

10. APPLICATION TO THE LYTTELTON MOUNT HERBERT DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – LYTTELTON HARBOUR ISSUES GROUP

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from the Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group to the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board's Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$500 towards catering for up to 100 people for the group's ten year anniversary celebration.
3. There is currently a balance of \$7,124 remaining in the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Discretionary Response Fund, plus \$2,000 in the Youth Development Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. The Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group wishes to host a one evening event to mark their tenth anniversary and to extend the invitation to members of Akaroa Harbour Issues Group which was established at the same time. This event is seen as an opportunity to thank the numerous volunteers who have been dedicated in their regular sampling of the harbour and stream waters in all weathers, providing valuable information and history regarding the status of harbour waters.
5. The venue for the event will be a cruise on board the Tug Lyttelton, and the programme will include an outline of achievements, a tour of the harbour with commentary on issues and achievements, an outline of proposed Port development, and refreshments and food. The event will attended by up to 100 people, and will be by invitation to members past and present, and special guests.
6. The group is planning some media (print) coverage to profile the groups, their achievements and ongoing work. It is anticipated that this event may enhance potential membership.
7. The Lyttelton and Akaroa Harbour Issues groups (LHIG and AHIG) were founded ten years ago as a vehicle to incorporate Local Government Organisations and community volunteers in a co-operative venture to address the issues and work on the solutions that are paramount to the upgrading and continued good health of the Lyttelton and Akaroa harbours for the use and enjoyment of the community and public at large. Their areas of concern include pollution, water quality, discharge consents, sedimentation, run off, stream life, restoration and bio-diversity. This work aligns to the Christchurch City Council Healthy Environment Strategy and the Board objective – Enhancing and sustaining the Banks Peninsula Environment.
8. The Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group oversees three programmes – the SWIM programme where volunteers take samples of harbour waters which are tested by Environment Canterbury, which publishes the results providing the public with regular status reports of water quality, and which place warning notices when appropriate to dissuade swimmers.
9. The Living Streams programme has volunteers monitoring streams which discharge into the harbours for effluent, pollution and sedimentation. The group continuously works with Environment Canterbury to upgrade these streams and habitat for native fish species and fauna.
10. The Sedimentation programme sees Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury and local communities working together to bring awareness of the effects of excessive and unnecessary sediment run off into the harbours and to help in the development of good practice in all fields to reduce this burden.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no ongoing financial implications. The Board has a discretionary budget and all disbursements made will be covered by this.

12. The Discretionary Response Fund currently has a balance of \$7,124.

The break down of costs for the project are as follows:

LYTTELTON HARBOUR ISSUES	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Tug hire, invitations and mailings	\$3,000.00
Catering	\$ 500.00
Total Cost	\$3,500.00
Less sponsorship (Ecan - \$2,000, Lyttelton Port of Christchurch - \$1,000)	\$3,000.00
Balance of funds to raise	\$ 500.00
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 500.00

There has been no previous funding from the Christchurch City Council for this project.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. Under the Community Board delegations, the Board has *“absolute discretion over the implementation of the discretionary funding allocation of \$14,124, (subject to being consistent with any policies or standards adopted by the Council).”*

There are no further legal considerations required for the recommendations contained in this report.

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

15. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

16. Yes. The Board's discretionary funding is part of the Community Grants listed under Community Support on Page 176 and Grants on Page 184 of the 2009-19 LTCCP

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

17. The recommendations contained in this report align with the LTCCP

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

18. The applications in this report align with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

19. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

20. Not Applicable

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board makes a grant of \$500 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group towards catering costs for the tenth anniversary celebrations as volunteer recognition.