

6. TEMPLETON SCHOOL - REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SUBURBAN POOL USEAGE

On behalf of Templeton School the Principal, Peter Bradley, was in attendance to support a request for a grant to enable the school to hire the local Templeton Pool for up to five weeks following the closure of the suburban pools.

Following a Council decision not to increase funding for the City's suburban swimming pools, the public season finished on 30 January 2005. It is, however, Council policy to encourage new groups to hire the facilities. Council policies also seek to enable people to enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle. Mr Bradley advised that the School's Board of Trustees was paying for the pool hire and lifeguard services: \$5,570 in total.

The Council's Recreation and Facilities Manager, John Filsell, was also present to assist the Board in its deliberations. In discussion, there were some unique issues that were recognised with the Templeton pool , and the geographic location of it in relation to major urban-based facilities.

The majority of the Board were supportive of the request, and **resolved** to make a grant of \$5,000 from the Board's 2004/05 Discretionary Fund to the Templeton School Board of Trustees, to enable them to hire the Templeton Pool.

The Board also decided to ask the Council to review its current policy regarding the opening of suburban swimming pools, so as to allow some flexibility, taking into account community needs and climatic conditions. It was noted that this could become the subject of a submission from the Board on the Council's aquatic facility strategy, on which public submissions were currently being sought.