

5. ORANA WILDLIFE PARK - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a funding application from Orana Wildlife Park to the Community Board for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Orana Wildlife Park is requesting \$10,000 towards the cost of completing the upgrade of the Park's internal roading network.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides an overview of Council funding provided to this organisation since 2000:

Metropolitan Funding		Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board		Shirley/Papanui Community Board	
		\$		\$	
2000/2001:	159,000	2000/2001:	10,000	2000/2001:	7,500
2001/2002:	162,000	2001/2002:	10,000	2001/2002:	Nil
2002/2003:	150,000	2002/2003:	10,000	2002/2003:	Nil
2003/2004:	175,000	2003/2004:	20,000	2003/2004:	7,500
2004/2005:	200,000	2004/2005:	Nil	2004/2005:	Nil
2005/2006:	225,000	2005/2006:	8,000	2005/2006:	7,500
Sub Total:	\$1,071,000	Sub Total:	\$58,000	Sub Total:	\$22,500
Total CCC Funding - \$1,151,500					

This table shows a significant financial commitment by the Council to Orana Wildlife Park and a steady increase in Metropolitan funding over recent years. Council has committed a further \$225,000 for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008.

BACKGROUND

4. Orana Wildlife Park is seeking financial support to compact the four kilometres of internal roading with a recycled bitumen product. At present the Park has unsealed roads which require ongoing maintenance, create dust problems and result in high maintenance costs for park vehicles. Compacted roads will eliminate these problems.
5. The total cost to complete this project is \$80,000. Stage 1 is due to start which will see 35% of the roads upgraded. Orana Wildlife Park has \$30,000 funds on hand and needs to raise an additional \$50,000 to complete the project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board decline this application on the grounds that Orana Wildlife Park receives a significant level of funding from Council through the Metropolitan Funding Scheme.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.