

8. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE SPORT AND RECREATION FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present applications for funding to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the 2006/07 final project funding allocation meeting, the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board declined a bid put forward by staff to support a Sport & Recreation Fund.
3. The Board agreed to remain open to receiving and considering applications via the Board Discretionary Fund during the year.
4. This is the second time funding applications for sport and recreation projects have been presented to the Community Board in the current financial year. A total of \$2,526 was allocated to five metropolitan sports groups in December 2006.
5. The report contains applications from 3 sports clubs based in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The Board currently has a balance of \$5,758 in its Discretionary Fund.

Group	Project/Funding requested for	Total Amount of Project	Total Amount requested	Amount Recommended
Cashmere Wanderers AFC Junior Club	Funding for up to 30 coaches to attend coaching courses run by Mainland Soccer in 2007. Small whites coaching course (beginners) \$60 pp. Advanced Junior Club Coaching Certificate \$195 pp.	\$3,150	\$2,000	\$750
Sydenham Cricket Club	Funding to purchase cricket balls for the club. Balls range in price, ie, soft junior cricket balls through to quality match balls.	\$2,263	\$2,000	\$500
St Martins Bowls Inc.	Funding for costs of producing fliers, promotional and advertising costs and for the production of signage advertising the social/community bowls programme.	\$1,700	\$1,300	\$500

BACKGROUND ON SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE SPORT AND RECREATION FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Cashmere Wanderers AFC Junior Club

7. The Cashmere Wanderers AFC is the largest soccer club in the South Christchurch area. The junior club caters for children from the age of 4 to youth 18 years of age. The junior club has approximately 700 members. Being a large soccer club, many children of all abilities are given the opportunity to participate in sport for exercise, fun, team building and healthy living.
8. A considerable number of volunteer coaches are required to ensure that the large volume of members receive coaching, training and adequate support.
9. This club is seeking funding to assist with the costs of training its volunteer coaches. Courses are being held in late March for both beginner coaches and for advanced junior coaches.

Sydenham Junior Cricket Club

10. The Sydenham Cricket Club has been in existence for approximately 100 years with the junior section of the club having a 20 year history, incorporating as a separate entity in 2000.
11. The Sydenham Junior Cricket Club is one of the largest junior cricket clubs in Christchurch. The club has approximately 50 teams in the local competitions, with 450 members (boys and girls) ranging in age from 5-18 years.
12. This club is seeking funding to assist with the costs of purchasing new equipment for its junior players. Quotes for the desired equipment have been provided.

St Martins Bowls Inc.

13. St Martins Bowling Club was established in 1952. Initially there were two separate clubs (men's and women's), however these merged in 2001 to form St Martins Bowls Inc. The club has a current membership base of approximately 100 people, 75% of which are playing members.
14. The club has recently undertaken a strategic review and with the help of Sport Canterbury has created a Development Plan. The Plan will allow the club to better plan for the future and ensure a more structured and coordinated approach. The club has identified a number of initiatives to increase the number of people playing bowls and to increase the utilisation of its facilities, some of which are already underway.
15. The pilot community bowls programme held at the beginning of 2006 was a big success, resulting in new members for the club and increased interest from the community in the game of bowls.
16. To assist the club with its objective of increasing membership numbers and participating players, the club is seeking funding to support various promotional, marketing and advertising ventures.
17. The club shows a healthy financial position, however, funds are being accumulated for the replacement of its artificial green in 2008/09 (anticipated cost is \$80,000+).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approve the following applications for funding:

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| (a) | Cashmere Wanderers AFC Junior Club | \$750 |
| (b) | Sydenham Cricket Club | \$500 |
| (c) | St Martins Bowls Inc. | \$500 |

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be supported.