

16. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 2001

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Board with a summary of Burwood/Pegasus events during Neighbourhood Week.

SOCIAL WELLBEING OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES

This project meets the Social Wellbeing Policy outcome that "People participate in community life and have a sense of belonging and identity" and the policy priority to "Enhance community participation".

BACKGROUND AND ADVERTISING

Neighbourhood Week was a citywide project. A number of events took place during the official period 27 October to 3 November 2001. One event sponsored by the Board was deferred until 2 December 2001.

The community was notified of this opportunity by promotion in the Pegasus Post, a mail out to all Neighbourhood Support Groups and Residents' Associations, radio advertising, posters displayed in prominent sites and promotion in the City Scene, including a colouring competition for children. Twenty-three entries for the colouring competition were received in Burwood/Pegasus.

FUNDING

The Community Board allocated a budget of \$1,250 for this project.

Telstra Saturn also offered to sponsor an event to a limit of \$500. A budget was calculated and submitted to Telstra Saturn for a group walk and sausage sizzle and they agreed to meet the cost of \$280.50.

Total amount allocated	\$1,530.50
Total expenditure	\$984.03

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

It is worth noting that only six events were held locally which were funded by the Community Board, four in the Burwood ward and two in Pegasus. All events were provided with balloons and rubbish bags.

The event sponsored by Telstra Saturn was a walk through Travis Wetland which ended with a sausage sizzle in Clarevale Reserve.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

In the majority of local neighbourhood events groups were allocated \$50 towards their expenses and most were barbecue/afternoon tea gatherings.

Reginald Street		Twelve households gathered for afternoon tea.
Dallington Association	Residents'	Hired a skip for rubbish collection in the area and had a sausage sizzle.
Nevis Place		Neighbourhood barbecue and fireworks for the children.
Travis Country Drive		Held a street party, provided their own balloons and a lolly scramble for the children.
Blue Gum Place		Bought balloons and sweets for children attending a street party/barbecue.
Ardrossan Street		Neighbours gathered for afternoon tea.

Telstra Saturn sponsored Walk and Sausage Sizzle Despite damp conditions approximately 40 people participated and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

SUMMARY

There is no apparent reason for reduced requests to sponsor events even though advertising and mailing to groups was extensive. The people who did take part were appreciative of the opportunity and enjoyed the events they organised.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the unexpended funds of \$546 allocated to Neighbourhood Week 2001 be returned to the Discretionary fund for reallocation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.