

14. SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS - 2001/02

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of participation in Council recreation programmes/events delivered by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Recreation Advisers, Christchurch City Council Leisure, over the summer period (November 2001 - April 2002).

BACKGROUND

These recreation programmes/events were offered to local residents (in particular children, youth and families) and took place at local parks and community facilities. While some of the programmes and events are managed 'hands on' by the Community Recreation Advisers, several are contracted to or run in partnership with community groups.

Most of the funding for these community events and a significant percentage of holiday programme funding is allocated to the Community Recreation Advisers from Community Board Project Funding. The Board is a significant supporter of local recreation programmes and events.

Note that the participation statistics below do not include the Community Recreation Advisers' ongoing activities (for example, weekly youth activities such as the Parklands Energisers youth programme, etc), which are run throughout the year.

BENEFITS

The community events run by the Community Recreation Advisers create a sense of local community spirit, ensuring that people come together and become more aware of what their community has to offer. They also provide opportunities for local groups to improve their profile, gain new members and fundraise for projects.

Overall these events complement and extend the Council's 'SummerTimes' festival, bringing smaller events to local communities.

Holiday programmes staged around the Christmas period can provide significant relief for working parents, particularly before Christmas. They are also a great way of providing fun, cooperative and creative recreation for children towards the end of the long school holiday period.

PARTICIPATION STATISTICS - SUMMER 2000/01

Holiday Programmes

These focussed on recreational activities such as trips to local attractions, art and crafts and outdoor adventure activities on local parks. Included in these statistics is the SK8 workshop provided for teenagers interested in skating/rollerblading.



Holiday programme visiting Bottle Lake Forest Park

Attendance	Burwood/Pegasus
176	Parklands Pandemonium
144	Wainoni/Aranui Funnybones
62	North New Brighton Holiday Programme
61	QEII Youth Programme (11-14 years)
	Please note that during January these programmes are staged for one week only.
443(total)	Sunrise New Brighton Sunrise South New Brighton Sunrise North New Brighton
	Please note that these programmes are not staged during January holidays.

Community Events

These events provide residents with an opportunity to participate in local recreation activities and foster a sense of belonging within communities.



Beach Blast community event



Children enjoying Bottle Lake Forest Park

872(total)

Carols in the Community
(5 events):
Parklands Reserve
Wainoni Park
South New Brighton Domain
New Brighton at
Collingwood House
Horseshoe Lake Reserve

160

Beach Blast

500

Family Fishing Day

400

Seaside Sounds

621

Citywide events held in the Burwood/Pegasus area, and managed by Recreation and Arts Team

Bottle Lake Family
Orienteering Day (run in conjunction with Peninsula and Plains Orienteers)

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Kids Play - Burwood Park.

Please note this event was once again cancelled due to bad weather.

PROMOTION

Events were promoted through school newsletters, community newspaper advertisements, posters, media releases, community radio and through the Summertimes Events Calendar.

COMMENTS

Once again holiday programmes for the 5-12 year age group proved to be extremely popular with the community. Over the summer period the Recreation and Arts Team worked with other organisations to provide superior activities which also develop sound life and leisure skills for this age group. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Recreation Advisers are continuing to identify and work with community groups in the local area to provide holiday programmes. This approach recognises and reinforces the important work of organisations such as the Youth Alive Trust, Agape Ministries and North New Brighton Out of School Care Trust.

A new youth programme was trialled based at QEII. This programme was successful and is also being run in April 2002. Activities available ranged from snorkelling, kayaking, water basketball, kite flying, Mini Olympics and culminated with a barbeque.

There has been a marked increase in the number of events/programmes that have been organised in conjunction with community groups. This partnership empowers local community groups to become involved in delivering local events and programmes, with advisory support from the Community Recreation Advisers. Partnerships over the summer have included Powerhouse Youth Ministries with the Family Fishing Day, and the Parklands Baptist Community Church and the New Brighton and Horseshoe Lake Residents' Associations on the Carols in the Community events. It is noted that there have been approaches by two other Residents' Associations to also provide carols in their community.

Evaluations of these programmes/events show people have a sense of “ownership” of what is happening in their local areas. They enjoy socialising with members of their own communities and by staging these events locally there are no transport barriers to participation. An event that proved very successful this year was the Beach Blast originally called Beach Tri. The renaming of this event provided an opportunity to change the concept, with the focus being on fun with a beach theme, aimed particularly at young people between the age of 5-12 years. Opportunities offered included surf life saving activities, surfing, kayaking, beach volleyball, cricket, touch and sand sculpturing, with music played continually throughout the event, provided by Tahu FM.

VOLUNTEER INPUT

It is important to mention the number of volunteers who have put hours into the staging of community events and recreational programmes throughout the Burwood/Pegasus wards during this period of time.

Without the significant help of these people these events /programmes would not be staged. The following outlines in detail the groups involved in each event:

Programming

Childrens' and Youth Holiday Programmes: 18 volunteers over a two week period

Community Events

Carols in the Community: Residents' Associations include, Horseshoe Lake, New Brighton, Wainoni Aranui, and Parklands Baptist Church.

Beach Blast: A team of 10 young people, North Beach Surf Life Saving

Family Fishing Day: Powerhouse Youth Ministries

Seaside Sounds: Youth for Christ (team of 10), Youth Alive Trust (team of 5)

Bottle Lake Forest Park Orienteering Day: Peninsula and Plains Orienteers (team of 37 volunteers)

Christchurch City Council Leisure would like to acknowledge and thank these organisations and people, for their wonderful support and commitment of community programmes and events this year.

SUMMARY

Community events provide an opportunity for children, youth and families to participate in activities at their local parks, malls, and facilities and to learn more about available local activities. Holiday programmes provide a safe environment for the children and enable them to develop social and leisure skills. Promoting a healthy, happy community is a top priority for the Recreation and Arts Team.

These events and programmes are managed either “hands on” by the Community Recreation Advisers, or by community groups with advisory assistance from the Community Recreation Advisers. Either way, the success of these events relies on partnerships with community groups.

However, the amount of work involved in the planning, delivery and evaluation of events has seen some community groups withdraw from a management role. Part of the ongoing role of the Community Recreation Advisers is to support, resource and train groups keen to deliver events and programmes in their local areas. The Recreation and Arts Team are focussing on developing an Events Management and health and Safety booklet and training package for community groups who are involved in staging programmes or events. These booklets will cover all planning and safety aspects of a programme or event.

These events and programmes would also not be possible without the significant support received from the Board. The Recreation and Arts Team would like to thank the Board for its ongoing support.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board seek an extension to the Buskers Festival to include New Brighton.