

5. SHIRLEY RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding to enable the Shirley Rugby League Football Club (SRLFC) to purchase a multi-functional printer and erect permanent signage in three locations within the Club's grounds.

The purchase of the printer would:

- (a) Reduce the Club's photocopying costs,
- (b) Ease the burden on the pockets of volunteers, and
- (c) Simplify the administrative operations of the Club.

The erection of signage will enable both members and visitors to more easily find the Club's facilities, as this is not immediately obvious from surrounding streets.

POLICIES AND STRATEGIES AFFECTED

This application meets the following Council policy outcomes:

(a) Social Wellbeing Policy

- (i) People participate in community life and have a sense of belonging and identity.
- (ii) All people, no matter age, race, gender, social and economic position or abilities have opportunities to contribute to society and develop their potential.
- (iii) Resources are fairly distributed among citizens, communities, regions and sectors.

(b) Youth Policy

Young people have access to the information and resources required to meet their needs. (Entertainment and recreation, especially in this case).

(c) Recreation and Sport Policy

- (i) Children, youth, people with disabilities and people on limited incomes are aware of, have access to and are increasing their participation in a broad range of recreation and sporting activities.
- (ii) Services, facilities and programmes meet the recreation and sporting needs of the Christchurch community, particularly its children and youth, and also its people with disabilities and people with limited incomes.

The SRLFC has also been identified as a key player/partner in the Acheson Avenue Action Plan as supported by the Board at the February 2004 meeting and further endorsed by the Community and Leisure Committee on 9 February 2004.

BACKGROUND

The SRLFC has had a long involvement in the Shirley area since the early 1950s. Rugby league in the Shirley area is possibly the pre-eminent sport and may even be the prime leisure activity in Shirley.

Within Shirley, the SRLFC is much more than a local sports club. It is actively involved in community development in the area, especially youth development. Some examples of this involvement include:

- Organising and running disco evenings for local youth.
- Hosting the Shirley Youth Day, a day of games, youth feedback and a hangi.
- Active participation in the planning and organising of Community Days.
- Providing a venue for various youth events, working closely with Youth 4 Youth.
- Initiator of the Shirley Youth Development grouping which eventually led to the formation of Youth 4 Youth.
- Running of Touch events.

The Club currently has 150 members, 115 of whom are in junior grades.

REQUEST

The SRLFC wishes to purchase a multi-functional printer, which will allow them to print, fax, scan and photocopy. They presently have a recycled computer obtained from Molten Media last year, but do not have a printer attached.

Purchasing this machine will enable the Club to make full use of their computer plus also reduce their costs of photocopying. The Club operates an area of limited resources, meaning that volunteers often do not get fully reimbursed for their expenses. In this Club that has meant that a few individuals have paid for photocopying "out of their own pockets" without recompense. This machine will go a long way towards easing the financial burden on these volunteers. The cost of a suitable multi function printer would be approximately \$530.00.

The SRLFC is located at 33 Briggs Road, but the location of its clubrooms is not immediately obvious from either Briggs Road or Innes Road. This has been an ongoing problem for current members and visitors, and is an obvious obstacle to attracting new members. SRLFC seek to rectify this problem by placing three signs at key locations within the Club's grounds:

- (a) Adjacent to the Briggs Road entrance
- (b) On the wall of the Clubrooms themselves, facing the car park.
- (c) On the fence line adjacent to Innes Road.

These sites are listed in order of priority and the signs themselves have been designed to utilise very sturdy materials to minimise the effects of vandalism. The approximate cost of all three signs is \$1,855.00.

FUNDING

The SRLFC obtain funding from a variety of outside sources. It is dependent upon these sources to a greater extent than are many other sporting clubs, as their fees cannot cover costs, with sometimes fees being unable to be collected at all. The Club has made three separate applications for funding for the purchase of the multi-function printer to pub charities – all of which have been declined.

A further application for funding will be made by the Club to the Community Development Scheme for administrative costs.

Further detailed information, including quotes and the specifics of the items relating to this funding request, are available from the report authors and will be available at the Board meeting.

Staff

Recommendation: That the SRLFC be allocated \$2,385.00 from 2003/04 Discretionary Funds towards the purchase of a multi-function printer and erection of signage.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:**
1. That this application be declined.
 2. That staff assist the Shirley Rugby League Football Club with an application to 'pub charities', and that letters of support from the Board be provided.
 3. That all future applications for funding to the Board include supporting documentation such as balance sheets, any fundraising and previous funding, and that this become Board policy.