

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to highlight the many volunteers that provide services to this Council and to provide reassurance of the intention for this relationship to continue.

2. BACKGROUND

The Banks Peninsula communities have shown they are prepared to help their local council with delivery services. This currently occurs in the following areas:-

Libraries	-	Volunteers help with issuing and filing of library books.
Harbours	-	Regular testing of the harbour waters through Harbour Issues Working Parties Lyttelton and Akaroa where volunteers, along with Council staff and ECan discuss issues to final solutions to common problems.
Harbour Structures	-	Volunteers collect money from honesty boxes around the Peninsula for use of boat slips and pass monies to Council offices.
	-	Community Groups undertake wharf maintenance in conjunction with Council staff and Contractors.
Reserves	-	Reserve Management Committees plan and manage certain reserves in various areas, collecting funds from leases, camping grounds etc. and utilising monies for the development of the reserve.
Museum	-	Friends of the Museum provide advice on collection items and aid with storing of these.
Dogs	-	Honorary dog rangers have been appointed.
Rural Fire	-	Over 100 volunteers utilise Council vehicles and equipment to help fight fires in our rural areas.
Civil Defence	-	There are over 120 volunteers throughout both harbour basins actively involved in civil defence and welfare.

This list may not be complete.

3. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Christchurch City Council recognise the Banks Peninsula volunteer groups and their value and continues these valuable relationships after abolition inclusion, that an item point regarding this intention is required to be put into the Memorandum of Understanding.