

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Kimihia Adventure Programme – Letter of Appreciation

The following letter of appreciation has been received from Graeme Newton, on behalf of the Kimihia Adventure Programme:

I am writing with sincere thanks for your financial support for our students to attend the NZ Army Open Life Skills Course at Burnham last week.

The camp was a major success. Our students were stretched physically, mentally and emotionally, but all of them successfully completed the course, with one of our students being awarded the Commanders Award for outstanding performance.

However, it is the more subtle character changes that took place throughout the week which we are most delighted about. For instance, a greatly increased respect for authority, an enhanced desire to persevere through demanding situations and a more determined and sacrificial approach to teamwork.

We believe that positive impacts of this course will flow on into the Linwood community. It is now our task and challenge to see these changes in our students transfer into their daily life in the 'real world'.

Thank you again for your support of our students and our programme.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3.2 Woolston Community Library – Letter of Appreciation

The following letter been received from the Secretary of the Woolston Community Library:

Please relay to the members of the Board a big thank you from the Committee members of the Woolston Community Library for the seven hundred dollars that was granted to us.

This enabled us to finish the varnishing of the shelves in the main Library.

Thank you again.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3.3 Keep Christchurch Beautiful – Letter of Appreciation

The following letter has been received from Carole Evans, Chairperson of the Keep Christchurch Beautiful Conference Committee:

Please pass on my thanks to the Board for sponsoring Yani as a delegate to the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Conference.

I have enclosed a registration form for him to fill out, it would be helpful if you could return it to me with the cheque to cover registration cost as soon as possible. Please make the cheque payable to KNZB Conference.

Chairpersons

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3.4 Sumner Lifeboat Institution Inc. (EST. 1898) – Application for Funding

The following letter has been received from W J Baguley, Honorary Secretary of the Sumner Lifeboat Institution Inc. (EST. 1898):

This Institution is seeking funding from your Community Board to purchase an additional 6 pagers at a cost of \$1,200.00. These pagers are additional to 30 purchased by the Institution, with its funds, earlier this year.

The pagers are a necessary resource to enable our volunteer crew to respond to an urgent marine incident with a minimum of delay. Our members are drawn from a catchment area covering the eastern side of Christchurch and work at many and varied occupations, day and night. Many of our incidents occur in the estuary of the Avon and Heathcote rivers as well as the eastern beaches, and most of the responses are dealt with from the Scarborough Lifeboat Station, based in Sumner at Days Harbour. Offshore responses are handled by our larger lifeboat; 'P. & O. Nedlloyd Rescue', stationed in Lyttelton harbour.

The Institution is a volunteer marine rescue organisation whose origins extend back over 100 years, and rescues using 'dedicated' lifeboats commenced in August 1898. The Institution became incorporated on the 10th August 1928 and is Tax Exempt.

No other organisation or Board has been approached for this funding. The amount sought will purchase 6 pagers which are currently in stock at SALCOM, 120 St Asaph Street, Christchurch, our previous supplier. The Institution purchased the earlier pagers using \$6,000 of its own funds, but is presently unable to make this purchase on current income.

Our latest audited accounts show monies in various investments and for varying purposes, none of which can be utilised for this purchase.

The Institution averages some 33 call-outs per year with most of the alarms relating to young people getting into difficulties with canoes, paddle and sail-boards, and small craft becoming disabled in the estuary and eastern beaches of Christchurch.

The Community Advocate comments: The Institution can be viewed as a metropolitan initiative, and the Board's funding guidelines include a presumption against funding metropolitan activities. Copies of the Institution's most recent audited accounts have been circulated separately to Board members. Those accounts show that the Institution has approximately \$270,000 in cash assets, while liabilities total approximately \$1,500. The Metropolitan Funding Advisor has advised that if the Institution applied for Metropolitan Funding, it is unlikely that the application would be granted, given the amount of cash assets, notwithstanding the valuable contribution that the Institution makes, and that pagers are an essential tool for the Institution's activities.

The Institution also receives an annual grant from the Council. In 2002/03 this grant was \$25,000 as year one of a two year commitment, plus \$7,825 ongoing inflation adjusted support.

Chairpersons

Recommendation: For discussion.