

**FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2009

AT 8.00AM

**IN THE BOARDROOM
FENDALTON SERVICE CENTRE
CORNER JEFFREYS AND CLYDE ROADS**

Committee: Faimeh Burke (Chairperson), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley, Jamie Gough, Mike Wall and Andrew Yoon.

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1. APOLOGIES

Cheryl Colley

2. FENDALTON PARK CROQUET CLUB – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8986
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Recreation and Sports
Author:	Ken Howat, Community Recreation Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit a funding application from the Fendalton Park Croquet Club to the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Fendalton Park Croquet Club is requesting financial support from the Board to replace the boundary hedges on the west and south side of the croquet greens with a 1.5 metre high black wire mesh fence. The total length of the proposed fence is 150 metres.
3. The existing hedges form the boundaries between the Croquet Club and Fendalton Park. Over the years the condition of the hedges has deteriorated to the extent that they no longer provide an adequate boundary between the playing greens and the park. The western boundary hedge is infested with red spider mite which can only be eradicated using a toxic spray requiring a 24 hour closure of the adjacent bowling club and the surrounding area. The southern boundary hedge is 58 years old and has numerous gaps which allow access for dogs and other unwanted visitors.
4. The club advises that over the last year the incidents of vandalism have increased significantly including hedges set on fire, graffiti, paint ball attacks and groups of youths congregating and behaving in an intimidating manner. The proposed fence would provide a deterrent to vandals and keep out dogs. It would also provide a more aesthetically pleasing aspect to park users.

BACKGROUND

5. Fendalton Park Croquet Club is a community resource that has provided recreational opportunities to the local community for over 50 years. The club has 70 members and in addition to this its facilities are used regularly for community meetings, hosting tournaments and for the coming season the club is establishing a twilight corporate tournament.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The total cost of the project is \$18,223 which covers removal of existing hedges and the supply and installation of a 150 metre wire mesh fence. The club is contributing \$6,223 and is requesting \$12,000 from the Board. The club has not applied to other funding sources for this project, however if this application is unsuccessful or partially supported their intention is to apply to pub charities.
7. This project would not be funding by the Transport and Greenspace Unit as the fencing for clubs located within park boundaries is considered the responsibility of the club.
8. The Fendalton Park Croquet Club has received the following Council funding support.

Year	Amount	Project
2008	\$3,000	Purchase of croquet balls (Small Grants Fund)
2007	\$2,000	Purchase of a verticutter (Discretionary Response Fund)
2006	\$10,000	Lawn renovation (Discretionary Response Fund)

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

9. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with pages 176 & 184 of the LTCCP, regarding Community Board and Community Grants funding.

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

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy and local Community Board Objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee recommend that the Board defer a decision on this application and request that staff work with this group to identify other funding sources.

SITE VISIT – MEREVALE CORNER

The Committee will visit Merevale Corner at approximately 9.00am, following the conclusion of the Community Board meeting which follows this Committee meeting.

This site visit is not part of the formal meeting of the Committee.