

**13. APPLICATION TO THE LYTTTELTON MOUNT HERBERT 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – LYTTTELTON GAOL TRUST**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from the Lyttelton Gaol Trust to the Lyttelton/Mount Herbert Community Board from its Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$2,250 towards the collation of historical stories and information associated with the Lyttelton Gaol site.
3. There is currently a balance of \$6,624 remaining in the Boards Discretionary Response Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

4. The Lyttelton Gaol Trust was incorporated in February 2005. The aims of the Trust are *“to promote cultural, historic and leisure activities of the Lyttelton Harbour area and preserve this historic resource for present and future generations through restoration of the building and completing work outlined in the Conservation Plan, plus providing interpretive displays showing the history”*. Since its incorporation, the Trust members have donated their time and effort by telling the stories of the past to groups as well as providing materials used in tidying and cleaning the area – this has included graffiti removal.
5. The Lyttelton Gaol Trust is requesting funding for Dr. John Wilson's professional services to review and collate the history and stories of the Lyttelton Gaol from available historic records and writings, producing text which can be used in a variety of ways; and available electronically and in hard copy through various outlets (Lyttelton Resource and Information Centre, the Lyttelton Museum). The Trust envisages this information will be especially valuable to groups wanting to educate or promote interest in this history and will be of lasting value to the community in general.
6. The Lyttelton Gaol Site is a significant archaeological site, situated in Oxford Street, Lyttelton, immediately north of the Lyttelton Main School and was registered in December 1996 as an Historic Place – Category 1. This site is within the Lyttelton Historic Area registered in August 2009.
7. Christchurch City Council staff produced a detailed Lyttelton Gaol Trust Interpretation (process) in 2008 which is consistent with those for other such projects across the city. These Interpretations aim to inform the public about the historical significance of a site, to ensure the information is relevant and available in the form(s) that will be most beneficial and that resources are best utilised. In addition, a comprehensive Conservation Plan for the site is currently in progress as the previous plan developed in the 1990s is outdated. It is planned to have the first draft of the Conservation Plan completed by mid May 2010. Dr. Wilson has been engaged to document the history of the site as part of the Conservation Plan. The Plan will also address the form(s) any fixed displays will take. Staff advice has been sought in the preparation of this report from Council's Transport and Greenspace, and Urban Design and Heritage Units
8. The collation of the Lyttelton Gaol 'stories', if undertaken, would provide a welcome complementary narrative to and without repetition of the work Dr. Wilson is currently undertaking as part of the Conservation Plan, and could be started at any time. In addition, this work could then be made available to the public in a variety of ways (excluding fixed displays) and this would not be dependent upon completion of the Conservation Plan.
9. Dr. Wilson's work will cover at least some of the historical portion of the Gaol Trust's proposed review project. To ensure prudent use of both time and financial resources it is advised that the Trust waits until this work is complete to identify further work to be undertaken on the historical aspects it considers desirable.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

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PROJECT QUOTATION	Cost (GST incl)
Review of written information and other sources	\$ 900.00
Writing of text (after consultation with Trust)	\$1,350.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>

11. The Lyttelton Gaol Trust has not applied for funding assistance elsewhere for this project.
12. The Lyttelton Gaol Trust has received no Community funding in the past three years.
13. All effort and materials used by the Lyttelton Gaol Trust since its incorporation have been donated. In 2005 an initial seed grant of \$1,000 was allocated by the Lyttelton/Mount Herbert Community Board. The group have tagged this funding to go towards the presentation of the compiled 'stories'.
14. To best utilise time and financial resources, staff recommend that the Lyttelton Gaol Trust focuses on collating the 'stories' associated with the Lyttelton Gaol and delays collating additional historical information until after the completion of the Conservation Plan.

### Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

15. Yes page 184

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

16. There are no legal issues to be considered.

## ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

17. 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?

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

## ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

19. 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 environmental groups
- Increase participation in and awareness of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environmental groups, programmes and local events

It also helps to meet the following Community Board objective:

- Enhancing the culture, heritage and identity of Banks Peninsula communities through its built, natural and working environments

## **DO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGN WITH COUNCIL**

20. Strengthening Communities Strategy

### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

21. Not applicable.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mount Herbert Community Board agree to grant \$2,250 from its 09/10 Discretionary Response fund to the Lyttelton Gaol Trust as a contribution towards the cost of collation of historical stories and additional information to the completed Conservation plan associated with the Lyttelton Gaol site.