

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair & Members, Corporate Services Committee
FROM: Murray Staite, Corporate Services Manager
DATE: 7 August 2007
SUBJECT: Rates Remissions

Purpose

At the last Corporate Services Committee meeting additional information was requested on First Karori Scouts of St Arnaud and Te Wharerangi Trust (Golden Bay Community Gardens).

1 First Karori Scouts

The house is owned by Karori Scout group of Wellington. While this is a Wellington owner the premises are available for use by residents of the Tasman District. This organisation meets Council's criteria for a rates remission.

A comparable organisation already receiving a rate remission is the Scout Association Mohua area with a rate remission of 100%.

Recommendation

That the First Karori Scout Group be granted a 100% rate remission for the 2007/2008 financial year.

2 Te Wharerangi Trust (Golden Bay Community Gardens)

The Trust comes under the promotion of arts, recreation, health and education category of Council's rate remission policy. The Trust provides a wide range of services and activities to the community, including composting, worm farming and waste management.

Council's policy is clear that only non-profit organisations are eligible for a remission.

Recommendation

That the request by Te Wharerangi Trust for a rates remission be declined.

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