

## 6. NEW BRIGHTON TENNIS CLUB – SURRENDER OF LEASE

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The purpose of this report is to submit an application from the New Brighton Lawn Tennis Club to surrender its lease over approximately 2,844m<sup>2</sup> of Rawhiti Domain, on which it has constructed four tennis courts and a pavilion.

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) with the Council over part of Rawhiti Domain. 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 fewer than 20 at present. The club has given notice that it will wind up on 30 June 2001, the end of its financial year. The remaining members 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 of a Community Organisation loan. This issue is the subject of a separate report to the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Staff 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 consideration.

The above report was considered by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board at its meeting on 30 April 2001. The Board decided to recommend to this Committee:

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 expressions of interest be publicly sought for leasing that part of Rawhiti Domain previously used by the New Brighton Lawn Tennis Club.
3. That the Community Recreation Adviser (Pegasus) and Parks and Waterways Unit staff discuss the on-going use of these facilities with schools and community groups and that the facilities be retained for public use until options for their future use are presented to the Board.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.