

## 3.2 Whangamata Croquet Club Incorporated - New Lease

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**TO** Whangamata Community Board  
**FROM** Georgia McCormack, Property Officer  
**DATE** 13/01/2021

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### 1 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is for the Community Board to consider making a recommendation to Council to grant a new lease to the Whangamata Croquet Club Incorporated.

### 2 Summary

The Council owns the recreation reserve on the corner of Harbour View Road and Bond Road.



In 2003, the Whangamata Croquet Club Incorporated entered in to a 20 year lease agreement with Council at its site for the purpose of croquet activities, providing recreation and enjoyment to the Whangamata community. The Lessee wishes to continue to lease the site in order to carry on with those activities. This is a ground lease only.

Their current lease expires in March 2023 and they have formally requested to renew this agreement prior to that time. See their letter in Attachment A.

### Consideration

Council's Community Facilities Manager has advised that he is supportive of the renewal and states "The intent is that eventually all of the clubs in this area will hub – having leases with individual clubs

will not stop this from happening".

In terms of Council's Leases and Licences Policy, the club is an incorporated Society operating on a not for profit basis. Its activities are compliant with the recreation reserve. The club has submitted its year end accounts 31/3/20 which show it is managing its affairs.

Given the club is well established and that its activities on the reserve are complimentary to the other existing uses of tennis and lawn bowls, it is suggested there is no reason why the Board would not support a new lease.

A term of 20 years is recommended with no rights of renewal. This is sufficient time for the club to make capital improvements if it wishes and preserves the Council the opportunity to review ongoing benefits.

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

That the Whangamata Community Board

1. Receives the Whangamata Croquet Club Incorporated - "New Lease report dated 21 January 2021
2. Recommends to Council:
  - a) Agrees to the surrender of the Whangamata Croquet Club current lease
  - b) Agrees to enter into a new lease with the Whangamata Croquet Club Incorporated for section 32 SO 31568 on the following terms:
    - Term: 20 years
    - Commencement date- 1 April 2021
    - Right of Renewal: Nil
    - Rent - \$350.00 per annum (plus GST) in accordance with the prevailing Leases and Licenses policy
    - Permitted Use – Croquet Purposes

### **References-Tabled/Agenda attachments**

1. Attachment A - Letter from Whangamata Croquet Club