

9. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – HALSWELL RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board for funding from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund for the installation of security grills at the Halswell Rugby League Football Clubrooms at Halswell Domain.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Halswell League Club was incorporated in 1960 and is based at Halswell Domain where they have clubrooms, changing rooms with showers and toilets, and a gym/training facility. Rugby League is one of the main winter codes for males in the Halswell area and the club have been working hard implementing their strategic plan working towards sustainable growth. Currently the club has 18 living life members, 22 junior and senior committee members, six senior teams and 13 junior teams, as well as supporters and sponsors, totalling approximately 600 members.
3. This project involves the manufacturing and installation of 11 security grills for the clubroom windows and one grill and sheet plate for their storeroom door and four window roof grills.
4. Over the past three years, the club's property has been the target of malicious damage on a monthly basis. Due to the increased number of burglaries and destructive vandalism at their clubrooms, their insurance premiums have increased remarkably in the past 12 months.
5. Since 2007 the club has received malicious damage to the value of approximately \$17,000 and volunteers at the club also regularly repair other minor vandalism, such as broken windows and graffiti. The club have been instructed by their insurance company to invest in these security options to keep their insurance affordable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The total cost of the project is \$4,992.75 and the club are requesting the total amount. This project was an unforeseen cost that the club have not budgeted for and their current savings have all been tagged for other projects in the next 12 months.
7. In 2008 the club received a \$15,000 grant from the Community Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Response Fund towards the installation of floodlighting at the Halswell Domain.
8. Accountability has been received for the above project.
9. At the time of writing this report there is an unallocated balance of \$11,940 in the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

10. Yes, see page 172, Strengthening Communities.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Application aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy, Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee recommend to the Board to approve the funding application and allocate \$3,500 to the Halswell Rugby League Football Club as a contribution to install security grills at the Halswell Rugby League Clubrooms from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.