

8. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 10 APRIL 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 April 2002.

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

An apology was received from Mike Mora.

1. RICCARTON COMMUNITY CHURCH – I Y F FUNDING REQUEST

A request had been received from Riccarton Community Church for a grant of \$4,000 towards the I Y F Youth Programmes based at the Church.

Marty Emmett, Leader of I Y F, was present to answer member's questions.

It was reported that the I Y F programmes compliment and build on the other Riccarton youth services. They provided valuable follow-up to the Community Development Network Trust's camps and Underage Rages. The Thursday night programme provided a weekly opportunity for these young people to get support and they also linked in with families, schools and social workers where appropriate.

The Advocacy Team supported this holistic approach to the well being of youth – most of whom are not church members, many of who are local Riccarton and Hornby youth and a percentage of who are at risk.

Recommendation: That \$4,000 be granted to I Y F from the Board's 2001/02 Youth Initiatives Fund, for sponsoring Riccarton/Wigram youth on camps and towards leader training with provision for further funding of up to \$900 available to I Y F to cover any shortfall from the camps.

2. GARDEN GALA

The Community Recreation Adviser reported on "Garden Gala" an event staged at Riccarton House on Friday 8th March for older adults. The Board provided \$3,000 towards the event with the Leisure Unit contributing \$1,500. An estimated 500 older adults attended this event.

With over 20 local community groups promoting their various activities, this event offered the chance to try new activities and learn more about groups/activities in the area. The Oaken Spirit cultural group, Riccarton Players, Riccarton Highland Pipe Band Society and Neville Barrie, provided entertainment between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

By staging this event at Riccarton House it also promoted one of Christchurch's most historic building and surroundings.

\$4,000 had been allocated in the Events Budget for the 2003 event.

The Committee congratulated Jacqui Leask (Community Recreation Adviser) on a well-run event.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board supports the Garden Gala event for older adults in 2003 at Riccarton House.
 2. That the Board underwrite up to \$1,000 to allow for the expansion of the Garden Gala event and to cover any shortfall.
 3. That a letter of thanks be sent to the Riccarton Bush Trust and that the Trust be invited to make a contribution towards the 2003 Garden Gala event.

3. HORNBY YOUTH WORKER EVALUATION

The Community Development Adviser requested funding of \$5,000 to enable an independent evaluation of the Hornby Youth Worker Project to be carried out by independent researcher, Phillipa Aimer, to ascertain the Project's implementation and impact. The evaluation had multiple purposes –

- Improvement – to gather information to improve the project and service
- Effectiveness – to identify the components and initiatives which are working most effectively
- Transferability – to document the project so aspects of it can be used in other locations, if appropriate
- Accountability – to demonstrate the project and service has been implemented and achieving outcomes as intended.

The Hornby Youth Worker Project was the result of research undertaken by the Health Research Service (Dr Ray Kirk) on the needs of youth in the Riccarton/Wigram wards. The Community Development Network Trust (CDN) were contracted to manage this project and employed Lael Schwartfeger in 1997 to facilitate and promote positive opportunities for young people in the Hornby area. The Board allocates \$50,000 per annum to this project.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$5,000 from the Youth Initiatives Project Funds (2001/02) towards the cost of an independent evaluation of the Hornby Youth Worker Project.

4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Members **received** a certificate of appreciation award from the Christchurch Children's Holiday Camps Trust for the support given by the Board in making grants available to allow local children to attend Holiday Camps.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK – 26 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2002

Members **received** a report from the Neighbourhood Week Joint Board Committee.

6. YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD SCHEME

Held over to next meeting.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

The Committee **endorsed** the roles and functions as outlined by the Community Advocate.

8. OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMME FORUM

The Committee was reminded of the Board's March recommendation to host a discussion with the Minister of Education and Opposition Spokesperson for Education on the topic of out of school funding. It has come to light that the Chair of Community and Leisure Committee had requested a similar forum on the topics of Project Early and Out of School Programmes.

It could be more efficient to work with the Community and Leisure Committee to co-host the forum.

Recommendation: That staff and Councillor Ishwar Ganda meet with the Chair of Community and Leisure Committee to consider co-hosting the forum on Project Early and Out of School Programmes.

9. ONGOING ISSUES

- Community Facilities – Templeton Centre's expected opening date is 30 October 2002.
- Youth Community Service Award Scheme

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday 15th May

Chairpersons**Recommendations:**

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