

8. BURWOOD/PEGASUS 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - BURWOOD DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY – FUNDING REQUEST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to respond to an earlier request made to the Board from the Burwood Day Care Centre for the Elderly ('the Centre') for funding from the Board's Discretionary Response Fund of \$1,265 to purchase and install a step for their van.
2. There is currently a balance of **\$36,246** in the Board's Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The Centre has been operating since 1988 and has premises within the Burwood Hospital grounds. The Centre is known as 'Club 304' and aims to engage and stimulate its elderly members, who are normally in care in the community, through craft, games, activities and social interaction in a safe and appropriately supervised environment. While members are participating in these activities this gives regular carers a break and enables them to meet their own needs.
4. The Centre has a van to aid in the transport of members to and from the club and to go on outings. The van is used a minimum of twice daily from Monday to Friday. Currently the organisation are using a wooden box for their members to get on and off the van. This box can be unstable on the variety of surfaces for entry and exit from the van and does not accommodate members who use walking apparatus and subsequently have poor control over where their feet go.
5. The Centre wish to purchase a van step to install in their van to increase the safety and enjoyment of using the van for their members.
6. Around 150 clients, family, community benefit from the services provided by the Centre with 45 members (13 attending each day) from 8.30am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday with morning/afternoon tea and lunch provided. They have a waiting list of around 20 people.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The budget for this project is as follows:

Van and travel expenses	\$7,600 - 9,700
Step (including installation cost)	\$1,265
Total (estimated minimum cost for the year)	\$8,865

8. The organisation has previously received Board funding as a contribution towards the daily co-ordinators wages of around \$6,000.
9. The Centre receives fees from members and does do some fundraising but these funds are used to cover other costs associated with the services and are insufficient to meet the cost of purchasing and installing a step for the van.
10. Costs for running the service are generally stable and covered by their income but expenditure increased last year through staffing. The latest Annual Audited Accounts (to 31 May 2009) of the Centre shows a small loss for the 2009 year (\$1,377) compared with a \$6,831 profit for 2008.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

11. Yes, pages 176 and 177, regarding community grants schemes including Board funding, refers.

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LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. There are no legal issues to be considered.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

13. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. Yes, this application aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

15. Yes, paragraph 11 above refers.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. This application aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities, Recreation and Sport and Older Person's Strategies.

17. This application contributes to meeting the Board's objectives of:

- Advocate for health services/benefits to be available to all members of the community.
- Encourage residents to participate in recreation, leisure and cultural activities.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

18. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

That the Board allocate \$1,265 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Burwood Day Care Centre for the Elderly as a one-off grant for the purchase and installation of a step for its van.