

## 10. RETURNED SERVICES ASSOCIATION - PAPANUI

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding of \$15,000 from the Papanui Returned Services Association (RSA) to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board from its Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$15,000 towards the cost of the library as part of an upgrade to the RSA premises at Bellvue Avenue.
3. There is currently a balance of \$38,197 remaining in the Boards 2010/2011 Discretionary Response Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. Papanui RSA is well established in the Papanui area having been based at their present premises since 1992. Previously they were located at the corner of Langdons Road and Main North Road. The club has 2,200 members and caters for these members by way of a variety of activities. The premises are also used by numerous community organisations and others including: Age Concern, Papanui Wine Club, Welcome Club, St Pauls, Air Force Association, ANZ Bank, New Zealand Police, two Lions Clubs, Rotary and by local rest homes for residents functions.
5. The present building has remained largely unchanged since 1992. Current and projected future demand has indicated the need for expansion and upgrade to their premises. Concept plans have been analysed by a Quantity Surveyor who has estimated a total cost of \$756,850.
6. This application is for library upgrade only and not towards other aspects of this project.
7. The library is an important space in the RSA building as not only does it house their book collection but also service medals and other items of national importance. Many of the books are quite rare and record New Zealand's involvement in both conflict and peace time operations. This collection is widely used by schools, scout/guide groups, Services youth organisations and other members of the community to prepare essays, theses and to research family history. The upgrade of the library will enable this collection to be better housed, more readily viewed by the wider public and more securely protected.
8. The area around Papanui, particularly centred on Northlands mall, has seen a large increase in population in recent years and this is projected to further increase in the coming years. With the new Graham Condon Aquatic Facility due for completion soon, further demand is expected to be put on local infrastructure. As can be seen from paragraph 4 above, the RSA building is already used by a number of community organisations. In addition the venue is used for family functions, e.g. post-funeral functions and reunions.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

9. One of the important aspects of community development is the provision of facilities that enable people to meet, socialise and hold activities. Research (Sleeman, 2001) has shown that the area around Papanui is lacking in facilities of a suburban nature that would allow for large numbers of people. This is the type of facility that the RSA are building.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Papanui RSA provides the following with respect to the costs of the building:

Building costs	\$683,500
Fees and Overruns	\$ 68,350
Furnishings	\$ 5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$756,850</b>

11. Papanui RSA has \$106,500 funds in hand for this project. They have a further \$50,000 in sponsorship and have applied to Canterbury Community Trust for \$100,000. Other fundraising is expected to raise \$50,000.
12. Papanui RSA has recently had approval of a Council Community Loan of \$300,000 towards the overall project.
13. Papanui RSA has received no funding from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board in the past three years.
14. The latest Audited Accounts (to 30 June 2009) show an annual turnover of just over \$500,000 with a net profit of approximately \$14,000. They have net assets of \$724,000, with almost \$486,000 of this being fixed assets.
15. Papanui RSA is well established with good management and financial processes in place.

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

16. Yes page 184

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

17. Yes

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

18. 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?**

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

20. 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.

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
- 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.

**DO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGN WITH COUNCIL**

21. Strengthening Communities Strategy

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

22. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board agree to grant \$15,000 from it's 2010/11 Discretionary Response fund to the Papanui RSA towards the upgrade of the library in their Bellvue Avenue premises.

**DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.