

4. REQUEST FOR FUNDING - ST ALBANS HISTORY GROUP

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a request for funding from the St Albans History Group.

Board Members will recall the presentation made at its Deputations Meeting on 30 June by Brian Spear from the St Albans History Group. In his presentation Brian Spear made the following comments:

The St Albans History group started 6 years ago to promote and preserve the history of the area.

The group meets on a regular basis at the St Albans Community Resource Centre. Some of the group's projects included:

- Collection of portraits of early Borough identities
- Researching the early industries of the area (Board members will recall the presentation case of bottles used by St Albans based companies),
- Producing "Fact Sheets" on early St Albans.

A long term goal of the Group is the establishment of a small local history museum in the area.

All members were retired and all funding comes from the members.

Mr Spear advised the costs involved in the research into the history of the area and the preservation of significant artefacts has put increasing financial demands on members and some projects had had to be put on hold.

The Board will recall giving advice on possible sources of funding and offering support for their applications for such.

This Group is currently being considered for a Board Heritage Award.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board consider a one off grant of \$2,000 to the group to assist with costs involved in the research and presentation of information on the history of St Albans.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Staff recommendation be adopted.
 2. That the St Albans History Group submit a copy of the research to the Board once completed.