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6. REDCLIFFS – TEMPORARY FACILITY REQUEST

General Manager responsible:	General Manager – Community Services, DDI 941-8607
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek a resolution from the Council to approve the use of the Redcliffs Library site 91 Main Road, Redcliffs for the erection of a temporary facility to provide a voluntary library service.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Following the demolition of the Redcliffs volunteer library The Redcliffs Voluntary Library Committee made a deputation to the Council requesting permission to place a temporary facility on the site so that the volunteer library service to the community can continue.
3. This request has been considered and this report recommends that a temporary arrangement be entered into with the volunteer library group, pending the longer term planning under the Facilities Rebuild Project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no financial implications arising from this proposal. The Council's financial obligations as property owner will not be altered as a result of this proposal. Council obligations to maintain the site approximately \$2,000 per annum as per Levels of Service provided in pre-earthquake period.

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

5. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. It would appear that the property was transferred to the Council by way of a Deed of Gift in about 1950 from an incorporated society established for the purpose of providing a volunteer library service to the community. A copy of the Deed has not been found due to the unavailability of archival records as a result of the earthquake. There is however sufficient evidence to establish that the property was transferred to the Council with the intent that it be held and operated for this purpose. In particular the Memorandum of Transfer states that the land is to be used for the 'health, amusement and instruction of the public' This is supported by the Library minutes of the time.

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

7. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Yes - Residents have access to a physical library relevant to local community need.

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

9. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan

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Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Yes

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Supports the placement of a temporary volunteer library facility on the site at 91 Main Rd, Redcliffs..
- (b) That the Corporate Support Unit Manager is delegated authority to enter into a lease with the volunteer Library Group subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) The costs to Council are restricted to those that would normally occur and be expected as a land owner and are provided for in the Council's budgeted levels of service.
 - (ii) The lease is temporary pending the outcomes of the Facilities Rebuild Project.
 - (iii) The Redcliffs Voluntary Library is responsible for all of the set up and ongoing costs related to the improvements on the site. along with provision and operation of the service.