

**3. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 20 OCTOBER 1999 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20 October 1999.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing, Mary Corbett, Alison Wilkie, Paddy Austin and Mike Mora.

In attendance were Jane Mulholland (Community Recreation Adviser) and Roger Cave (Community Secretary).

1. School Holiday Programmes – September/October 1999

The Committee received an extensive report from the Community Recreation Adviser (Jane Mulholland) on the school holiday programmes delivered by the Recreation and Arts team of the Leisure Unit over the September/October 1999 school holidays.

School holiday programmes provide quality, safe, recreation experiences for children. Longer term, school holiday programmes teach children lifelong leisure habits and help them to learn about the activities and groups in their local communities. Holiday programmes are also an important community service to Christchurch families.

The Recreation and Arts Team, Leisure Unit, delivered five programmes. Two of the five holiday programmes were Board funded, with the remainder being subsidised by the Leisure Unit. Details of all programmes are as follows:

Sockburn Primary School

One week programme catering for 45 children aged 5 – 10 years.

All children attending came from the local community, with 41% of children coming from the host school.

Wharenui Primary School

One week programme catering for 30 children aged 5 – 9 years.

All children attending came from the Wharenui School. Wharenui Funtime was an OSCAR Development Corporation programme, subsidised by the Leisure Unit. ODC is the programme delivery arm of the OSCAR Network. The OSCAR Network is the professional, advisory body to which most Christchurch holiday or after school programme providers belong. ODC had full responsibility for the management and planning of the programme

Hei Hei Community Centre

One week programme catering for 55 children aged 5 – 10 years.

Hei Hei Hawks was a YMCA programme, subsidised by the Leisure Unit. The YMCA had full responsibility for the management and planning of the programme.

Riccarton Primary School.

One week programme catering for 40 children aged 5 – 10 years.

Riccarton Rippers was a YMCA programme, subsidised by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. The YMCA had full responsibility for the management and planning of the programme.

Hornby Primary School.

One week programme catering for 25 children aged 5 – 10 years.

Awesome Autumn was a Hornby After School Programme (HASP) programme, subsidised by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. HASP had full responsibility for the management and planning of the programme, including taking all enrolments.

The Recreation and Arts Team tries where possible to empower local community groups to provide programmes in their area. If this is not possible, the Team may use a metropolitan provider such as the YMCA or the ODC, or provide a programme itself if parents cannot afford to pay full fees. This approach provides a range of choices for parents and children and ensures no-one “misses out”.

Evaluation forms were distributed to parents and children on the holiday programmes, all of which resulted in positive feedback. Parents were especially positive regarding the programme supervisors, staff, the activities provided for their children and the excellent care which their children received.

In the Riccarton/Wigram area each holiday programme fills within hours of registrations opening. The Recreation and Arts Team is currently trying to ascertain the demand for further programmes and the most effective method(s) of catering for this.

2. Civic Award Nominations

The Community Board at its meeting held on 6 October 1999 gave this committee “power to act” in receiving the two nominations; the committee endorsed the nominations.

3. “What’s the Big Idea” Projects

This proposal was devised by the Children’s Advocate to encourage school children to find creative ways to strengthen their community.

There were four projects received by the Board, three from Middleton Grange School and one from Kirkwood Intermediate School.

The Committee **decided** to invite the Children’s Advocate and Youth Advocate to its next meeting (17 November) to discuss what the Board can do to ‘advance’ these projects.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the report be received.