

Report No.	19-161
Decision Required	

THE PAT KELLY ENVIROSCHOOLS ACTION FUND

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This item is to rename the Enviroschools Action Fund to the Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Horizons Regional Council facilitates the regional coordination of the Enviroschools programme - a national behaviour change programme aiming to create a generation of young people who think and act sustainably.
- 2.2. There are 64 Enviroschools across the Horizons Region, from early childhood education through to the primary and secondary sectors.
- 2.3. Over the past two years we have supported Enviroschool projects with a contestable fund called the Enviroschools Action Fund.
- 2.4. Former Councillor Pat Kelly was a huge supporter of the Enviroschools programme and attended many Enviroschools events when he could. In memory of his support for the programme, it is proposed to rename the current Enviroschools Action Fund to the Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund and to increase the amount available from \$5,000 to \$7,000 per annum for its first two years.

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3.1. Enviroschools are highly engaged in a wide range of environmental actions and sustainability practices such as waste, biodiversity, transport and social justice.
- 3.2. Although many have innovative ways to raise money to contribute to project costs, some projects may require a little more input.
- 3.3. Where possible we direct Enviroschools to our Community Grants programme for funding projects. However, many of their projects are not eligible for Community Grants as not all projects meet the criteria.
- 3.4. To fill this void, for the past two years, \$5,000 from the Environmental Education budget has been dedicated to providing potential financial support to these projects.
- 3.5. In return, each successful recipient provides a short report on how the funding has helped to capture student learning, and to undertake a project evaluation including providing photos to help promote the fund and show Enviroschools in action.
- 3.6. In its initial two years it is proposed that \$7,000 is allocated to the Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund, providing an opportunity for an Enviroschool in each district to be a potential recipient.
- 3.7. Following two years of the Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund running, it is proposed to review the fund and amount made available in the 2022-32 Long-term Plan.
- 3.8. The Media and Communications Manager has spoken with former Cr Kelly's wife who is supportive of the proposal to rename the Enviroschools Action Fund to the Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund.

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-161;
- b. agrees to rename the Enviroschools Action Fund to the Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund;
- c. agrees to support the Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund at \$7,000 for 2019-20 and 2020-21;
- d. agrees to review the grant allocation for this fund in the 2022-32 Long-term Plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5.1. In addition to the \$5,000 from the Environmental Education budget, a further \$2,000 will come from the Communications budget to fund this grant for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 with consideration of an increase in allocation in the 2022-32 Long-term Plan.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 6.1. The Environmental Educator has already socialised this proposal with all Enviroschools and Facilitators in the region. The schools/centres will be contacted again with ways in which they can apply for the fund, with the intent to allocate by the start of Term One 2020.

7. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 7.1. Nil.

8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1. In 2018-2019, the Enviroschools Action Fund had a focus for the Palmerston North Enviroschools and supported the following projects; Monrad Intermediate School purchased fruit trees to set up their own orchard; Palmerston North Girls High School used the funding towards a new glasshouse; Ross Intermediate School have purchased two worm farms to tackle their food scrap waste, and; Freyberg High School have brought recycling bins to action their waste streams.
- 8.2. The fund will be open to all districts in our region.

9. TIMELINE / NEXT STEPS

- 9.1. This funding will be spent by 30 June 2020, with reporting required by the Enviroschools by the end of the school year.

10. SIGNIFICANCE

- 10.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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ANNEXES

There are no attachments for this report.