Whangamata RSA Discretionary Grant Application

TO Whangamata Community Board
FROM Erin Bates – District Manager
DATE 11 March 2019
SUBJECT Whangamata RSA Discretionary Grant Application

1 Purpose of report
The purpose of this report is to seek Whangamata Community Board determination on a request from the Whangamata RSA to fund $2,340 for pot hole repairs to its car park.

2 Background
The Whangamata RSA car park is located at 324 Port Road, Whangamata. The car park is adjacent to the Whangamata Hall, owned by Council. On occasion the RSA car park provides an overflow for those people attending events at the Whangamata Hall and vice versa. The RSA car park also provides access from its main entrance to the hall car park.

3 Issue
The Whangamata RSA has recently had pot holes in its car park repaired at a cost of $2,340 and it is seeking a grant from the Community Board for this amount.

4 Discussion
Whangamata RSA approached the Community Board for financial support for the repairs and maintenance to its car park. This is a private car park.

There have previously been agreements with the RSA regarding access to the hall car park via the RSA car park. The latest agreement from 2007 was not renewed in 2010 as it was not signed by the RSA representatives.

Broadly, the Shared Parking Agreement 2007 enabled a reciprocal car parking arrangement – so that parking at the RSA and hall was available to visitors to either venue. It states that:

“Council will maintain and pay all reasonable costs associated with the maintenance of the existing line marking on the RSA car parking land but will have no responsibility in respect of any other car parking land owned or used by the RSA. The Council’s liability ….will not extend to the organisation and cost of line marking generated by the RSA.”

Officers recommend that a formal agreement between Council and the Whangamata RSA be reinstated to ensure budgets are funded accordingly; and that there is clear understanding around responsibilities.

As a private car park, no Council budget can be used for these repairs – essentially the RSA is requesting a grant from the community board. The Whangamata Community Board has a discretionary fund of $20,000 in 2018/19. A total of $15,000 has been allocated this year. There is $5,000 remaining to be considered for distribution from this fund.

5 Suggested resolution(s)
That the Whangamata Community Board:
2. Determines whether to allocate $2,340 from its 2018/2019 Discretionary Fund to the Whangamata RSA for the cost of repairs to the Whangamata RSA car park.
3. Directs officers to engage with the Whangamata RSA on reinstating a *Shared Car parking agreement* in relation to the Whangamata Hall and Whangamata RSA car parks.

**References-tabled/Agenda attachments**

**Attachment A**  *Carpark repairs quote – Higgins Contractors Limited*
Attachment A - Whangamata RSA Discretionary Grant Funding Request