

#### 4. BOARD'S DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND 2009/10 - APPLICATION - FENDALTON BOWLING CLUB

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##### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit a request for funding from the Fendalton Bowling Club to the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.
2. There is currently **\$29,146** remaining in the Board's Discretionary Response Fund.

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. Funding of \$6,132 is being sought to cover the costs of planning, levelling and re-sowing the number two green at the Fendalton Bowling Club and to purchase a new 25,000 litre water tank.
4. The greens at the Fendalton Bowling Club are rated as some of the best in New Zealand and meet the required standard to host international tournaments. In order to maintain the greens at this level it is necessary to plane and re-sow at 10 – 12 year intervals. The purpose of planning is to ensure the greens are level, provide a consistent playing surface and are able to be flooded using minimal amounts of water. Flooding is the standard irrigation method for the type of grass used on bowling greens. The club advises that the number two green was last planed approximately 20 years ago.
5. The club is also requesting funds to purchase a 25,000 litre water tank. The existing water tank has a 40,000 litre capacity which is not sufficient to irrigate the greens. A total of 50,000 litres is required to fully flood and irrigate one playing green.
6. This report is being submitted to the Discretionary Response Fund because it does not meet the criteria of the Strengthening Communities Fund, due to much of the expenditure being for predominantly maintenance based activity. The planned work also falls outside of the dates for the Strengthening Communities Fund and it is important that this work begins immediately in order to prepare for the national and international events detailed in paragraph 8. As such, the request for funding is submitted to the 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

##### BACKGROUND

7. The club is located on Fendalton Park and was established in 1945 with a current membership of 160. The club also offers regular bowls coaching to local intermediate and secondary school students and caters for up to 180 young people during the season. The club has two outdoor greens, three indoor bowling rinks, a well appointed kitchen, bar facilities and a lounge. The club's facilities are regularly used by local community groups including two Probus Clubs, two bridge clubs and corporate bowls.
8. Over the next four years the Fendalton Bowling Club will be hosting a number of international tournaments including the Asia Pacific Championships in 2013 and the World Singles and Teams Championships. The club advises that by beginning the upgrade of the playing green in April this year the playing surface will be at its peak for these tournaments.

##### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The cost to upgrade the playing green is \$3,382 and the cost to purchase a 25,000 water tank is \$2,750. The water tank is considered a capital item and therefore in accordance with the funding guidelines for the Discretionary Response Fund, the maximum that can be granted for such purchases is \$1,000 per item.
10. In November 2008, the Board granted \$1,966 from the 2008/09 Discretionary Response Fund to the Fendalton Bowling Club to purchase a greens spraying unit.

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

11. Yes. Community Board's Strengthening Communities Fund and Discretionary Response Fund.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

12. There are no legal implications in regards to this project.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

13. Aligns with page 176, Volume 1 of the LTCCP.

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

14. As in paragraph 13. above.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

15. Project aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Physical Recreation and Sports Strategy and Community Board objectives.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

16. As in paragraph 15. above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

17. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Services Committee recommend that the Board allocate \$3,382 to cover the cost of upgrading the Fendalton Bowling Club's number two playing green and an additional \$1,000 towards the cost of purchasing a 25,000 litre water tank.