

## Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club

### 1. The Proposal

The Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club has requested \$500,000 from Council towards the cost of building a new surf life saving facility hub on Lyall Bay beach.

This funding is in addition to the \$300,000 for public toilets in the proposed new Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club building that Council agreed to on 19 November 2009 to consider as part of the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan.

### 2. Proposal Costs

Outline project costs per year										
Project Component	Operating expenses \$000									
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club service agreement		175	175							
Depreciation - toilets		20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Interest – toilets	10	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

Outline project costs per year										
Project Component	Capital expenses \$000									
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club public toilets	300									
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>									

### 3. Discussion

Some Wellington City beaches do not have adequate surf lifesaving services to cover the risk the beaches present to the public. No existing surf lifesaving facilities in Wellington City are fit for purpose.

The Lyall Bay Surf Lifesaving Club is proposing to construct a new purpose built facility on Lyall Bay beach which will act as a hub to co-ordinate surf life saving services from for the entire city.

The cost of the proposed building is estimated at \$1.8million. The club currently has funds of approximately \$110,000. A resource consent application for the facility has been lodged with Council.

Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club is the most financially sustainable and has the strongest membership numbers (over 300 members and 70 active lifeguards) out of the three surf life saving clubs in Wellington City. It delivers substantial patrolling services made up primarily of voluntary hours. The club claims it has saved over 200 lives in the last 15 years. Each summer, on average the club's lifeguards provide the following:

- save 14 lives
- provide 1,500 hours of voluntary lifeguard patrols
- perform 3,000 preventative actions and first-aid.

It is proposed that Council enter into a service level agreement with the Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club to provide the following services:

- Life Guard - the patrolling of Lyall Bay beach and the provision of lifeguards at other Wellington city beaches where risks have been identified.
- A 24/7 First Response Service - a new facility would allow the club to provide a base for a search and rescue service (Wellington wide). The new base would house the required rescue equipment (i.e. inflatable rescue boats (IRBs), jet skis and advanced medical equipment).
- Community Education Programmes - this would involve a beach education programme for primary schools teaching children how to enjoy the beach environment safely and how to recognise dangers at the beach. It is noted that 1,200 children are enrolled in this programme for the 2009/10 summer. Existing space and facilities limit the number of children that can be involved in this programme.
- Junior Surf Skills Training - a junior surf section for children aged 5 – 13 years which teaches surf safety awareness, confidence in surf and equipment use, to increase childrens' skills and ability in the surf.
- Lifeguard training facilities - the training of lifeguards so that they are proficient in surf rescues, resuscitation (CPR) techniques and first aid. A new facility would include purpose built training rooms and resources to enable Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) to provide centralised lifeguard training for all clubs, increase the Beach Education programme, and provide more community education in surf safety and surf aid.
- Event Safety - the provision of lifeguards at city events such as triathlons, ocean swims e.g. Sovereign Capital Classic, school outdoor education days, festivals and concerts around the waterfront.

#### **4. Recommendation**

It is recommended that capital funding of \$300,000 for new public toilets in the Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club building is allocated in the 2010/11

financial year, and that operational funding of \$175,000 per annum is allocated in the 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial years towards the cost of providing a surf life saving service at Lyall Bay and other Wellington beaches.

It is recommended that no funding is released to the Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club until resource consent and other necessary regulatory consents have been granted for the proposed new surf club building at Lyall Bay, and the balance of the project cost has been raised by the Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club.