

## 5. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND FOR BANKS PENINSULA WARD

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To assess a funding application from Banks Peninsula Netball Club and recommend to the Council a grant from the balance of the funds remaining from the 2009/10 SPARC Rural Travel Fund allocated to the Banks Peninsula area.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. SPARC Rural Travel Funds are provided to encourage participation in sport by young people living in rural communities. It is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams in areas that have less than 10 people/km<sup>2</sup>. The fund is for young people aged between 5 to 19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. The fund is not available for travelling to regional or national events. A school club team is defined as one participating in regular local sport competitions in weekends, excluding inter-school and intra-school competitions during school time. A sports club is defined as participating in organised, regular sport competition through membership outside of school time. 'Local' for Peninsula young people means travelling to other sub-unions such as Ellesmere, Waihora, Lincoln and further a-field to participate in regular competitions.
3. This financial year the closing date of grant applications was brought forward to 1 November 2009 to align with the funding allocation dates from SPARC. In the past the grant funding has been deposited into the Council account in August but applications were not called for until the following March.
4. For the 2009/10 financial year Banks Peninsula Wards had a total of \$9,621 for distribution.
5. At the extraordinary joint Lyttelton/Mt Herbert and Akaroa/Wairewa Community Boards meeting on 2 December 2009 a decision was made to grant \$3,500 to Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club and \$5,000 to Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club.
6. It was the expressed wish of both boards that they receive any late applications for the grant. Any unallocated funds are to be returned to SPARC.
7. The Banks Peninsula Netball Club has made a late application for \$1,500. They have five junior teams in the Lincoln competition. From Little River there is a Primary C (8 to 9 years) and from Akaroa Primary B (8 to 10 years), Primary A (11 to 12 years), Senior B (12 to 13 years) and Senior A (14 to 17 years). On average the return trip from Akaroa is 150 kilometres. There is a total of 18 games in the season.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The balance of funds left to distribute from the 2009/10 grant allocation is \$1,121. The total amount of funds requested by Banks Peninsula Netball Club is \$1,500.

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

9. Yes, the funding has been provided to Christchurch City Council from SPARC and is aligned to the Council's community grants scheme on page 185 of the 2009-2019 LTCCP; "community grants made on behalf of other organisations."

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. There are no legal considerations.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

11. This funding assists the Council to meet the community outcomes under Recreation on page 54 of the 2009– 2019 LTCCP – “ more people participate in sporting activities.”

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

12. Yes, as above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

13. The recommendations align with the Physical Recreation & Sport Strategy 2002, objective 4.1 “Sports clubs and associations are meeting the needs of the public.”

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. Not applicable.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council make a grant of \$1,121 from the 2009/10 SPARC Rural Travel Fund to the Banks Peninsula Netball Club as a contribution towards the travel costs of their junior netball teams.

#### **BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.