

**4. RICcarton Domain Tennis Club
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL COURTS**

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The purpose of this report is to give the Community Board a background into the application for funding and to recommend that the Board not allocate any funds until a full report is available.

Upper Riccarton Domain

Upper Riccarton Domain is situated on Yaldhurst Road.

The domain provides open green space to a wide area of the community. There is a lack of large parks in this area that can hold a sports field.

Usage of the Domain

There are various clubs using the domain. Users are Tennis, Avon Soccer, Cricket, Bowling and various other groups, eg t-ball for children etc.

The Soccer Club and Cricket Club share a clubroom. Cricket has its own storage shed on the park. There are public toilets, which need upgrading and relocating. The Bowling Club has a separate area with greens and clubroom.

There has been ongoing communication with the clubs over the past year.

The tennis club first approached the Parks Unit to discuss relocating its tennis rooms and adding extra tennis courts.

The area that the tennis club want to shift their building to would directly affect a large protected tree in the park. Parks Unit Officers have turned down this first relocation proposal.

The main issue for the reserve is the availability of green open space. The future development of this reserve must be carefully planned, not just for club members but for the community as a whole.

Work has been started to look at integrating the clubs together into one building, share facilities. These discussions have not been finished with cricket and soccer.

Issues

1. How does the community want this park developed in the future?
2. Does the park require a full Management Plan?
3. Allowing soccer and cricket an opportunity to comment on their future in the reserve.
4. Is a public tennis court required in the area?
5. Recent research from Avonhead Needs Analysis.
6. Villa Maria College who is also interested to have a shared basketball/tennis court on school grounds. Is this a better site for Council to invest money?
7. The impact of the Tennis Club moving and built on to private land.

All existing use rights would be lost, the tennis club would have to apply for a resource consent and building consent. The resource consent would cover the tennis club providing a certain number of carparking spaces.

8. The lease that the club would have with owner of the adjoining private land. More specific details are required, eg:
 - (a) A lump sum is not normally handed over.
 - (b) After 20 years the trustees of the land may prefer to sell the land rather than “lock it up”. At present it has an old house which could be subdivided.
9. Are there more pressing needs for the reserve, that may require funding before community tennis courts, eg playground equipment upgrade, new toilet and a changing facility.

Conclusion

The above issues need to be fully explored, before a full report can be written to the Board. The park as a whole needs to be looked at, while also addressing community needs.

Recommendation: That the Community Board request a full report from the Parks Unit and Leisure Unit outlining issues mentioned in this report and whether or not a management plan is required for Upper Riccarton Domain.

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Recommendation: That the Officer's recommendation be adopted and that the report from the Parks Unit and Leisure Unit be received at the next meeting of the Community Board, 28 February 2001.