

11. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND 2011/12 – APPLICATIONS - TRAVIS WETLAND TRUST AND KIDSFIRST KINDERGARTEN PORTSMOUTH STREET**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to consider applications for funding from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund from:
 - (a) Travis Wetland Trust
 - (b) Kidsfirst Kindergarten Portsmouth Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2011/12, the total pool available for allocation for the Burwood/Pegasus Discretionary Response Fund is \$62,754. The Discretionary Response Fund opens each year on 1 July and closes on 30 June the following year, or when all funds are expended.
3. The purpose of the Fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request fall outside other council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.
4. At the Council meeting on 22 April 2010, the Council resolved to change the criteria and delegations around the local Discretionary Response Fund.
5. The change in criteria limited the items that the local Discretionary Response Fund does not cover to only:
 - (a) Legal challenges or Environment Court challenges against the Council, Council Controlled Organisations or Community Boards decisions;
 - (b) Projects or initiatives that change the scope of a Council project; and
 - (c) Projects or initiatives that will lead to ongoing operational costs to the Council.

The Council also made a note that: *"Community Boards can recommend to the Council for consideration grants under (b) and (c)."*

6. Based on these criteria, the applications from the Travis Wetland Trust towards the purchase of picnic tables and Kidsfirst Kindergarten Portsmouth Street towards their outdoor area upgrade are eligible for funding.
7. Detailed information on the application and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix. (**Attachment 1**)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There is currently \$53,455 remaining in the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

9. Yes, see page 184 of the LTCCP regarding community grants schemes including Board funding

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans, page 172 and 176

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

12. Yes, see LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes, including Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Refer to the attached Decision Matrix.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board:

- (a) Approve a grant of \$1,000 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Travis Wetland Trust towards the purchase of picnic tables.
- (b) Approve a grant of \$2,682 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to Kidsfirst Kindergarten Portsmouth Street towards their outdoor area upgrade.