

Application for Community Events grant - Totally Thames - Road Closure

TO Thames Community Board
FROM Brian Robson - Community Manager
DATE 21 February 2018
SUBJECT **Application for Community Events grant - Totally Thames - Road Closure**

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is for the Thames Community Board to consider a Community Event Grant application from Totally Thames requesting \$1200 to cover the costs of a partial road closure in Grahamstown for the Brits at the Beach vehicles assembling in Grahamstown.

2 Background

Brits at the Beach car owners assemble in Thames on the Friday prior to their weekend in Whangamata. In previous years the event has been held in October but the organisers have changed that to February. Some British vehicles came in October 2017 and Totally Thames Chair Karl Edmunds paid for the road closure as a private individual.

In February 2018 when Brits at the Beach returned, Karl Edmunds put Brits at the Beach onto the Totally Thames Public Liability Insurance schedule of events then applied and paid for another partial road closure.

3 Issue

The cost of road closure ought to be borne by the event organiser but in this instance the cost has been picked up by Totally Thames.

4 Discussion

The event has the potential to bring several hundred participants to Thames and there is a benefit to local businesses in having the extra custom. It is debatable whether the benefit is increased by having the vehicles take over a stretch of street for the public to walk around and leisurely view, but previous events have successfully used the road closure format, and in this instance Totally Thames Chair thought it was required for safety reasons and applied for approval. The attached document, Events Grant Application (**Attachment A**), details the cost and seeks reimbursement.

The Thames Community Board has a contestable fund of \$15,000 and \$9,400 of that amount has been allocated thus far this year to community groups, leaving \$5,600 remaining to be considered for distribution from this fund. A further \$2000 for the 150th Anniversary Closing Concert is currently under consideration as well.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application for Community Events Grant - Totally Thames - Road Closure' report, dated 21 February 2018.
2. Approves a grant of \$1,200 to Totally Thames as reimbursement for the cost of road closure for Brits at the Beach.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A Grant Application from Totally Thames

Attachment A
Attachment A - Grant application from Totally Thames