

7. SOUTH NEW BRIGHTON PLAYCENTRE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a funding request from the South New Brighton Playcentre for the deck, ramp and shelter, attached to the South New Brighton Community Centre.

BACKGROUND

The South New Brighton Playcentre started in the supper room at the South New Brighton Community Centre in 1974. In 1992 the Playcentre obtained permission from the Council to alter the eastern side of the Community Centre supper room by adding sliding doors, a deck, ramp and skylight shelter to the structure. This modification greatly enhanced the supper room of the Community Centre, improved access to the outside area and provided an attractive outside face to the hall. The total cost of the modification was \$12,602.

In 1998 the Playcentre started using an alternative building, which had been moved onto the northern boundary of the playground now occupied. Their intention was to seek assistance to move the shelter and ramp closer to their new building. To do this would undo previous good work that currently enhances the Community Centre and is useful to those who use the Centre.

As an alternative the Playcentre has written to the Service Centre to suggest that the Council purchase the existing structures from the Playcentre, allowing the Council/Community Centre to retain this asset while providing the Playcentre with some funds to build replacement decks and shelters where needed. The Playcentre is not seeking total reimbursement and notes that, although the structure is in good repair, it needs repainting and the handrails need replacing to meet safety standards. Reimbursement is not sought for the aluminium ranch slider and window panel that remains part of the Community Centre. The deck, ramp and shelter panel had a 1992 cost of \$7,562.

The Property Unit of the Council has indicated that it will contribute \$2,500 towards these costs.

Recommendation: That to retain the Community Centre enhancement described above and to reimburse the Playcentre for their previous expenditure in making this enhancement, the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board approves a grant of \$2,500 from Discretionary funds for 2000/01.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the Board approve the \$2,500 to add to the \$2,500 offered by the Property Unit.