

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair & Members, Corporate Services Committee

**FROM:** Murray Staite

**DATE:** 14 January 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Rate Remission Puramahoi Hall 2007/2008 and 2008/2009**

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## **Purpose**

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

## **Background**

Puramahoi Hall has now applied for a rates remission for the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 years. For reasons noted in the attached letter, no application was made in time for the rating years in question. The rate remission, if applied for and granted by Council, would have amounted to \$744.20 for the 2007/2008 year and \$832.00 for the 2008/2009 year.

## **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 \$1,600 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 Puramahoi Hall for a rates remission for the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 years be declined.**

**That \$1,576.20 be allocated to the Puramahoi Hall from the Halls and Reserve Management Committee account.**

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