

14. COUNCIL COMMUNITY BUILDING – 20 PURAU AVENUE – LEASE

The Board considered a report from Kathy Jarden, Property and Leasing Adviser, seeking approval to grant a lease to the Canterbury Play Centre Association (Diamond Harbour Play Centre) and to the Diamond Harbour Sea Scouts Group for use of the former school building at 20 Purau Avenue, Diamond Harbour.

The various deputations made to the Board earlier in the meeting, the petition and other written submissions, were taken into account in the Board's deliberations.

Members considered that there was clear local support for the provision of a broader range of childcare services in Diamond Harbour, but that it was not for the Board to speculate as part of its decision making on a preferred service provider. Neither was it appropriate for the Board to be called upon to remove existing users from the building in order to give life to another group. In relation to existing users being eligible to continue to utilise the building, reference was made to a 1997 letter of intent regarding a lease renewal, but not completed, by the former Banks Peninsula District Council.

The Board therefore was supportive of the recommendations proposed in the accompanying staff report, and in particular an intention that staff would work with the Diamond Harbour Early Childhood Centre Inc to consider sites for the local early childhood centre.

The Board **resolved**:

- (a) To approve the granting of a new lease to the Canterbury Playcentre Association (Diamond Harbour Play Centre) for a term not exceeding 10 years commencing 1 July 2006 of the existing facility, with a rent review at the end of five years.
- (b) To approve the granting of a new lease to the Diamond Harbour Sea Scouts Group for a term not exceeding 10 years commencing 1 July 2006 of the existing facility, with a rent review at the end of five years.
- (c) To delegate authority to the Corporate Support Manager to conclude the lease on terms and conditions outlined in this report.
- (d) To request Council staff to work with the Diamond Harbour Community Early Childhood Centre Inc (DHCECC) to identify suitable sites for the establishment of an early childhood centre in Diamond Harbour.