

**10. CRACROFT COMMUNITY CENTRE  
- GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the outcome of its earlier resolution regarding this matter.

At its meeting on 17 November 1998 the Board considered a request for funding of \$1,000 to be used towards the maintenance of the Cracroft Community Centre grounds.

The Board decided that this matter be referred to the Parks Unit to consider before the end of the financial year. The Parks Unit has now responded that it is not in a position to fund this work.

By way of background, for some years there has been regular volunteer input each week to the maintenance of reserve land adjoining the Cracroft Community Centre. This is seen as a significant community initiative with valuable direct and indirect outcomes aligned to the Board and the Council's objectives. The Community Centre's Committee is very supportive of this volunteer input and seeks the Board's support in the form of funding for materials and plants. It emphasises the cost saving to Council and the community strengthening value achieved through this volunteer activity.

Community Board objectives for the current year include promoting social cohesion and promoting a healthy community. Volunteer/community activity of this kind helps to achieve both these objectives.

**Recommendation:** That the Board allocate \$1,000 from its 1998/99 Discretionary Funds for the supply of plants and materials to be used by volunteer helpers maintaining grounds at Cracroft Community Centre.