

## **2.1 Application for Discretionary Fund - Whangamata Pickleball Group**

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**TO** Whangamata Community Board  
**FROM** Eileen Hopping, Area Manager - South Eastern Board  
**DATE** 25/11/2020

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### **1 Purpose of report**

The purpose of the report is for the Whangamata Community Board to consider a request for funding towards the costs of hall hire for the Whangamata Hall.

### **2 Summary**

The Whangamata Pickleball Group (Group) started in Whangamata on Monday 12 October 2020. The group hire the auditorium once a week from 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. The cost of the hall hire per booking is \$50.00.

The Group, with the assistance of Sport Waikato, negotiated a fee with the Community Facilities team who are responsible for the halls activity.

The agreement was for 4 weeks at no charge and \$2 per person for the following 4 weeks, with the funds raised being paid to Council. To date no payments have been received by Council. This agreement period expired 14 December 2020.

The Group sent the attached request to the Board Chair, Ken Coulam, on 23 October 2020 for the board to consider waiving the hall hire charges. The request was received too late to be considered on the agenda for the 3rd November 2020 Whangamata Community Board meeting.

The request from the Group is for 6 months hall hire fees waived or a reduced fee. As the fee cannot be reduced as the fee is set in the annual plan fees and charges, the request is therefore for the Community Board to fund this through its discretionary fund.

The hall hire fee for the 6-month period from 18 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 is \$1,200.

The discretionary fund has a balance of \$11,669.

### **3 Suggested resolution(s)**

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application For Discretionary Fund - Whangamata Pickleball Group' report dated 25 November 2021.
2. Approves or declines all or part of the request for a one-off payment to the Whangamata Pickleball Group of \$1200 from the Board's discretionary fund (GL Code is 266.20137) for the costs associated with the Whangamata Hall hire.

**References-Tabled/Agenda attachments**

1. Application for Discretionary Fund - Whangamata Pickleball Group