

7. FUNDING REQUESTS

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The purpose of this report is to update Board members on requests and requirements for several community projects in the Spreydon/Heathcote area.

HOON HAY NEEDS ANALYSIS

Board members will recall the results of the Hoon Hay Needs Analysis that were presented to the Board in November 2002. The 14 recommendations cover four main areas:

- Recreation needs
- Community needs
- Social needs
- Administrative needs

Currently, Hoon Hay Community Network is working through the recommendations in the report with the Community Development Adviser.

Where to from here?

The broader implications of these findings stated *“the need for the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to have a long-term plan that can accommodate a strategic approach to community development”*.

Currently there is enthusiasm and interest being shown by the agencies, community groups and local schools in regard to the research.

There is an opportunity to progress the overall process in line with the recommendations. Several recommendations require some further investigation to obtain more specific information. It is proposed that we contract Karen Wason (Hoon Hay Needs Analysis Researcher) as a resource person to assist with this.

It is envisaged that Karen would be part of a Hoon Hay project team with representatives from the community and Council staff.

There is currently \$4,885 remaining in the Community Consultation budget for the 2002/03 Project Fund allocation.

ROWLEY RESOURCE CENTRE – RENTAL SUBSIDY

Board members will recall at the Project Fund meetings held in February 2003, that some questions were raised regarding allocating the annual rental subsidy of \$8,500 to Rowley Resource Centre for the 2003/04 year.

Board members also wanted someone from within the Council's Financial Services Unit to look at the financial accounts of the Centre. This is being completed at present and will be reported to the May Board meeting.

RETURNED MONIES

Board members will recall the after school programme PAAS, which was later renamed as RASCALS (Recreation After School Care and Leisure Sydenham Trust).

The programme operated in Sydenham and closed on 30 August 2002.

The accounts have been audited and the Companies Office contacted, and the remaining balance of grants from Council returned. This totals \$14,551.14.

Staff

Recommendation:	1.	That the information be received.	
	2.	That the Board allocate the returned monies as follows:	
	(a)	Top-up of 2002/03 Community Development Scheme funding round (see clause 8)	\$6,051.14
	(b)	Rowley Resource Centre – rental subsidy for 2003/04 be held in the meantime pending consideration of the financial accounts	\$8,500.00
	(c)	Allocation towards the follow-on work of the Hoon Hay Needs Analysis	\$4,885.00

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the above recommendations be supported.