

13.1 Thomas Hobson Trust Applications**Author:** Naomi Scott, Community Funding Advisor**Authoriser:** Beth Stewart, Group Manager Community Services

Section under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in s48(1)(a)(i) of the <i>Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</i> .
Sub-clause and Reason:	s7(2)(a) and s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons and The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
Plain English Reason:	To protect a person's privacy, including the privacy of deceased persons and To protect commercially sensitive information.

Recommendation

That the Thomas Hobson Trust Fund Applications (as set out in the table below) are received and considered, and a recommendation to approve or decline the applications be made to the Public Trust.

Name	Amount Requested	Project
Geraldine Amateur Athletics Club	\$5,680.00	Run up turf for long jump
The Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Charitable Trust	\$2,216.00	Fleece tops for youth attending activities
Geraldine Historical Society Incorporated	\$1,651.00	The purchase of new chairs
Cancer Society	\$10,000.00	Support services
The Order of St John	\$10,000.00	Replacement of community AED's
Road Safety Education Limited	\$2,100.00	Delivery of the RYDA Road Safety Programme for high school children
Royal New Zealand Plunket Mid South Canterbury	\$700.00	Plunket Services
Orari Equestrian Centre	\$5,095.00	Roof for toilets

	Total requested	\$36,742.40	
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Purpose of Report

1. To present the Thomas Hobson Trust fund applications to the Geraldine Community Board to consider and make a recommendation to approve or decline the applications to the Public Trust.

Assessment of Significance

2. The content in this report has been assessed as low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This has been determined against the assessment criteria with a specific focus on the impact on the number of people affected, the degree that people may be impacted, community interest, financing and rating impact, and impact on wellbeing.

Background

3. The Thomas Hobson Trust was established under the will of the late Thomas Hobson. Hobson died in 1907, and following his death, the Trust was established and has been providing funds to the community for over 100 years. The Trust was established to provide grants to organisations within the district of the former Geraldine County. With a re-designation of boundaries, the Trust now covers areas within the Temuka and Geraldine Wards.
4. Grants can be made towards projects that are both public and charitable in character. This means that the organisation must be a not-for-profit organisation, including schools and other charities, and the project for which a grant is made must be freely available to the public at all times without charge. Grants will not be made to organisations that only benefit a few people. In this context, sports clubs are not charitable organisations.
5. It is the role of the Council, in consultation with the District Public Trustee, to determine whether or not any project qualifies as being charitable and public.
6. In the main, projects should be confined to works which are of a capital nature (new works, extensions, improvements etc.) and not works which are met from normal expenditures such as maintenance and repairs to existing facilities or amenities. Organisations applying for grants for capital projects must ensure that any fundraising towards the cost of the project is well advanced before an application is made. Grants cannot be made from the Trust unless the fundraising has advanced to the stage where the project will definitely proceed.
7. Some of the applications are applying for funding across both the Temuka and Geraldine Wards.

Discussion

8. Funding rounds occur once per annum, with the quantum of funding varying each year on review by the Trust. The 2024 funding round for the Thomas Hobson Trust has a total of \$25,000.00 allocation for distribution across eligible projects.
9. Seven applications have been received and are available for consideration. These are as follows:

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10. Copies of the applications are attached.

Options

11. The Community Board may:

- a) Recommend an application be approved by the Trust
- b) Recommend an application be declined by the Trust

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

12. The Thomas Hobson Trust criteria are listed in this report's Discussion section.

Financial and Funding Implications

13. Funds available for the Thomas Hobson Trust 2024 are:

- Geraldine Account \$25,000.00

Attachments

1. **Geraldine Amateur Athletics Club**
2. **The Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Charitable Trust**
3. **Geraldine Historical Society Incorporated**

- 4. Cancer Society**
- 5. The Order of St John**
- 6. Road Safety Education Limited**
- 7. Orari Equestrian Centre**
- 8. Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust Mid South Canterbury**