

3. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – WESTSIDE TOASTMASTERS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval for an application for funding from the Westside Toastmasters Club for \$3,197 from the Board's 2006/07 SCAP fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Westside Toastmasters Club are seeking financial support from the Board to assist them with promoting their services to gain new members and purchasing new resources for their programmes.
3. A portion of the funding requested includes a years membership and resources for Jenny and Malcolm Whalley who are residents of the Fendalton/Waimairi ward. Jenny and Malcolm are members of Habitat for Humanity and have to raise \$8,000 for a trip to India. Toastmasters will assist them to develop public speaking skills which in turn will assist them to raise their profiles and the profile of Habitat for Humanity. This will also assist them immensely in their fundraising endeavours for their India trip.
4. The mission of the Westside Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth. Each member will be able to use these benefits and skills in all aspects of their life, at work, at play, in the community and family life.
5. The Westside Toastmasters Club holds weekly meetings at St Christopher's Church in Avonhead Road. The majority of their members come from the Avonhead, Burnside, and Fendalton areas.
6. The President of the Club, Karen Brill, and the Treasurer, Shirley Dorsey, both recently attended the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Liaison meeting and are very keen to work alongside any of the community groups in this area to assist their clients with communication skills. They are particularly interested in assisting in the area of young people and helping them to gain these very important skills.
7. Toastmasters meetings are a safe environment in which to learn. Everyone who attends is there for the purpose of gaining the skills from the Toastmasters programme. They teach you the basic techniques to capture your audience and effectively communicate your message. Participants at meetings have a variety of opportunities learn about public speaking at every meeting.
8. Meeting activities include:
 - Practising speaking in front of the group
 - Listening to others speak to the group
 - Evaluating and listening to evaluations of speeches
 - Following the Toastmasters program of advancing in steps
 - Mutual support and encouragement are the cornerstones of Toastmasters meetings
 - Improve your self confidence
9. There are many opportunities to be a leader within Toastmasters. Club and District Officers are elected annually in May to lead and represent the club and District. Members chair meetings and take on other responsibilities.
10. Toastmasters is an international organisation with leaders from each geographical area represented on the International Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. In relation to this application, the Club are seeking financial support for the following:

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Advanced Speaking Programme	115
Better Speaker Series	90
Successful Club Series	140
Leadership Excellence Series	105
Competent Leadership manuals (15)	210
Whiteboard	408
Promotional leaflet drops (3) - leaflets printed and delivered	844
20 Professional Zipper Bags	675
Yearly postage costs	80
Membership and resources for Jenny and Malcolm Whalley	530
TOTAL	\$3,197

12. There are no legal considerations in relation to this application.

OPTIONS

13. There are three possible options in relation to this application.

- a) Approve the application for funding from the Westside Toastmasters Club and allocate \$3,197 from it's 2006/07 SCAP funds.
- b) Decline the application.
- c) Approve a portion of the amount requested from the Board's 2006/07 SCAP funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approve Option a) as outlined above.