

10. SHIRLEY TOY LIBRARY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding of \$2,797 from the Shirley Toy Library to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$2,797 towards the purchase and installation of two safety gates to go over the fire exit doors. This application is being split with the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board.
3. There is currently a balance of \$21,696 remaining in the Boards 2009/2010 Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. Shirley Toy Library is a new toy library which has come about by the merging of two toy libraries: the St Albans Toy Library and the Burwood Toy Library. Each of these toy libraries has a 20 year history of service within their respective communities. The Shirley Toy Library shows a membership made up of 60% from the Shirley/Papanui Ward area and 40% from the Burwood/Pegasus Ward area.
5. The new site (Hammersley Park School) has proven to be a very good venue because it provides the space needed to run well and is accessible to people living in the local area. The Library has a membership of almost 300 families and a stock of over 2000 toys.
6. The managing committee believe that they can increase the membership within the Shirley community, especially as the library is now based at a decile one school.
7. Since the library opened they have become aware of the need to reduce the likelihood of young children getting out of the fire exit doors into the adjacent car park. At present they are doing this by having a volunteer at the door to prevent this happening. The purchase of safety gates would enable this volunteer to be more productively engaged.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

8. The area of Shirley has one of the densest proportions of children in Christchurch. There has been much research establishing the important role that play has in children's development in terms of: physical skills, cognitive concepts, language skills and social skills. Toy Libraries offer the chance for parents to obtain appropriately targeted toys at a reasonable expense.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Shirley Toy Library have received two quotes for this work. One for \$2,797 and the other for \$3,619 (both inclusive of GST). Shirley Toy Library have opted for the first of these.
10. The installation of child safety gates is part of a larger upgrade and fit-out that the Toy Library is undertaking. This includes painting, an electrical refit, plastering, shelving, desks, boxes and scaffolding. The total cost of all of this project including the security gates is \$9,750. The Toy Library is contributing \$6,952.55 of their own funds towards these costs.
11. The latest Audited Accounts (to 31 March 2009) of the St Albans Toy Library show an annual turnover of slightly less than \$20,000 with a surplus of \$4,500. They had total assets of just over \$50,000 with \$37,000 of this being in fixed assets. The Audited Accounts of the Burwood Toy Library (also to 31 March 2009) show an annual turnover of almost \$30,000 with a surplus of almost \$4,000. They had total assets of almost \$32,000. A Financial Report for the new Shirley Toy Library to end of December 2009 shows a bank balance of \$10,000.
12. This is the first application for funding from the Shirley Toy Library to either Community Board. However in the past 3 years the old Burwood Toy Library received \$3,900 for rental purposes for the 2008/09 and 2009/10 financial years. The last time that the old St Albans Toy Library received funding was over 10 years ago.

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

13. Yes page 184

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

14 Yes

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans pages 172 and 176.

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

16. Yes Strengthening Communities page 172 (2009-19 LTCCP).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. This application meets the following Council Community Grants Funding Outcomes:

- Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups.
- Enhance community and neighbourhood safety.
- Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills.

This application helps to meet the following goals of the Strengthening Communities Strategy:

- Ensuring that communities have access to community facilities that meet their needs.
- Enhancing the safety of communities and neighbourhoods.
- Improving basic life skills so that all residents can participate fully in society.

It also helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:

- Embraces diversity and strives to facilitate and advocate for a vibrant and engaged community without barriers to inclusion.
- Support and encourage sporting, recreational and cultural activities for a strong, happy community in which all residents in the ward have the opportunity to participate.
- Supports local lifelong learning opportunities in all forms and advocates for resources to empower all residents to up skill and grow.

DO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGN WITH COUNCIL

18. Strengthening Communities Strategy

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board grant \$1,800 (60% of application) from it's 2009/10 Discretionary Response fund to the Shirley Toy Library towards the purchase and installation of child safety gates.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.