

## 7. PARKLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH PROPOSED COMMUNITY POTTERY ROOM

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The purpose of this report is to recommend an annual grant to the Parklands Baptist Church over a period of three years for the proposed Pottery Room at Parklands Baptist Church.

### BACKGROUND

The Church put forward a proposal to construct a community pottery room facility alongside the Church's already existing Community Craft Group programme on their Queenspark Drive site. The proposal includes relocating to the pottery room all the pottery equipment formerly based at the Parklands Community Centre.

The estimated cost of the purpose built Pottery Room is \$32,000. At a Board Subcommittee meeting in September 2001, the Board allocated \$5,000 from the Community Development Initiatives Fund and \$5,000 from the Discretionary Fund in 2001/02, as a contribution to the construction of the facility, subject to the balance of the project being funded and specified conditions being agreed to by the Church. This funding is still available as a result of fiscally neutral transfers of allocations between 2001/02 and 2002/03. A legal agreement is currently being drawn up by a Council solicitor whereby the pottery kiln and other equipment is located at the Church premises and retained for community use.

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Church received advice on 10 June 2002 that an application for \$12,000 to the Council Community Loans Scheme has been successful. The loan is to be repaid over three years. With the advice in February that Westpac Community Trust confirmed an allocation of \$10,000 to the Church for this project, sufficient funding is now available to commence construction.

A resource consent application has been lodged by the Church for the proposed pottery room.

The Church is seeking an assurance of the Board's continuing support for the community facility.

### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Board make an annual grant of \$4,000 to the Parklands Baptist Church over a period of three years.

### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the Board continue to support the project and make a grant available from the Project funding over the next three years.