

13. NEW BRIGHTON TENNIS CLUB LEASE SURRENDER

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The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to approve the application by the New Brighton Lawn Tennis Club to surrender their lease over approximately 2,844m² of Rawhiti Domain on which they have constructed four tennis courts and a pavilion.

This report also recommends that the Council write off the balance of the loan to the New Brighton Lawn Tennis Club up to a maximum of \$7,416. This is the amount still to pay of the original \$18,000 loan arranged with the club for the reconstruction of two tennis courts in 1996.

HISTORY

The New Brighton Tennis Club was established in 1895, and since 1981 has been located at Rawhiti Domain. The club has a 21-year lease (expires 2003) over part of Rawhiti Domain with the Council. The site includes four tennis courts and a clubhouse. The club constructed a new clubhouse following the destruction of the previous clubhouse by fire in 1993. Two of the tennis courts were reconstructed in 1996.

The club finds itself in a serious situation where it cannot meet its financial and game management responsibilities. There has been a major decline in membership from over 100 in the early 1990s to less than 20 presently. The club has given notice that it will wind up on 30 June 2001, the end of the club's financial year. The few members left have indicated that they will maintain the premises and pay the power accounts until that date.

The resolution by the New Brighton Lawn Tennis Club to wind up still leaves the club owing \$7,416 to the Council in respect to a Community Organisation Loan, which the Council will need to address. This loan and any other outstanding debts owed to the Council should have first call on any resources that the club may have. The Council will then need to write off the balance of the loan that is owing.

Officers are working with other interested parties in the community who may wish to lease the premises from the Council for their particular sport. Any future lessee of the premises will need to fulfil the requirements of Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977 (Leasing of Recreation Reserves). Once a firm proposal comes forward this will be placed before the Community Board, Parks and Recreation Committee and Council for their deliberation.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Council accept with regret the surrender of the lease by the New Brighton Lawn Tennis Club over part of Rawhiti Domain.
 2. That the Council write off the balance of the loan to the New Brighton Lawn Tennis Club up to a maximum of \$7,416.

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- Recommendations:**
1. That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.
 2. That expressions of interest be publicly sought for leasing that part of Rawhiti Domain previously used by the New Brighton Lawn Tennis Club.