

Application for a change to approved Community Grant funding

TO	Tairua-Pauanui Community Board
FROM	Lorna Price - Community Coordinator
DATE	25 March 2015
SUBJECT	Application for a change to approved Community Grant funding

1 Purpose of Report

For the Community Board to consider an application for a change to an approved community grant funding application of \$3,500 to the Tairua/Pauanui RSA (**Attachment A**).

2 Background

In September 2013 the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board considered and approved an application for community grant funding of \$3,500 for the Tairua/Pauanui RSA WW1 centenary celebrations (**Attachment B**). Subsequent to this approval the Tairua/Pauanui RSA were informed by RNZRSA that New Zealand did not become involved in WW1 until August 1914. They then applied to the Community Board to have the approved community grant funding carried over to 2014/15 which was approved.

3 Issue

The Tairua RSA has changed the project the community grant funding was approved for to commemorate the WW1 Centenary in a more meaningful way. They are seeking approval from the Community Board to use this funding for the construction of a headstone with a suitably inscribed plaque as a permanent memorial to commemorate the WW1 centenary rather than for the hireage of a marquee and chairs for the ANZAC day and WW1 celebrations.

4 Discussion

Over the past 12 months the Tairua/Pauanui RSA has had a number of meetings/discussions on how they could commemorate the WW1 Centenary in a more meaningful way. They decided to abandon the concept of the marquee for Anzac Day celebrations and investigated the building of a headstone with a suitably inscribed plaque to be located in the Old Tairua Cemetery as a permanent memorial. A meeting was held between Thames-Coromandel District Council staff members and a representative of the Tairua/Pauanui RSA to look at a suitable location for the proposed permanent memorial. A site was confirmed in the Old Tairua Cemetery. The Tairua/Pauanui RSA decided to go ahead with the headstone and plaque as a permanent memorial and abandon hiring a marquee and chairs for the ANZAC Day and WW1 celebrations.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. Considers whether it will approve the change of project for the previously approved community grant funding for the Tairua RSA of \$3,500 from:
 - The hireage of a marquee and chairs to accommodate the Tairua RSA 2014 ANZAC Day commemorations along with the centenary of WW1 at the Tairua Soldiers cemetery, or

- To build a headstone complete with a suitably inscribed plaque located in the Old Tairua Cemetery as a permanent memorial to those who were either working in the Tairua area at the time of enlistment or who had family ties in the Tairua area.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

- Attachment A:*** Application for a change to an approved community grant funding application - Tairua RSA
- Attachment B:*** 2013/14 Approved community grant funding application - *Tairua RSA*

Attachment A

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Attachment B - 2013/14 approved community grant funding