

To: Waihi Ward Committee
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Meeting date: 14 July 2015

Subject: **Monthly Report on activities for the month of June 2015**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received, and

THAT the correspondence from Waihi Sport Centre Inc., Waihi Walkway Inc., Waihi SPCA, National Army Museum and Waihi Community Youth Trust Inc., be received and that consideration is given to the requests.

Community Development

Requests for Financial Assistance [CDV-30-100]

The Waihi Ward Committee has been allocated \$4,784 for discretionary grants for the 2015/16 financial year.

In 2014/15 term, grants were made to the following:

Organisation	Amount Granted
Open Doors Christmas Dinner committee (hall hire)	\$336.50
Will Balchin	\$200.00
Waihi Nugget Multi-Sport Festival	\$500.00
ECHO Walking Festival	\$500.00

Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$145.00
Waihi Lions	\$500.00
Waihi Art Club (hall hire)	\$150.00
Waihi Community Resource Centre	\$2,500.00
Aged Concern Thames Inc.	\$300.00
Goldfields Railway	\$714.25
Waihi Friendship Club	\$500.00
Waihi Community Resource Centre	\$900.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Salvation Army	\$1000.00
Waihi Leader	\$3188.25
TOTAL ALLOCATED	\$11,934.00
BALANCE	\$ 0.00

There are three requests for financial assistance this month.

Waihi Sport Centre Inc [1375714 – Appendix A]

The secretary for the society incorporating the tennis and squash clubs writes seeking financial assistance for their water rates.

Currently the outstanding water rates for the centre are \$934.24.

Waihi Walkway Inc [1376656 – Appendix B]

The secretary for the society writes seeking financial assistance for the costs of weed control.

The society would be appreciative of a grant of \$1600 to cover the anticipated spray costs for the 2015/16 term.

Waihi SPCA [1377297 – Appendix C]

The centre manager for the society writes seeking financial assistance for their de-sexing project. The writer has listed items that identify where the proposed expenses will be incurred.

Other:

National Army Museum [1375705 – Appendix D]

The Marketing Manager for the National Army Museum writes seeking permission to display the exhibition –“Heartlanders – New Zealanders of the Great War” - within the car park area by the mining bogger at the top of Seddon Street. The exhibition is contained within three (3) large shipping containers.

Ms Bennett advises the proposed date for the exhibition in Waihi is Saturday 24 October 2015. Staff has viewed the site and find it suitable for the purpose of the exhibition.

Ward Discretionary Social Fund [CDV-30-31-105]

The Waihi Ward Committee has \$5,000 from the 2014/15 term that was not allocated and a further \$5,000 for the 2015/16 term making a total of \$10,000 for discretionary grants of a social services nature. The following applicant may be considered as an investment for this discretionary social fund:

Waihi Community Youth Trust [1384305, 1384306 – Appendices E & F]

The navigator for the Trust made a submission for funding to the 2015/25 Long Term Plan which was subsequently declined. Council suggested the submitter seek consideration for financial assistance from the Waihi Ward.

The Trust’s vision is to create a safe haven and fun filled space for youth in Waihi. The Trust has been in operation for a couple of months and has approximately 30 children attending the centre each day. This activity proposed by the submitter would meet the objective of this funding – to support identified social needs within the district.

The navigator has requested a total of \$18,869.98 (GST inclusive) needed to cover their rent and accommodation related expenses for a year.

Thames – Age Concern: Letter of Appreciation (1381118 – Appendix G)

Attached is a letter from the Manager/Service Co-ordinator of Age Concern Thames thanking the Ward Committee for its support of financial assistance towards their ‘Steady as you Go’ fall prevention classes.

Nugget Multisport Festival – 09 May 2015 Letter of Appreciation (1374982 – Appendix H)

Attached is a letter from the organisers of the Nugget Multisport Festival 2015 thanking Council for its support and sponsorship of the event. Also included is an overview and summary of this year’s event.

Significant District Funded Projects:

No projects to be reported on.

Ward Funded Projects

Waihi Ward - Projects 2014/15 Cary Forward.	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding -
New Waikino community swing bridge Carpark	2014/15	2014/15	-	\$88,000
<i>Project Status: The swing bridge Carpark is still under consideration from NZTA, who are conducting a wider investigation into traffic movements in the Karangahake Gorge.</i>				

Waihi Community Facilities and Recreational Development Fund Projects

Morgan Park Redevelopment Project

The Sport 'n' Action Morgan Park Committee has been granted a resource consent for stage one of the redevelopment of Morgan Park.

