

## 5. SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding for the Shirley Community Centre to undertake under floor insulation in the Centre.

The Shirley Community Centre Management Committee has progressively, over the years undertaken significant upgrading of the heating in the Community Centre. The Committee has funded this out of revenue from hiring. The foyer, hall and all meeting rooms have now had new heating installed. The Council's Energy Manager has met with the Committee to discuss efficiency methods in order to obtain the greatest benefit from the heating system. He has advised that under floor insulation should be undertaken, as this will not only provide maximum efficiency from the heating system, but will result in substantial cost savings. The Committee has obtained quotations, the best of which is \$6,000 to do the whole of the floor area with Sisalation 421 foil.

The Property Unit has advised that no funding is available over the next year as substantial amounts have been spent and programmed, for major maintenance, including window replacement, earthquake strengthening, also the car park and associated landscaping.

The new heating put in the foyer, hall and meeting rooms has greatly enhanced the centre, making it warm and welcoming in the foyer, and for users of the rooms.

The Committee's future programmed expenditure is for replacement carpet in the hall, and funds are being accumulated for this purpose. However it seems prudent to proceed with the underfloor insulation as soon as possible to gain the benefits of the new heating for the remainder of this winter thereby incurring the savings. Some funding may be available from the Council's maintenance budget, therefore the Board is not being asked to meet the full amount.

**Recommendation:** That the Board grant \$3,000 towards the underfloor insulation in the Shirley Community Centre from its 2001/2002 Discretionary Funds.

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