

13. RUTLAND STREET KINDERGARTEN

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The purpose of this report is to update the information provided at the 31 May meeting.

At the 31 May meeting, a grant of \$2,000 from 1999/2000 Community Services Fund was made to the Rutland Kindergarten. It was decided to invite the Kindergarten Association Management Committee to the Board's next Deputations Meeting.

In addition, an onsite meeting was arranged for 14 May. At this meeting, Dennis Hills, Ingrid Stonhill, Anne Carroll, Steve Wright and Myra Barry met with a representative, who explained the proposed changes to the outdoor play area. It quickly became apparent that the total cost of the changes will far exceed the estimate provided in May. It had been stated:

“The total cost of the project is \$16,000. The Kindergarten has raised \$12,000 through fundraising activities, not grants. Attached is a detailed list of the changes to be done to redevelop the play area. The amount requested from the Board is \$4,000.”

A list of ten items had been provided. One pair of items (“6 - Remove bark *to be utilised in slide area* and replant with grass” and associated “5 - Remove concrete pathway and plant with grass”) has since been costed at \$3,800. The major item (“10 - The redevelopment of the raised area, fence reinforcement, improved drainage, alteration of ramp, construction of fort, addition of wheelchair access and erection of double slide”) appears likely to cost in excess of \$10,000. Whilst actual costings have not been obtained for all items, the total cost will almost certainly be well in excess of \$20,000.

The Board members present agreed that all ten items were necessary for the re-development to be effective, but recognised that assisting the Kindergarten to find the “remaining” \$2,000 of the funds requested in May would not in fact allow completion of the project.

Recommendation: That the Board ask staff to prepare a list of funding options/sources to assist the Kindergarten with this project, for the Board to support applications as necessary.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.