The Committee was unfortunately unsuccessful in their application for funding for this project. The future direction is for the Trust to investigate the option of engaging a professional fundraiser to assist with the raising of funds for the community. The Trust will also seek firm costs for stage one, which will create a better position for the Trust when applying for funding from external funding providers in the near future.

Ward Funded Capital Projects

Waihi Recreation Reserve 15/16 Projects	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding
Project: BBQ at Gilmour Lake	August	December		\$19,000
<i>Project Status: This project will be completed by the Parks and Reserves Manager. This project has the potential of seeking a service club to partner with for this project.</i>				
	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding
Project: Footpath on Gilmour Lake Edge	August	December		\$13,000
<i>Project Status: This project will be completed by the Parks and Reserves Manager</i>				
	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding
Project: Xmas Lights for Rest of Light Poles	August	November		\$12,000
<i>Project Status: This project will be completed by the Parks and Reserves Manager</i>				
	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding
Project: Notice board at Victoria Park.	August	December		\$4,000
<i>Project Status: This project will be completed by the Parks and Reserves Manager. This project has the potential of seeking a service club to partner with for this project.</i>				
	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding
Project: Gilmour Lake Sign	August	November		\$3,000
<i>Project Status: This project will be completed by the Parks and Reserves Manager</i>				

	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding
Project: Bike rack at Victoria Park	August	September		\$1,000
<i>Project Status: This project will be completed by the Parks and Reserves Manager.</i>				

Town Centres

Corridor Improvement Plan for the Karangahake Gorge (Waihi to Paeroa)

Council has received a preliminary draft report from NZTA that requests initial feedback from Council with regards to the recommendations made. Staff has held a brief workshop with Council representatives of the Paeroa and Waihi Wards and has passed this feedback to NZTA. Subsequent to receiving this, NZTA have indicated that a summary report will be provided in the month of July that should provide a better understanding of the corridor improvement plan to Council and the Community.

GENERAL

Morgan Park – Netball Courts

With regards to the recent ground subsidence at the Waihi Netball Courts, the Parks and Reserves Manager in conjunction with Waihi Netball are monitoring the site with any further ground subsidence being reported to Council.

Operationally, Waihi Netball have determined that court one is not suitable for play, and is used for goal shooting practice and warm up activities around the damaged sections of the court. Court three, which was the other playing surface that has been damaged as a result of the recent subsidence, has been patched by Council with Waihi Netball continuing to play games on the court.

Waihi Cemetery Signage

Staff is currently relocating recently installed signage to inside the Cemetery boundary as required by NZTA. This work has been scheduled for completion in the week of the 6th July.

Hauraki Rail Trail – Waihi Railway Station to Waihi CBD

A report on the route options for taking HRT riders from the railway station to the Waihi CBD has been forwarded to NZTA for their consideration. Resulting feedback has required slight re-modification of the design which has been resubmitted to NZTA for review / approval.

Victoria Park Skate Bowl and Climbing Tunnel

In consideration of the new Hauraki Long Term Plan (HLTP), the skate bowl and climbing tunnel were reviewed by the Ward Members in terms of their suitability for the current play environment.

Two submissions were received on these play items and Council resolved that the future of these be decided by the Waihi Ward.

Climbing Tunnel

Staff had reviewed the climbing tunnel and found that its design did not comply with current crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) standards as the structure provided numerous opportunities for concealment and entrapment. The preferred option is to remove the structure and that \$2,000 be allocated for its removal. Council has included this in year 3 (2017/18) of the HLTP.

Staff is now suggesting that the Ward Committee consider the sealing over of the tunnels and leave the mountain as a climbing structure for children, with the addition of a safe fall zone material such as cushion fall to be installed around the base of the structure.

Skate Bowl

The skate bowl is in poor condition due to the surface deteriorating over time preventing children being able to use it due to the rough surface. The Ward Committee had previously suggested that if renovation of the skate surface was equivalent or less than the cost of the removal, then renovation was the preferred option. \$11,000 has been allowed in Year 1 of HLTP for this.

Staff considers that the renovation of the existing skate bowl located at Victoria Park would be an asset to the park and users. In particular for beginners, young skateboarders or scooter riders that are at the reserve with family.

Once a decision of the future of these two assets is determined by the Ward, staff will seek final prices for the tunnel and the skate bowl and will provide the Ward members with this information at their August meeting. If prices are favourable, both projects may be able to be completed in year one.

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