

13. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 14 AUGUST 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 August 2002.

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

An apology was received from Lesley Keast.

1. RICCARTON/WIGRAM PUBLIC ARTS PROJECT

Jacqui Leask (Community Recreation Adviser) and Rhonda Thomson (Arts Advisor) were in attendance.

In March 2002 the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board granted \$10,000 from its Project Funding to the Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team for a 'Community Public Arts Project'.

A Working Group has been set up and consists of members of Council Staff (Jacqui Leask and Rhonda Thomson) and further specialists as required. This group will undertake the day to day management of the project.

An Advisory Group is to be established and will be comprised of 1 – 2 representatives from the following areas:

- Arts Community
- Community Board
- Local Business Association
- Neighbourhood/Residents Groups
- Tangata Whenua

The Working Group in conjunction with advice from the Advocacy Team are responsible for the recruitment of members to the Advisory Group.

The Committee **agreed** to adopt the above process to build the project and recommended that Lesley Keast and Peter Laloli be recommended as Community Board members on the Advisory Group.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 15 of this report.

2. WHARENUI OSCAR PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Community Development Adviser (Penelope Goldstone) reported that after three years of uncertain management, and the winding up of OSCAR Development in Christchurch (the previous managers of the Programme), the Riccarton Community Church (Affinity Trust) had agreed to take over the management of the programme from 1 September 2002.

The Committee **received** the information and **agreed** that a vote of thanks be given to the Riccarton Community Church for their generosity in taking on the management of Wharenui OSCAR.

3. GILBERTHORPES OSCAR PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Community Development Adviser reported to the Committee that with the winding up of OSCAR Development in Christchurch a replacement organisation was needed to manage the programme. Hornby Presbyterian Community Trust have agreed to take on this role. They have established an OSCAR Project Committee and employed a part-time manager.

The Committee **received** the information and **agreed** that the Hornby Presbyterian Church be thanked for its willingness to take on the role of managing the programme.

4. SOCKBURN OSCAR PROGRAMME UPDATE

It was reported by the Community Development Adviser that this programme which opened in March 2001 was managed by a parent committee with ongoing support from the school staff. They had achieved a great deal in a relatively short timeframe to have their own building onsite exclusively for the programme.

The information was **received** by the Committee.

5. RESIDENTS GROUP FUNDING

This fund was set up in 2000 as a result of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's "Strengthening Communities Action Plan", to assist Residents Groups fund their activities and administration costs.

Each year groups are notified of the fund and can apply for up to \$300 per year. Other assistance offered are photocopying services and access to "Neighbourhood Week" funding. Over the past two years \$3,600 has been granted from the Residents Group Fund to groups.

The information was **received** by the Committee.

6. TRUST POWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Assistant Community Adviser (Janice Huddy) informed the Committee that the City Council had accepted a proposal from Trustpower to be part of its national "Trustpower Awards" system which operates in 19 local authorities across the country. This award system recognises significant contributions that voluntary groups or organisations make to the local community.

The Trustpower award system would be named "Trustpower Spirit of Christchurch Awards". The Strategy and Finance Committee asked that Community Boards consider changing the name of their "Community Service Awards" to "Community Board Awards".

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 15 of this report.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT OF 5 JULY 2002

The information was **received**.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK FUNDING – 26 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2002

This week is held to encourage people to meet their neighbours, promote informal contact with other people in the neighbourhood and foster a stronger, safer community.

It was **agreed** that a fund be set up for members of the community to access to enable events to be funded, applications to be considered by the Advocacy Team, with a suggested figure of \$2 per head, up to a maximum of \$300 per grant.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 15 of this report.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE 2002/03 COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL MATRIX AND OBJECTIVES

The following were **adopted** as objectives of the Community Services Committee:

"1. To represent the Community Board and make appropriate recommendations regarding the allocation of Community Board Project Funds as per Council Policy and Community Board Objectives.

2. To implement Community Board Objective 2 -

Supplement the capacities and resources of community groups or structures

- Work with local communities and community organisations to increase the capacity of communities.
- Operate Council community funding schemes in ways which maximise their value to the communities.

3. To provide a link between local organisations and the Community Board.”

The Committee congratulated the Advocacy Team on the professional job done with the production of the 2002/03 Community and Social Matrix.

10. CANTERBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT INC

A request had been received from Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc for further funding of \$5,000 towards administration costs for the day-to-day running expenses of the Canterbury Office. The Board had previously made a one off grant of \$5,000 towards costs associated with the employment of a regional co-ordinator.

It was reported that this organisation had also received a grant of \$20,000 from the Metropolitan Funding subcommittee who agreed that this grant should be the total contribution from the Council including Community Boards.

It was **agreed** by the Committee that Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc be advised that only requests for funding of specific projects identified in the Board area would be considered in the future.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 15 of this report.

11. KEEP CHRISTCHURCH BEAUTIFUL

An invitation had been received from Keep Christchurch Beautiful for Board Chairperson Mike Mora to attend the KCB Annual conference to be held in Christchurch from 4th to 6th October 2002. As a host for this Conference Mike will be required to stay overnight at the venue, the Hotel Centra.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 15 of this report.

12. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Committee were in receipt of 11 nominations for Community Service Awards. These awards are given to people/groups who give outstanding voluntary service to the community.

It was **agreed** that the nomination of Valmai Chudley (who had previously received a Community Service Award from the Board in 1992) be forwarded on for a Civic Award.

It was **agreed** that 2002 Community Service Awards be presented at a function to be held at Riccarton House on Tuesday 17th September at 5pm, to:

Neta Wederell
13th Christchurch Boy's Brigade Company
Alister Scott
Colin Woolton
Evan Borlase
Jane Jordan
Jo Clarke
Sandy Newell
Daisy Tapa
Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre/Rewi Alley Chinese School

13. ONGOING ISSUES

- Community Facilities

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday 11 September 2002

15. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- That two members of the Community Board be nominated to represent the Board on the Community Public Art Project's Advisory Group.
- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board retain the title of "Riccarton/Wigram Community Service Awards".

- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board allocate up to \$5,000 from the Community Initiatives Fund to support residents/groups wishing to hold Neighbourhood Week events.
- That the request for a grant of \$5,000 from Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc be declined.
- That \$240 be paid from the Board's Operational Budget for the Board Chairperson's attendance at the Keep Christchurch Beautiful Annual Conference.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Committee's recommendations be adopted.