

STAFF REPORT

TO: Corporate Services Committee
FROM: Cameron Fraei, Rates Officer
DATE: 28 May 2009
SUBJECT: **New Rate Remission Applications 2009-2010**

This year there are three additional applications for a rate remission under Council's Policy on Remissions for Sporting, Recreation or Community Organisations. Their details are as follows:

New Applicants

1. Takaka Christian Assembly

The assembly has listed its primary objectives as 'Church Activities'. This type of activity does not fit within the policy criteria.

The assembly are registered with the charities commission and are non profit making. The church building in Motupipi Street, Takaka is used occasionally for other activities such as defensive driving courses and singing practices.

Membership levels are indicated at 17-20.

The proposed rates for the 2009/2010 year for this property are: \$1213.50.

The Takaka Christian Assembly falls outside of our criteria for a rate remission under Council's Policy on Remissions for Sporting, Recreation or Community Organisations.

Recommendation

That the Takaka Christian Assembly be declined a rate remission for the 2009/2010 year.

2. Huia Rugby Football Club Inc

The club falls within the Games or Sports and also Hall or Library category of Council's rate remission policy.

The club facilitate Rugby, Netball and Hockey. The clubs Rugby Hall is used by the Motueka Flying School for exams and also by the special Olympians for indoor bowls at no charge. The hall is also widely used by the community for other social events.

Current membership is approx 200-250.

The proposed rates for the 2009/2010 year for this property are: \$7038.50.

Comparable organisations that already receive a remission are Motueka United Football Club Inc and Collingwood Recreation Ground Assn, each receiving a 25% rate remission.

Recommendation

That Huia Rugby Football Club be granted a 25% rate remission for the 2009/2010 financial year.

3. Mountain Valley School Founders Trust

The trust falls within the promotion of arts, recreation, health or education category of Council's rate remission policy.

The trust currently service two play groups (Mountain Valley Playgroup and Iti Kahurangi). In addition to this Mountain Valley School is an independent registered primary school, which has temporarily ceased operating and are in the process of upgrading the educational facilities to improve spaces for courses and workshops etc.

The other activities of the trust include hosting of school holiday programmes, courses and workshops e.g. Children's Art, Flax weaving.

Current membership is listed as 20 families.

The proposed rates for the 2009/2010 year for this property are: \$1489.40.

Comparable organisations undertaking similar type activities that already receive a remission include Bridge Valley Christian Trust and Teapot Valley Christian Camp.

Recommendation

That Mountain Valley School Founders Trust be granted a 50% rate remission for the 2009/2010 financial year.

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