

## 6. COMMUNITY CENTRES – SHIRLEY/PAPANUI

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The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the operation of the community centres in the Board's area for the 2001/2002 year.

### ABBERLEY PARK HALL

The year saw a decrease from five to four groups utilising the hall on a regular basis. During the year the hall was used for 14 social functions including wedding celebrations and birthday parties (for young and old) as well as by 26 one-time users and three "casual" users who hired the hall on more than one occasion. The usage is on a par with last year.

Current user charges are:

<i>Hourly Rate</i>	\$6.00
<i>Half Day</i>	\$25.00
<i>Social Function</i>	\$140.00

These are the same as last year.

The interior of the hall, including the floor, was redecorated during the year. Regular maintenance was carried out during the year including the provision of "remote" switching of the heaters because of a fault with the switches on the actual heaters. Health and Safety issues: There was an electrical fault which caused fuses to blow at the switchboard, this was tracked down to a fault with the pump to a fountain in the park and was repaired.

### OURUHIA HALL

During the year the issue of the future of the hall was resolved with residents and hall users deciding that the hall remain at its present location. In May a new Hall Committee was elected with only two of the previous committee standing and being re-elected. This year the Hall Committee reported no significant change in the use of the Hall particularly for 21<sup>st</sup> parties and wedding receptions. These are the major revenue earners for the hall. There is one regular monthly user (Bowls Club) and three other semi-regular users during the year, the Garden Club, Ouruhia School and the Ouruhia Residents Association.

Current charges are:

<i>21<sup>st</sup> Birthdays</i>	\$175.00
<i>Weddings</i>	\$190.00

This is the same as last year but are under review. The Weddings charge includes use of the hall the night before the function for decorating purposes. Other uses are charged on a negotiated basis.

Minor exterior building maintenance requirements have been forwarded to the Property Unit for action. With the future of the Hall decided it is considered that the Board ask Property Unit to look to the upgrading of the toilets to meet disability access standards. The Hall Committee have advised that they are concerned about the life left in the MDF floor covering. It is approaching the stage where it needs resanding and polyurethaning. This may be the last time that this is possible. Property Unit has estimated a cost of around \$35,000 for replacement and finishing off.

No Health and Safety issues arose during the year.

### ST ALBANS COMMUNITY CENTRE

During this year there has again been an increase in the number of both regular and casual users of the facility. Several groups are hiring the facility on a regular basis for displays, exhibitions etc.

On average between 5 and 10 people are coming into the centre between 11am and 2pm for information which is similar to last year.

Annual occupancy has remained steady on 75%. On most evenings the Centre is working to capacity. The centre is affiliated with Hagley Community College and runs several community education courses during the year.

Current charges are:

	<i>Community Groups</i>	<i>Commercial</i>
<i>Hourly Rate</i>	\$6 per hour per room	\$10 per hour per room
<i>Exhibition/long term</i>	Negotiable – Max \$40 per day.	Negotiable

These charges are the same as last year's. The committee is looking at introducing a small extra fee for the use of the kitchen.

The Centre has started hiring the halls out for small social functions on a Saturday night with strict conditions on noise levels. This hire is at the discretion of the Centre Management. The Community Constable has continued with the hire of one of the rooms on a one-year contract basis.

No Health and Safety issues arose during the year.

#### **SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Usage of the centre has declined slightly on last year's levels with 5 "permanent tenants"(same as last year), 32 (down four) regular users and approximately 34 (down two) casual users during the year. Total bookings for the year , not including permanent tenants, equalled 1428 (down 26). Annual total occupancy (including permanent tenants) = 74% (up 7%).

Current charges per 3hr "peak" session are:

	<b>Non-Profit</b>	<b>Commercial</b>
<i>Hall Use</i>	\$38.50	\$77.00 + GST
<i>Room</i>	\$22.00	\$44.00 + GST
<i>Offpeak -Room</i>	\$9 1xhr \$12 2xhr	\$18 + GST 1xhr \$24 + GST 2xhr
<i>Offpeak - Hall</i>	\$18 1xhr \$24 2xhr	\$36 + GST 1xhr \$48 + GST 2xhr

Peak sessions are 9-12 noon and 2pm – 5pm  
Off peak are noon – 2pm and 5pm – 7pm.

No significant maintenance works were required during the year. The structural strengthening of the centre, \$467,000, is budgeted for the current year (2002/03).

One Health And Safety incident occurred during the year. A member of one of the permanent groups was injured as the result of a fall from a ladder. Action has been taken to avoid any repetition of such an accident.

#### **Staff**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board ask Property Unit to ensure that the replacement/upgrading of the Ouruhia Hall toilets is on its maintenance programme for the 2002/03 financial year.
  3. That the replacement of the Ouruhia Hall floor be placed on the project proposals list for consideration by Property Unit.

#### **Chairperson's**

- Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that the Ouruhia Hall Committee be asked to consider a charge for casual users to meet electricity costs.