

## 9. EDGEWARE CROQUET CLUB – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Community Board to enable the Edgeware Croquet Club to cover the costs of the installation of field drains at their Forfar Street croquet lawns.

### BACKGROUND

The Edgeware Croquet Club Incorporated have been playing and promoting croquet since 1909. The club is very active with 37 playing members, and is continuing to attract new members. A croquet lawn established in 1996 becomes very wet in winter and is unable to be played upon for a period of up to 10 weeks at the beginning of the season. The Club sought the advice of the Parks and Waterways Unit to find the best solution to this problem, their advice being to install field drains in the lawn. The Club applied to the Christchurch City Council Community Organisations Funding scheme (Hillary Commission Sports Fund and Community Development Scheme) but the application did not meet the criteria for either of these two schemes.

### PROJECT DETAILS

The field drain system consists of an 80 mm novaflo main line joining to the St Albans Park drainage system, and seven lines of 50 mm strip drain spaced at 5m apart through the green. Project costs amount to \$7000.

The Edgeware Croquet club made a decision in March 2001 to have the necessary work done and both apply for funding and organise significant fundraising. The drainage work has now been completed, with the Club having to resort to internal borrowing (from their much-needed building fund) in order for the work to be completed in time for the summer season. They are now faced with having to refund the money to this account as soon as possible, as they will have other projects in need of being started. The amount of \$2000 has been raised by the club toward the drainage project, and an additional \$2,500 is currently being sought from other funding avenues. The amount of \$2,500 is requested from Board Discretionary funds toward the cost of this project.

Committee members from the Edgeware Croquet Club will be present at this meeting to answer any questions regarding the project.

**Recommendation:** That an allocation of \$2,500 be allocated from 2001/2002 Discretionary Funds be granted to Edgeware Croquet Club toward the cost of the installation of field drains on their croquet lawn.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That this application be referred back to the September round of the Funding Committee for reconsideration.