

# **Equestrian Club - Mayfair Reserve - request to increase arena area**

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| <b>TO</b>      | Whangamata Community Board  |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Jan McNeil - Property Officer   |
| <b>DATE</b>    | 9 May 2018  |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Equestrian Club - Mayfair Reserve - request to increase arena area</b> |

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## **1 Purpose of Report**

For recommendation to Council to approve an increase in the arena area, by 400 m<sup>2</sup>, as requested by The Whangamata Equestrian and Social Society Incorporated, at Mayfair Reserve, Whangamata.

## **2 Background**

The Whangamata Equestrian and Social Society Incorporated (Society) was registered under the Incorporated Society Act 1908 on the 29 July 2011.

At the Service Delivery meeting 5 February 2012 it was resolved to approve a new lease and licence to occupy (deed) to the Society, over Mayfair Reserve, Whangamata.

The deed commenced 1 April 2012, for a twelve year period, with final expiry 31 March 2024.

## **3 Issue**

The Society has requested to increase the size of the arena. In accordance with clause 7 of the deed, Council approval is required for any further development work on Mayfair Reserve.

## **4 Discussion**

Mayfair Reserve was classified recreation reserve on 21 April 2016 in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 (Act). Recreation Reserves are held for the purpose of providing areas for recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, with the emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreation activities.

The Society has requested Council approval to extend the arena area from 20m x 40m to 20m x 60m, an extra area of 400 m<sup>2</sup>, as per their request appended to **(Attachment A)**, and as shown on the maps created by the Property Officer appended to **(Attachment B)**.

The Societies activity undertaken on Mayfair Reserve is for equestrian activities only, as specified in clause 5 of the deed, and is in accordance with the Act.

The total area of Mayfair Reserve is 1.722ha. The current leased area for the building and arena is 940m<sup>2</sup>. If Council agrees to the request for an additional 400m<sup>2</sup> the total leased area will be 1340m<sup>2</sup>.

It is considered that granting the extension to the arena will have little impact on the use and enjoyment of the balance of the reserve by the public. Furthermore, in the event of any future development of Mayfair Reserve Council has preserved in its documentation the right to relocate the arena by mutual agreement.

Given the above, the following resolution is suggested.

## **5 Suggested Resolution(s)**

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. Recommends to Council to approve the increase of the arena by 400 m<sup>2</sup> to The Whangamata Equestrian and Social Society Incorporated, provided all necessary statutory consents are applied for and granted prior to any work commencing, if required.

## **References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments**

**Attachment A** *Request from Society*

**Attachment B** *Aerial showing existing and proposed arena area*

**Attachment A - Request from Group**

**Attachment B**

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