

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Rodney and Hibiscus Coast Subdivision Local Board Funding Sub Committee will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 October 2014  
**Time:** 2.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Council Chamber  
**Venue:** Orewa Service Centre  
50 Centreway Road  
Orewa

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## **Rodney and Hibiscus Coast Subdivision Local Board Funding Sub Committee OPEN ADDENDUM AGENDA**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Chairperson** Janet Fitzgerald, JP  
**Deputy Chairperson** Brenda Steele  
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## Te Awaroa Youth Club request for change of purpose to grant

File No.: CP2014/23827

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to request that the Rodney and Hibiscus Coast Subdivision Local Board Funding Subcommittee consider a change of purpose to a grant allocated to the Te Awaroa Youth Club in November 2012.

### Executive summary

2. In November 2012, the Te Awaroa Youth Club was granted \$10,000 from the Rodney and Hibiscus Coast Subdivision Local Board Funding Subcommittee towards the Youth Vision development tool, to provide disadvantaged youth with constructive ways to address and better their situations.
3. On 10 February 2014, a letter was received by the Rodney Local Board chairperson to request the reallocation of the \$10,000 to be used to cover an increase of \$600 in rent, per week, in their current location; 10 Awaroa Road, Helensville.

### Recommendation/s

That the Rodney and Hibiscus Coast Subdivision Local Board Funding Sub Committee:

- a) approve the request from Te Awaroa Youth Club for a change to the purpose of a grant of \$10,000 (allocated to the youth vision development tool, which provides disadvantaged youth with constructive ways to address and better their situations) to be reallocated to rent, at 10 Awaroa Road, Helensville, between March 2014 to March 2015.

### Comments

4. On 16 November 2012, the Rodney and Hibiscus Coast Subdivision Local Board Funding Subcommittee resolved to grant \$10,000 to the Te Awaroa Youth Club towards the Youth Vision development tool, which provides disadvantaged youth with constructive ways to address and better their situations (RHBF/2012/6).
5. The funding awarded for the Youth Vision development tool was to be spent between November 2012 to November 2013. Te Awaroa Youth Club (the club) uplifted the funding of \$10,000 on 21 February 2013.
6. Subsequently, a request in writing, was received on 10 February 2014, from the manager of the Te Awaroa Youth Club, advising the subcommittee that they were seeking a reallocation of this grant (see Attachment A).
7. The club advised that they were no longer able to deliver the Youth Vision development programme due to a lack of support for the programme.
8. The club are therefore seeking approval to reallocate this grant, to cover the \$600 per week increase in rent, at their current location; 10 Awaroa Road, Helensville between March 2014 to March 2015.

## Consideration

### Local board views and implications

9. Local board feedback on the request for change of purpose was sought at a workshop with the Rodney and Hibiscus Coast Subdivision Local Board Funding Subcommittee on 14 October 2014.

### Māori impact statement

10. Community Funding is a general programme of interest and accessible to a wide range of groups, including Maori. Maori are therefore likely to benefit alongside other groups in the community.

## Implementation

11. Following the decision made, Community Development, Arts and Culture will notify the applicant of the subcommittee decision.

## Attachments

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## Signatories

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Attention Brenda Steele

To our fabulous Rodney Local Board Councillors

The purpose of this letter is to request reallocation of the \$10,000 you allocated to the Youth Vision project to operation costs namely rent. Although we got additional funding through the 'Mayor's fund for Youth' to run the employment training programme, we sadly also had to transfer those funds due to a lack of support for the programme.

You may be aware of the communication to the council from Hans Van Duyn (Sr) (my father in law), attempting to encourage the council to fund the rent of the youth club. I have not been a part of those letters. I have always been grateful for the funds you have offered us over the last 10 yrs. I too received a letter from Mr Van Duyn, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, informing me that the youth club rent will be increased to \$600 a week as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014. I am currently trying to get rent appraisals done to see if that is a fair amount to be paying for the youth club premises. I am concerned that if we do not pay it, we will be evicted which is a real possibility and not at all desirable.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our community as there are many aspects of my job that still excite and inspire me.

One such programme is our annual youth summer camp which is held late January. I should probably consider calling it the annual cyclone camp as this year we faced our third cyclone which again was intent on hitting Higham's beach head on.

Luckily our camp is known to be action packed with the whole week designed to push participants both physically and mentally through survivor style activities. Therefore the cyclone more or less blended into the atmosphere of our competitive camp environment.

Feedback from many contestants/participants was it was the best camp yet. They enjoyed the new challenge of the AMAZING RACE which took the four teams over a large portion of hill country in search of their next clue, inclusive of hiking up a steep historic Maori Pa (where seafood shells of generations ago can still be found). Once up top they had to complete a riddle and find a clue by turning over country pancakes. Sadly one team read the instructions wrong and spent an hour dismembering every cow patting below the Pa. I must admit

watching them from my distant secret location was probably just as frustrating. I was really proud of their perseverance and team camaraderie.

Despite almost everyone feeling the strain of aching muscles after the 4 hour long journey, all were excited about their achievement with comments such as, "if anyone had told me I would do that race I would have said there is no way, but looking back at where we went and what we did makes me feel I can do more in my life".

Although I create the games each year to enhance varying strengths such as patience, persistence, team building and confidence.....it never ceases to amaze me how these games truly do their intended job as well as provide an element of joy. What is weird is many of the games are actually very hard and rather excruciating to watch let alone play but somehow the youth and adult leaders have a lot of fun and by the end of the week although all involved are sleep deprived and physically exhausted, they are also all energised with increased confidence and awareness.

It is this fresh appreciation for themselves, each other and their families that drives me to reapply for funds to plan their next adventure. Just like the kids themselves, I too wish they didn't have to wait so long before their next camp.

I want to thank you for making it possible.

Warm regards

Heidi Van Duyn  
Manager  
Te Awaroa Youth Club