

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair & Members, Corporate Services Committee
FROM: Murray Staite
DATE: 18 September 2008
SUBJECT: **Rate Remission Aorere Hall 2007/2008**

Purpose

To consider a late rate remission application for the Aorere Hall.

Background

Aorere Hall has applied for a rates remission for the 2007/2008 year. For various reasons noted on the attached letter, no application was made in time for the rating year in question. The rate remission, if applied for and granted by Council, would have amounted to \$788.10.

Discussion

Council's policy on Remissions for Sporting, Recreation or Community Organisations requires applications for such a remission to be made prior to commencement of the rating year and notes applications will not be backdated.

Council policy is clear and despite the circumstances, it would, in my view, be inappropriate to grant a rate remission outside Council Policy. However, after discussing the matter with Community Services Manager Lloyd Kennedy, it has been suggested that a grant up to a maximum of \$1,000 could be given from the Halls and Reserve Management Committee account. This account is not yet fully allocated for the 2008/2009 year, so sufficient funds are available.

Recommendation

That the application by the Aorere Hall for a rates remission for the 2007/2008 year be declined.

That \$788.10 be allocated to the Aorere Hall from the Halls and Reserve Management Committee account.

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