

11. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 12 JUNE 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2002.

The meeting was attended by Peter Laloli (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Bob Shearing, Mike Mora and Ishwar Ganda.

An apology was received from Martin Maguire (Community Advocate).

**1. HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT**

The Community Recreation Adviser (Jacqui Leask) informed the Committee of the seven school holiday programmes delivered within the Riccarton/Wigram Wards from September/October 2001 to May 2002.

They were:

'Riccarton Rippers' based at Riccarton Primary school, a YMCA programme subsidised by the Board for 5 – 10 year olds

'Hornby After School Programme – Holiday Programme' based at Hornby Primary School funded by the Board for 5 – 11 year olds

'Hei Hei Hoppers' based at Hornby Primary School funded by the CCC Leisure Unit for 5 – 10 year olds

'Sockburn Supersonics' based at Sockburn Primary School funded by the CCC Leisure Unit for 5 – 10 year olds

'Hornby Youth' based at Branston Intermediate School funded by the Board for 10 – 13 year olds

'Wharenui ODC' based at Wharenui School funded by the Leisure Unit for 5 – 12 year olds

'Hillary Crescent Development Project' based at the Waimairi Community Centre, two programmes, one for 5-11 year olds and one for 11-17 year olds

It was noted that the number of parents choosing to access the WINZ Oscar subsidy was increasing. This was due to increased promotion of the service through Work and Income New Zealand and the Christchurch City Council.

Concern was expressed at the present booking system, which saw parents/caregivers/children queuing outside the Sockburn Service Centre at 8am to secure places on the programme. It was suggested that a Ballot System of booking could be used.

The Community Recreation Adviser reported that a telephone booking system managed through the Leisure Unit Call Centre was at present being trialled at several locations and could be available for the September/October Holiday Programmes.

The Committee **received** the Holiday Programme Report.

**2. HORNBY TOY LIBRARY**

A request was received from the Hornby Toy Library for funding towards the cost of a new building to be built at the Sockburn Primary School.

The Hornby Toy Library is at present located at 12 Wycola Avenue, adjacent to the Hei Hei Community Centre in a concrete block, Christchurch City Council owned building of approximately 52 m<sup>2</sup>.

Having had up to 95 families as members space for storage of toys had become an issue, especially with the greater demand for items from the library's "Big Toy" collection, ride on toys etc. Space is an issue as it affects the library's ability to provide what the customer wants. Lack of space therefore means fewer members, fewer members in turn less income, less income fewer toys, etc etc, a downward trend.

It is anticipated that a purpose built unit from Versatile Garages would cost \$33,000 to erect, line and insulate. The Committee was working on bringing the cost down by seeking sponsorship for some internal materials. Funding was also being applied for from other sources.

It was noted that the Community Board at the 5 June meeting had agreed to had signal to the Property Manager an interest in the South Hornby Pre School building (now surplus) for possible occupancy by the Toy Library. Ideally the building would stay at its current site but this will require the agreement of the School and the Toy Library Committee.

Further discussions were to be held with the Hornby Toy Library, South Hornby Primary School and the Property Unit.

It was **agreed** that a letter be written to the Property Unit strongly signalling the Board's desire to retain the Wycola Avenue building and South Hornby Pre School building for future community use within the Board area.

The Community Board at their meeting on Wednesday 5 June 2002 granted the Community Services Committee "Power to Act" to consider the allocation of Community Initiatives Fund monies to the purchase of a building for the Hornby Toy Library.

The Committee **resolved** to grant up to a maximum of \$14,300 from the Community Initiatives Fund 2001/02 to the Hornby Toy Library building purchase subject to the outcome of the Board's bid to secure the South Hornby Pre School building for the Hornby Toy Library's use.

### **3. COMMUNITY HEALTH/QUALITY OF LIFE PROJECT BROOMFIELD/HEI HEI/NORTH HORNBY**

The Community Board had allocated \$30,000 from the 2002/03 budget for the Community Health/Quality of Life Project – Broomfield/Hei Hei/North Hornby. The Advocacy Team sought a further \$10,000 from the current budget to enable an in depth participatory needs analysis to be undertaken in the areas identified.

The Community Board at their meeting on Wednesday 5 June 2002 granted the Community Services Committee "Power to Act" to consider the allocation of Community Initiatives Fund monies to the Community Health/Quality of Life Project – Broomfield/Hei Hei/North Hornby.

The Committee **resolved** to grant \$10,000 from the 2001/2002 Community Initiatives Fund to enable a Participatory Needs Analysis to be carried out for the Community Health/Quality of Life Project – Broomfield/Hei Hei/North Hornby.

### **4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME**

This scheme is to provide financial assistance for the development of young people aged between 13 and 25 years of age living in either of the two wards. It was reported that \$1,770 was available in the current financial year's budget for allocation which ends on the 30 June 2002.

As the next meeting of the Community Services Committee was after the end of the current financial year "Power to Act" by the Committee Chairperson and Advocacy Team in the allocation of remaining funds was requested.

The Committee **resolved** that the Committee Chairperson and Advocacy Team be given "Power to Act" in the allocation of funds remaining in the 2001/2002 Youth Development Grant Scheme.

### **5. YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD SCHEME**

At the August 2001 meeting of the Committee it was decided to establish a separate Youth Community Service Award Scheme similar to the current Community Service Award Scheme to recognise the voluntary work of young people aged 25 years and under.

It was **agreed** (on the casting vote of the Committee Chairperson) that the awards be made to the recipients at the place of their voluntary work by the Board Chairperson and Community Services Committee Chairperson as a trial this year. This scheme would be run in September/October.

It was noted that at present provision of \$6,500 was made in the Advocacy Team budget for the running of the Community Service Award Scheme and the Youth Development Grant Scheme, made up of \$4,700 for Youth Development Grants, \$800 Community Service Award Scheme and \$1,000 for the advertising of these schemes. The fund would need to be increased to \$7,500 to cover the Youth Community Service Award Scheme.

**Recommendation:** That \$7,500 be allocated from the Board's Community Initiatives Fund 2002/03 to run the Board's Community Services Award, Youth Community Service Award and Youth Development Grant Schemes.

**6. ONGOING ISSUES**

- Community Facilities
- Neighbourhood Week 26 October – 1 November

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- Wednesday 10 July 2002

**Chairpersons**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received.
  2. That \$7,500 be allocated from the Board's Community Initiatives Fund 2002/03 to run the Board's Community Services Award, Youth Community Service Award and Youth Development Grant Schemes.