

6. EDGEWARE CROQUET CLUB APPLICATION FOR HERITAGE FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit an application for funding from the Edgware Croquet Club for restoration work on their pavilion at St Albans Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Edgware Croquet Club was established in 1912 and occupies Council land on St Albans Park. In 1915 a pavilion was built on the site, and it has been used by the Club since then. Over the years the Club has maintained the pavilion to a high standard, which has often been carried out by voluntary labour. This is the first application to the Board for financial assistance.
3. In 2005 the Club received a Heritage Award from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for the pavilion.
4. The Community Board has a number of objectives under which this application can be considered, including the following:
 - Reflects a commitment to the guardianship of the local environment
 - Identify and support the retention of local heritage

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There are no legal considerations. As the Club has a lease with Council, the report has been discussed with the Property Consultancy Team and Greenspace Unit.
6. There is nothing in the lease that stipulates the Club should use a particular colour scheme on the pavilion, but Council staff would seek an assurance that the chosen colours are appropriate to ensure that the heritage values of the building are enhanced. As the pavilion is not listed in the City Plan, no heritage rules apply to the building.
7. The total request for funding assistance is for \$6,018.75.
8. The grant could be sourced from the 2006/07 Discretionary Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board give favourable consideration to the application from the Edgware Croquet Club for funds to enable the exterior painting of their pavilion.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

In view of the Board's current objective in terms of heritage, the Board grant \$6,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund.

The Board should convey its congratulations to the Croquet Club regarding their efforts in maintaining the building to be the icon that it is.

BACKGROUND

9. The Club has made a full application (see attached) which includes the following request: *"the whole building needs a good paint ...to ensure that it will see us out to our centenary which is fast approaching"*.
10. Three quotations were received by the Club from registered painters, and the recommended quote is for \$5,350 plus GST, totalling \$6,018.75. This is the middle priced quote received. It is recommended due to *"...his thoroughness in examining the building ...and his attention to the preparation of the building impressed us."*
11. Much of the ongoing maintenance of the Pavilion has been achieved through voluntary labour, and has aimed to preserve and enhance the building's heritage values.
12. A copy of the Club's 2005 publication "Between The Lines At Edgware", an informal history of the Croquet Club, will be tabled at the meeting for members' information.

OPTIONS

13. The options available to the Community Board are to:
 - (a) Decline the application.
 - (b) Fund the application, partially or fully.

PREFERRED OPTION

14. In view of the importance of the Pavilion in terms of local community heritage, and the willingness of the Club to maintain the site to the highest standards, that the Board consider supporting the request, via option (b).