

9. BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD 2011 NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK FUND - REQUEST TO EXPEND REMAINING FUNDS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek authorisation from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to utilise the remaining \$700 in the Neighbourhood Week Funds, granted from their 2011/12 Strengthening Communities Fund to distribute to groups wanting to run a neighbourhood event outside of the October/November 2011 Neighbourhood Week time frame.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In August 2011, the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board granted \$3,500 of its Strengthening Communities Funding towards Neighbourhood Week events.
3. Neighbourhood Week is celebrated annually. Individuals and community groups hold a variety of small neighbourhood events within their area. This helps neighbours and communities get to know each other and enhance community and neighbourhood safety as a result. This event encourages a sense of belonging and strengthens neighbourhood cohesion and community links.
4. In November 2011, 35 applications were received for Neighbourhood Week events in the Burwood/Pegasus Ward. At the end of the event payment process, \$700 had not been uplifted. This was predominantly due to earthquake and zoning issues.
5. Since November 2011, Board members and staff have had requests for funding support for neighbourhood events (in keeping with Neighbourhood Week) but as these have fallen outside of the October/November timeframe of Neighbourhood Week they have not been able to be funded.
6. Given requests for funding and the remaining \$700 in the Neighbourhood Week fund, staff recommend the purchase of supermarket vouchers to the value of \$700 which can be distributed to groups electing to run a neighbourhood event, in keeping with the criteria and spirit of the neighbourhood week fund but outside of the October/November 2011 Neighbourhood Week timeframe.
7. Groups seeking to receive this one-off funding can apply in the same way as they would for Neighbourhood Week funding and processing would be in keeping with Neighbourhood week. A running total of vouchers given and events supported would be added to the Board agenda. The funds will be distributed to groups following their application being received and considered by staff then being approved for sign off by a Board appointed representative.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. This proposal fully expends the Board's Neighbourhood Week funds from 2011.

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

9. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

11. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. Yes.

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

13. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Yes - Strengthening Communities Strategies.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board approves the purchase of supermarket vouchers to the value of \$700 from its 2011 Neighbourhood Week Fund to fund neighbourhood events outside of the October/November Neighbourhood Week timeframe and further that the vouchers to be distributed to groups, upon their application being approved by an appointed Board member, with a schedule of approvals to be submitted to the Board for record purposes.