

## 5. REDWOOD BEAUTIFYING ASSOCIATION AND GARDEN CLUB BUS TRIP - OCTOBER 2006

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services Group
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Recreation and Sports Unit Manager
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to a funding request of \$435 from Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club to subsidise the costs of a bus trip to the Christmas Country Fete in Culverden on Thursday 26 October 2006.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club has been operating for over 50 years, and currently bases activities from St Luke's Church Hall at the corner of Main North and Daniels Roads. The Club has a membership of about 40 gardeners aged between 50 and 90 years, however the majority are over 65 years of age. The Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club has an open door policy to anyone who wishes to join and participate in any of the workshops, competitions or other activities. The Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club charge a yearly membership fee of \$10 which goes towards the cost of overheads.
3. The bus trip will be targeting those members who are keen gardeners however, they could not afford a trip unless it was heavily subsidised. Many of these participants will be over 70 years of age.
4. The Culverden Christmas Country Fete is being held on Thursday 26 October 2006 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The Fete has over 190 stalls, display various plants, gardening tools, gifts and crafts. There will also be an opportunity for the trip participants to enjoy a variety of entertainment and workshops.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club has funds on hand of \$1,553.84, all of which is already committed to other projects. A budget for the bus trip is outlined below:

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bus Hire	360
Gate admission (discount rate)	200
Total expenses	560

<b>Income:</b>	
Members' Fee @ \$5.00 per person	125

**Shortfall: 435**

6. Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club has not applied to the Council previously for funding assistance.
7. The recommendation of this report is that the Board allocate up to \$435 towards this project from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund. The current balance of the Board's Discretionary Fund is approximately \$55,000.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocates up to \$435 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club for its bus trip to the Culverden Christmas Fete planned for Thursday 26 October 2006.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.