

8. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – HORNBY COMMUNITY CARE TRUST COMMUNITY NETWORKING MEETINGS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Board for a contribution of \$550, from the 2009/10 Riccarton Wigram Discretionary Response Fund, towards the cost of providing a monthly community network meeting facilitated by the Hornby Community Care Trust's Co-ordinator. At the time of writing this report there is an unallocated balance of \$6,308 in the Board's Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Hornby Community Care Centre is adjacent to the Hornby Library. The centre is managed by the Hornby Community Care Trust which runs an 'Op' shop to provide funding for the building's maintenance and general upkeep. The Trust provides rooms for hire at a very reasonable cost for community groups such as Guides, Pippins, Toast Masters, Depression Support and Citizen's Advice Bureau.
3. The Trust has also facilitated a monthly community network meeting since 1979. On average 25 people attend, representing a range of local community organisations, schools, medical centres, government agencies and churches. The network meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at lunchtime. These meetings provide an opportunity for local groups to network as well as relevant information from guest speakers. The meetings are facilitated by the Community Co-ordinator, who is employed by the Trust. The Co-ordinator spends approximately three hours each month facilitating the community meeting as well as organising guest speakers.
4. A light lunch is provided at each community meeting. The Hornby Community Care Trust has funded the community meetings for the last 30 years. However, with other rising costs the Trust is seeking financial assistance to cover the ongoing provision of food for the community meeting and costs related to the salary of the Co-ordinator. The community representatives really appreciate having the opportunity to network during their lunch break, as making time to network is often difficult given the many demands on community organisations and those who work in this field. Networking is a vital component of community development as it provides not only the time for information sharing but also the opportunity to build stronger relationships between community groups.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2009/10

Item	Cost (\$)	Amount Requested (\$)
Salary of facilitator(3hrs/11)	561	209
Sandwiches	165	165
Savouries	99	99
Tea/Coffee/fruit	77	77
Room Rental	132	
Total Cost	\$1,034	\$550

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

6. Yes. Refer page 172.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

7. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

8. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

9. Yes, Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the funding application and allocate \$400 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Hornby Community Trust as a contribution towards costs related to the provision of a monthly community networking meeting.