Club, formerly the RSA Bowling Club, has made application to the Council to surrender its lease over approximately 4,730 square metres of North Hagley Park. The lease, which commenced on 1 April 1989, is for a term of 21 years.

The Club wish to surrender its lease on 31 March 1999, on the condition that its chattels can be stored in a locked portion of the pavilion for a period of two months (until Monday 31 May 1999) after the surrender of the lease, to enable the club to arrange their disposal.

The reason the club is applying to the Council to surrender its lease is due mainly to the declining membership, partly because of age. The club presently has 23 members, three of whom are social members. A number of bowling clubs in Christchurch, some of which are situated on parks or reserves are presently suffering from a decline in membership; the North Hagley Bowls Club is not an isolated case.

The Christchurch Petanque Association in late 1996 moved its main playing area (20 pists) on to the area formally occupied by the Number 2 bowling green in the North Hagley Bowls Club leased area. The Petanque Association also had an agreement with the bowls club to use the downstairs facilities in the clubhouse. The Petanque Association has indicated that it wishes to continue with this use. The Petanque Association's use of the site will be the subject of a report to the Committee once issues concerning its continuing occupation of the site have been worked through. The lease provisions provide that on surrender all improvements revert to the Council without compensation. Council officers are working with the Club in the disposal/disbursement of the club assets in accordance with the lease provisions. It is the intention of the club once its affairs have been wound up to formally dissolve its membership.

Recommendation: That the Council accept a surrender of the Deed of Lease to the North Hagley Bowls Club dated 4 September 1989 with effect from 31 March 1999 subject to:

- (a) The surrender being without prejudice to the Council's rights and remedies under the lease.
- (b) The North Hagley Bowls Club being permitted to use, without charge, space in the pavilion as determined by the Parks Manager following surrender of the lease until 31 May 1999 for the purpose of storing chattels.
- (c) The possibility of retaining the honours boards and other memorabilia being discussed with the club.