

**5. APPLICATION TO THE LYTTTELTON/Mt HERBERT 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – WHAKARAUPO/LYTTTELTON HARBOUR ISSUES GROUP**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request from the Governors Bay Community Association (which is the umbrella group for the Whakaraupo /Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group) to the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board from its Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$2,067.75 towards the cost of Reprinting 'Indigenous Ecosystems of Lyttelton Harbour Basin' for the 27 June Lyttelton Harbour Basin Workshop on Lyttelton Harbour Basin Biodiversity.
3. There is currently a balance of \$4,374 remaining in the Board's Discretionary Response Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

4. The Whakaraupo/Lyttelton Harbour Issues group (formerly Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group) has been operating since January 1999. It was set up as a vehicle to incorporate local government organisations and community volunteers in a co-operative venture to look at issues relating to the harbour environments.
5. The group's agreed vision is 'To improve the harbour environment and habitat and achieve a fair balance between all interests'. The areas of focus include better public education on harbour environmental issues, wider information dissemination relating to activities, greater local input and creation of a forum to encourage co-operation.
6. The Group is comprised of members of the different Harbour Basin communities, supported by staff of relevant key organisations (Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council, Lyttelton Port of Christchurch, Department of Conservation). It works successfully on a number of important programmes e.g. establishing the now regional SWIM programme - monitoring the health of the harbour and notifying where required; reducing land derived sedimentation into the harbour; harbour stream health, monitoring, and recovery; advocacy and biodiversity programmes.
7. The Governor's Bay Community Association has agreed to act as an umbrella group for this reprint project which aims to reprint 75 copies of 'The Indigenous Ecosystems of Lyttelton Harbour Basin'. This resource document incorporates work by lead researchers in their fields and provides the most comprehensive documentation of the indigenous land ecosystems of the Lyttelton Harbour Basin.
8. The 76 page document was first published in 1998 and reprinted in 2000 by the Governors Bay Community Association. Since then there has been one more reprint but currently there are no copies left.
9. If successfully reprinted, the document will be available for use at the 'Lyttelton Harbour Basin: Return of the Native' Biodiversity workshop which is scheduled for June 27 and is detailed below. In particular, the report's mapping work will greatly assist the workshop's Vision & Action session. Having all available, documented research at the workshop will ensure best possible progress for the workshop and subsequent outcomes. Participants will then be able to use the resource afterwards.

10. The June 27 one day workshop is to be held at Diamond Harbour. This community initiative, is being organised by its own separate organising committee and Christchurch City Council is providing some support through venue hire and refreshments. The workshop is for Lyttelton Harbour community members involved in biodiversity related work and it is limited to 100 participants. The objectives are to learn more about the indigenous ecosystems of the Harbour Basin, find out about existing initiatives to conserve and restore these ecosystems, provide an opportunity to learn from other groups' work and to network and to join in developing Lyttelton Harbour Basin's Indigenous Ecosystems Vision and Action Plan.
11. The workshop aims to provide a coordinated framework for the communities individual projects being undertaken in the Lyttelton Harbour Basin and to provide opportunities to share learnings and avoid others problems through sharing already tested techniques. Additionally, it is seen as the community contribution to implementation of Christchurch City Council's (and other agencies) Biodiversity Strategies, Public Open Space Strategy, and providing early resource information for the future Integrated Catchment Management Plan.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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<b>WHAKARAUPU/LYTTTELTON HARBOUR ISSUES</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Cost (incl GST)</b>
Printing costs (75 copies)		\$ 2,067.75
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$ 2,067.75</b>
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>		<b>\$ 2,067.75</b>

13. Whakaraupo/Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group is not seeking funding from any other source for this project. When first published, the master report cost \$25,000 and the group estimates that this was supported with hundreds of hours of volunteer effort.

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<b>GOVERNORS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - PREVIOUS CCC GRANTS</b>			<b>Cost</b>
2009/10	Discretionary Response	Joint 10 year celebrations of Lyttelton Harbour and Akaroa Issues Groups (GBCA for Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group)	\$ 500
2009/10	Discretionary Response	Traps purchase (GBCA for Birdsafe Whakaraupo)	\$ 5,000

15. The Whakaraupo/Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group has no funds available to contribute to this project.

16. There are no foreseeable risks to this project.

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

17. Yes. The Board's discretionary funding is part of the Community Grants listed under Community Support on Page 176 and Grants on Page 184 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

#### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

18. Yes, permission to reprint this document has been granted.

#### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

19. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans pages 172 and 176.

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

20. Yes Strengthening Communities page 176 (2009-19 LTCCP).

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

21. This application meets the following Council Community Grants Funding Outcomes:

- Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups
- Foster collaborative responses to areas of identified need.

It also helps to meet the following Community Board objective:

- Enhancing and sustaining the Banks Peninsula Environment.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

22. Strengthening Communities Strategy and Healthy Environment Strategies

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

23. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board agrees to grant \$2,067.75 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response fund to the Governor's Bay Community Association (umbrella group for the Whakaraupo/Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group) towards the reprinting of 'Indigenous Ecosystems of Lyttelton Harbour Basin'.