

3. ROWLEY RESOURCE CENTRE

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to change the use of funding set aside for Rowley Resource Centre feasibility study.

Board members will recall that \$10,000 was set aside from its 2003/04 Project Fund as part of the recommendations from the Hoon Hay Needs Analysis.

BACKGROUND

One of the key community issues identified in the Hoon Hay Needs Analysis was the location of community organisations in McCarthy Street. It was recommended that this be further investigated and relocation options considered.

PROGRESS

Since then a new centre has been identified at 59-61 Rowley Avenue.

- Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board at its 29 July 2003 meeting supported the relocation of the Rowley Resource Centre to Rowley House.
- Resource consent application prepared and lodged (written approval of all parties identified by planners was received) – currently awaiting decision.
- Two-year lease agreement has been negotiated subject to obtaining the resource consent.

The money set aside for the feasibility study is clearly no longer needed for that purpose.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board approve the change of funding and reallocate it towards the new centre and associated costs of the shift.
 2. That expenditure of funding be reported back to the Board.
 3. That consultation with the wider community regarding the future use of Rowley House still be undertaken.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: I support the staff recommendation.