

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** The Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community Services Manager  
**DATE:** 14 October 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Maruia Hall Funding Request

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### **PURPOSE**

To advise the Committee of the above request and to suggest an appropriate grant from this Council.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Maruia Hall is in the Buller District however Tasman District Council recognised that it is used by ratepayers of both Districts when a grant of \$75,000 was provided towards the new hall in 2005/06. This was funded from the Facilities Rate.

An application has now been received from the Maruia Hall Board for assistance with the funding of the grounds work which includes the drainage, getting the area ready for sealing, kerbing and forming the car park so as to make the complex completely maintenance free.

The cost of this work is estimated to be \$52,000 (excluding GST) and Buller District Council has agreed to pay one third of this. The Board have applications in at Lotteries and other Trusts.

### **DISCUSSION**

As over 20% of the users come from Tasman District Council it would seem appropriate that a contribution is made to the project. This could be funded from Waimea/Lakes/Murchison Reserve Financial Contributions which is estimated to have a credit balance of close to \$400,000 as at 30 June 2009.

It also needs to be recognised that this application has been received after the 2008/09 Annual Plan has been adopted, however this would not stop Council making a contribution from Reserve Financial Contributions if they so wished.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Resolve to not make a contribution to the ground works.
2. Agree to make a financial contribution from the Waimea/Lakes/Murchison Reserve Financial Contributions Account.
3. Agree to include such a contribution in the draft LTCCP so that the funds would be available in 2009/10.

Note: This work is programmed for completion within the current financial year.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That a financial contribution of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 be made to the Maruia Hall Board towards their ground works with this being funded from the Waimea/Lakes/Murchison Reserve Financial Contributions Account within the current financial year.

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