

STAFF REPORT

TO: Corporate Services Committee
FROM: Anthea Campbell, Rates Officer
DATE: 15 July 2008
SUBJECT: **New Rate Remissions Applicants**

This year there are three additional applications for a rate remission under Council's Rate Remission policy on Sporting, Recreation and Community Organisations. Their details are as follows:

New Applicants

1. Te Wharerangi Trust (Golden Bay Community Gardens)

The Trust comes under the promotion of arts, recreation, health and education category of Councils rate remission policy. The Trust provides a wide range of services and activities to the community of Golden Bay including composting and worm farming. They no longer operate on a commercial scale of growing and selling produce. The Gardens are the Golden Bay venue for the Correction service and also work with NMDHB on the Open Orchard programme of planting fruit trees. The Trust receives a zero waste grant from the TDC and also holds the contract for worming. This organisation applied in 2006/2007 but was declined by Council.

Comparable organisations that already receive a rate remission are Bridge Valley Christian Camp, Rotoiti Education Trust and Teapot Valley Christian Camp which receive a 50% rate remission. Rates Total \$2,047.90.

Recommendation

That the Te Wharerangi Trust be granted a 50% rate remission for the 2008/2009 financial year.

2. Te Whare Mahana

The Trust comes under the promotion of arts, recreation, health and education category of Council's rate remission policy. Te Whare Mahana is contracted by Nelson Marlborough District Health Board to provide a range of mental health services in Golden Bay. Te Whare Mahana was declined a rate remission in 2006/2007.

A comparable organisation already receiving a rate remission is Whenua Iti Trust of 50%. Rate Total is \$3,524.00

Recommendation

That the Te Whare Mahana be declined a rate remission.

3. Fauchelle Family Charitable Trust

This is the first time the Fauchelle Family Charitable Trust has applied for a rate remission. The Trust provides subsidised housing to the elderly or disadvantaged. For this application to be considered favourably Council would need to amend the "Free maintenance and relief of persons in need" section of the policy.

Rate Total \$9,997.70

Recommendation

The Fauchelle Family Charitable Trust application be declined as it falls outside of the criteria for a rate remission under Council's policy.

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