

**8. MAYOR'S WELFARE FUND CHARITABLE TRUST - SIX MONTHLY REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1999 TO 30 JUNE 1999**

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the status of the above fund and information on the number of clients accessing the fund.

During the period covered by this report 1,466 people approached the fund for assistance. Of these, 885 were granted financial assistance with a further 549 given support, guidance or practical alternatives for solving their immediate problems. Phone enquiries totalled 3,119. During this period 441 referrals were made to the following organisations:

Work and Income New Zealand	312
Welfare Agencies etc	129

The highest demand on the fund is still in the area of accommodation, with 520 clients being assisted with accommodation at a cost of \$97,709.

Childcare costs for children in 'at risk situation' are still being met by the fund with \$28,282 being expended for the six months ended 30 June 1999.

There is a need to amend the Mayor's Welfare Fund authorised receipt signatories as a result of staff movement. Under the conditions of the Income Tax Act 1994, those making a donation require a receipt that meets the following criteria in order to qualify for a tax rebate:

- be officially stamped with the name of the organisation
- show the date the donation / or gift was received
- be signed by a person authorised by the Fund to accept donations

Those currently authorised to issue receipts are the Mayor, Elizabeth Siataga, Therese Carey and Murray Sinclair.

The statement of financial performance for the fund for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 is attached.

**Recommendation:** That all previous authorities in respect of the Mayor's Welfare Fund Charitable Trust to sign receipts be cancelled and any of the following officers of the Council be authorised to sign receipts for donations or gifts:

The Mayor  
Elizabeth Siataga  
Therese Carey  
Paul Noble

**Chairman's Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.