
REPORT 8

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND SUPPORT FOR HANGING BASKETS

1. Purpose of Report

To recommend support from the Tawa Community Board discretionary fund for the Rotary Club of Tawa Charitable Trust with \$1,500 as a contribution to the costs of replanting hanging baskets on Main Street in Tawa.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Consider the recommendation from the Tawa Community Board Grants Subcommittee to support the Rotary Club of Tawa Charitable Trust with \$1,500 as a contribution to the cost of replanting hanging baskets on Main Street.*

3. Background

Tawa Community Board had a budget for discretionary spending, in 2013/14 this is \$11,380. This discretionary funding is in addition to the \$15,000 community grant fund.

Tawa Community Board have supported a number of local projects in the past through its discretionary fund. These projects have included the Tawa Community Civic Awards, a Tawa Community Board Newsletter, outdoor furniture for walkways in Tawa Bush Reserve and directional signage for Hampton Hill School and Brian Webb Kindergarten. In November 2012 the Tawa Community Board agreed to continue funding the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards on an annual basis from this fund.

In recent years the balance of funds at the end of the financial year has contributed to a term deposit which holds funds for the Tawa Borough Scholarship fund which was established in 1989.

\$11,015 is remaining in the fund this financial year.

4. Discussion

The Tawa Community Board Grants subcommittee met on 27 March 2014 and considered 24 applications which included an application from the Rotary Club of Tawa Incorporated. This application was for support with the costs of replanting the hanging baskets in May and October 2014.

The Tawa Business Centre hanging baskets (comprising some 50 baskets mounted under the veranda of the east side of the Main Road shopping centre) were first installed in 2012 with assistance from the Councils Discretionary Grants Fund and the Tawa Community Board discretionary fund.

The Rotary Club have also made a commitment to investigate possible involvement of local garden centres to supply flowers and labour to replant the hanging baskets.

Tawa Community Board Grants Subcommittee agreed to fund 50% of the costs and costs recommended that Tawa Community Board support the project with a contribution of \$1,500 from the Tawa Community Board discretionary fund.

We have had high demand for community grants which are generally for one off projects. Given the ongoing costs associated with the upkeep and maintenance of hanging baskets Officers recommend that Tawa Community Board consider making a longer term commitment to meeting these costs through its discretionary fund.

5. Conclusion

Tawa Community Board is asked to support the Rotary Club of Tawa Charitable Trust with \$1,500 as a contribution to the costs of replanting hanging baskets on Main Street in Tawa.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

Tawa Community Board determine allocation of their discretionary fund.

2) LTP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Tawa Community Board Discretionary Funds are under C590.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

N/A.

4) Decision-making

This is not a significant decision.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

N/A

b) Consultation with Maori

N/A

6) Legal implications

N/A

7) Consistency with existing policy

Tawa Community Grants assist community initiatives in line with Council strategy.