

10. CLUB 304 FUNDING REQUEST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to consider a request for funding received from the Rotary Club of Christchurch North for work completed on Club 304 - Daycare Centre for the Elderly. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested from the Board's Discretionary fund towards a total project cost of \$12,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Club 304 is situated in the Burwood Hospital grounds and is a house provided by Burwood Hospital for the elderly to use as a 'managed daycare centre'. The Club provides a wide range of entertainment and recreational activities for its members. Approximately 30 members attend the Club and members mainly come from the local Burwood/Pegasus community.
3. Club 304 has a very tidy house suitable for its needs, but the large grounds bordering the house were empty and of no practical use. The Rotary Club of Christchurch North and The Altrusa Club of Pegasus Bay agreed to jointly take on the development of these grounds as a community project.
4. Members of Club 304 were consulted to establish what their requirements would be for an outdoor recreation space. The majority of Club 304 members are either wheelchair bound or reliant on a walking aid of some kind. The type of recreational activities they can participate in is restricted by their mobility.
5. The requirements of Club 304 members are a passive outdoor recreation space that included decking with seating, raised gardens, paved pathways suitable for wheelchairs, a petanque court and shaded areas for protection from the sun.
6. This project requires considerable resources. To date services such as labour, construction and materials have been provided free by Rotary Club members and their employees. In addition there have been donations and sponsorship from the Club's Rotarian membership.
7. The significant part of this project has been the funding of materials. A number of community businesses have donated materials in kind and support from the community has been good. However estimates from suppliers for materials needed to complete the project are approximated at \$12,000.
8. To date hundreds of hours of voluntary service have been invested in this project and the project has now slowed down partly due to funding problems.
9. Financial support for this project will ensure the project is carried through to completion and will have the benefit of increasing the capacity of Club 304 to extend its membership and services.
10. Representatives of the Rotary Club of Christchurch North and Club 304 will be applying to make a deputation to the Board to speak in support of their application.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. The budget estimates for materials were approximated at \$12,000 and to date approximately \$3,000 in donations, materials, and volunteer work has been completed on this project. The Rotary Club aim to finance/fundraise an additional \$4,000 leaving a shortfall of \$5,000.
12. The Board may wish to consider utilising Board Project funding that has been reallocated to the Board Discretionary fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board receive the funding application and consider funding from the 2004/05 Discretionary Fund to the value of \$5,000.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

OPTIONS

The Board may wish to consider the implications of funding this project:

14. (A) Funding request for \$5,000 accepted.

If the funding request is approved for the full \$5,000 amount the work currently being undertaken will be able to be completed. The users of Club 304 will have a 'passive outdoor recreation space' that is accessible to all Club 304 members. The completion of this project will have the benefit of increasing the capacity of Club 304 and will allow the Club to extend its membership and services.

15. (B) Funding request for \$5,000 declined – partial financial contribution made

Partial funding of this project will affect the completion time for this project. Currently there is a lack of funds available for this project and the goodwill of the community has been exhausted. The Rotary Club are able to make a financial contribution to this project but cannot cover the entire project cost as it will have a detrimental affect on their own financial situation. A partial contribution from the Board would be greatly received but would mean alternative sources of funding would have to be investigated i.e. Pub charities

16. (C) Funding request for \$5,000 declined – no funding contribution made

If the Board decline the funding application for Club 304, this project is at risk of becoming a long term work in progress. Volunteer donations and contributions can only be utilised for a certain period of time and a shortage of funding will mean work on this project will cease.

The Rotary are able to make a financial contribution to this project but are not in a position where they can cover the entire cost. If the funding application is declined, work on this project will stop. Club 304 members will not be able to utilise their outdoor space and Rotary members will then have the arduous task of completing a number of funding applications for various pub charities.

The Rotary Club may find it hard to source alternative funding for this project for a number of reasons. Firstly, due to the nature of their organisation. Rotary Clubs typically provide support to organisations/groups that are in need of assistance or groups that would benefit from volunteer support etc. Some funding pools automatically disregard applications from groups such as Rotary because they are seen to be in a good position to start with.

Secondly, the Rotary are carrying out the project on behalf of another organisation. In some cases funding grants are not able to be made for projects that are being completed on behalf of another organisation. This is the case for the Rotary Club for the work they are carrying out on behalf of Club 304.

If the Community Board declines the application for funding, the sourcing of funds from alternative avenues will be a long and involved process for the Rotary Club.

PREFERRED OPTION

17. (A) That the Board fund this project for the requested amount of \$5,000 from the 2004/05 Board Discretionary fund.

ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS

The Preferred Option

18. That the Board fund this project for the requested amount of \$5,000 from the 2004/05 Board Discretionary fund.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Members and users of Club 304 will have a passive recreation space that is accessible and suited to their needs. The increased capacity of Club 304 will allow the Club to extend its membership and services. The outdoor space surrounding Club 304 will no longer remain unutilised but will be accessed on a daily basis.	\$5,000 financial contribution for this project to be completed
Cultural		
Environmental	Club 304 can be promoted as a managed daycare facility offering a range of recreational opportunities in both indoor and outdoor recreation environments.	
Economic		
Extent to which community outcomes are achieved: Primary alignment with community outcome a city of healthy and active people Also contributes to inclusive and diverse communities and a cultural and fun city. Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities: Effects on Maori: Consistency with existing Council policies: Community policy, Recreation & Sport policy Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest: Other relevant matters:		