

**7. REDWOOD BEAUTIFYING ASSOCIATION AND GARDEN CLUB - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to re-submit for the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to consider an application for funding of \$300 for hall hire from the Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. It was resolved at the Shirley/Papanui Board meeting held on 20 July 2005 that this report be referred to the 3 August 2005 Board meeting due to a Board member not declaring a conflict of interest.
3. The Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club have made an application for funding to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for \$300 for the cost of hiring the North Presbyterian Church hall which the club uses as their meeting venue up to 10 times per year.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

4. The Club presently pays \$30 per meeting with a total of \$300 for the year as hall rental.

The Club have applied for funding from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board 2005/06 Discretionary Funds.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Board

Allocate \$300 from its 2005/06 Discretionary Funds to the Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club for the hall hire costs.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

**BACKGROUND ON FUNDING APPLICATION BY REDWOOD BEAUTIFYING ASSOCIATION AND GARDEN CLUB**

5. The Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club have been operating for 43 years and have been meeting at the North Presbyterian Church in Daniels Road for over ten years.
6. Their meetings are held in the church hall on a Thursday evening from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, with up to ten meetings held per year.
7. The number of club members attending meetings varies depending on the time of year, weather, and members' other commitments, but can reach up to 35 people per meeting.
8. The present venue is central for most attendees, and club members are very happy with the venue. The church has recently allowed them to install a lockable cupboard in an upstairs room for storage of club papers, records, etc. There is also flexibility to use a smaller room at the church as an alternative meeting venue, rather than the hall, if numbers warrant it.
9. The Club administers local garden competitions, and carries out the maintenance of the community garden in front of the Redwood Library.