

9. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB HORNBY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to consider a funding application of \$1,232 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund for costs associated with the outings that the Good Companions Club of Hornby operates for its members.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Good Companions Club of Hornby has been operating for 40 years and currently runs from the Hornby Working Men's Club in Hornby. The club offers older adults in the community the opportunity to meet socially on a weekly basis with the aim of reducing social isolation and offering companionship. They also organise a monthly bus trip for their members.
3. Their weekly gathering is often the only meeting many of the members have and the club is seeking funding to eliminate the financial barrier that may otherwise prevent them from attending the bus trips that are also organised.
4. Members presently pay up to \$20 for a monthly outing which is proving to be prohibitive to some members. For 2010/11 the club will submit an application to the Small Grants Fund for these expenses.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no financial implications to the Council.
6. The total cost of the bus trips is \$4,172 and the club are requesting \$1,232 towards these bus trip expenses.
7. The club's registration fees will cover the remaining expenses.
8. At time of writing this report there was an unallocated balance of \$1,300 in the Riccarton/Wigram Discretionary Response Fund.

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

9. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Application aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy, Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy and local Community Board Objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the funding application and allocate \$500 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Good Companions Club of Hornby as a contribution towards their bus trip expenses for their members.