

9. REDWOOD TENNIS CLUB – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	Human Resources General Manager
Officer responsible:	Recreation and Sport Unit, Manager
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application for Discretionary funding from the Redwood Tennis Club (“the Club”) for \$10,000 to assist with the upgrading of its tennis courts and club rooms.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Redwood Club was established in 1981 and has become an important part of the Redwood Community. The Club currently has 104 members. The majority of these members are juniors and this has remained fairly constant over the years. Their junior coaching programme is almost at capacity and is a major strength of the Club. One of the challenges the Club faces is to increase its adult membership by 50%. The Club is doing this through promotional activities however, it believes that dated facilities are less likely to attract new members.
3. The Club has excellent management structures in place and has formed a Development Team to manage the upgrade project. The total project upgrade is budgeted at \$129,718.
4. Redwood Tennis is seeking funding of \$10,000 to assist with the upgrading of its facilities. Asphalt tennis courts have an estimated life of 15-20 years. Four of Redwood Tennis’s courts are 23 years old; hence the urgent need of this maintenance. Currently, courts 1-4 will only need an overlay of asphalt and then all six tennis courts will require an acrylic surface coating to bring them up to acceptable minimum standards. The Clubrooms require urgent maintenance and upgrade. This work includes:
 - replacement of carpet (originally second hand)
 - laying vinyl in kitchen and toilets (bare concrete)
 - replacement of curtains (sun damaged and ripped)
 - replacement of old zip (leaks) with modern sink water boiler
 - addition of a pergola and shade cloth over outdoor seating area.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. Redwood Tennis has received a grant of \$700 from the Sport and Recreation Fund to purchase tennis balls and advises that funds on hand are going towards the cost of this project. The Club has raised \$50,000 and is waiting on six Trust applications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a grant of \$7,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for the upgrade of tennis courts and that the Redwood Tennis Club seek funding from other sources to complete the project.

CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

6. The Redwood Tennis Club was established in 1981 after a group of Redwood mothers consulted with the community and decided a tennis club was needed locally. After much fundraising grant applications and assistance from the Council the new courts were opened in November 1983. In February 1996 two more courts were added to the Club. The Club promotes itself as a friendly family Club.
7. Over the last ten years the Club has continued to fundraise well and is aware of the ongoing maintenance costs of resurfacing the courts and maintaining the existing facilities. A business plan has been put together to manage the redevelopment and the ongoing maintenance costs.
8. Redwood Tennis Club Inc Construction Budget

COURTS		(\$)	(\$)
	Establish and access site	1,200.00	
	Repair edges of Courts 1-4	6,734.00	
	Install Root Barrier	600.00	
	Install new net posts	4,000.00	
	Supply 4 sets net posts	2,400.00	
	Supply & lay 25mm asphalt	29,177.00	
	Temporary line mark Courts 1-4	1,900.00	
	Supply \$ install synthetic surface		
	Courts 5-6	18,026.00	
	Courts 1-4	25,946.00	
	Line marking Courts 5-6	950.00	
	Line marking Courts 1-4	1,900.00	92,833.00
	GST		11,604.00
CLUBROOMS			
	Curtains and Flooring	9,268.00	
	Paint	200.00	
	Plumbing & Zip water heater	1,326.00	
	Pergola	2,048.00	12,842.00
GENERAL			
	Project Management, Design and specifications	6,500.00	
	Contingency 6%	5,939.00	12,429.00
TOTAL			129,718.00

OPTIONS

10. In relation to this application the Board could choose to:
 - a) Fully fund.
 - b) Partially fund as requested.
 - c) Decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

11. That the Board agrees to partially fund Redwood Tennis Club a grant of \$7,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for the upgrade of tennis courts.