

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Te Whare Roimata Trust and Inner City East Residents' Group (ICENG) – Seed Funding for Newsletter

The following letter has been received from Belle Melzer on behalf of Te Whare Roimata Trust and Inner City East Residents' Group (ICENG), together with the attached request for funding:

Please find enclosed a formal request for seed funding to initiate a community newsletter in 2003. The request is from Te Whare Roimata Trust and the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group (ICENG), and is a joint endeavour.

Although this request is from two organisations, three other residents' groups on the city east side have been approached to become involved in the newsletter (Englefield, Linwood and Chester Street East). It would be our hope within the first year, that these groups also will contribute to the newsletter content and production, and the delivery area expanded to include their communities. We await their response.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact either Jenny Smith on 379-5134 or myself on 365-1789.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$1800 from its discretionary fund to Te Whare Roimata Trust and ICENG for the purpose of providing a community newsletter.

3.2 Environment Canterbury – Christchurch Area Committee

The following letter and attached Terms of Reference have been received from Sir Kerry Burke, Chairperson ECan Christchurch Area Committee:

Environment Canterbury is looking to build on its present meeting relationship with the Christchurch City Council and broaden this to a more representative level involving other key stakeholders in the city.

To this end the Council has recently established a Christchurch Area Committee as a means of achieving wider engagement and sharing of information with agencies and individuals in the city with an interest in the work of Environment Canterbury.

We are particularly looking for people who interface with the Council's resource management work and have networks in relevant organisations/sectors of the Christchurch community. In this way we hope to integrate the views and aspirations of Christchurch people with the environment in which they prefer to live.

The Christchurch Area Committee will function alongside the Council's other existing Area Committees, in the Northern, Southern and Central areas of the region.

Attached is a copy of the Terms of Reference for the Committee. The Committee will meet formally in February each year and in such other forums that that meeting agrees to programme for the year's activities.

Your organisation is invited to nominate a representative to be a member of this Committee.

We look forward to your nomination for membership of this important committee.

If you have any queries please direct them to Stephen Hill, Director of External Relations, phone 365 3828 extension 7274.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.

3.3 198 Youth Health Centre – Youth Initiatives Project

The following letter addressed to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has been received from David Marra, Manager, 198 Youth Health Centre as follows:

"I would like to congratulate the board members and Lynnette Ebborn on this initiative. When Lynnette approached me to suggest that the Youth Health Trust support this project by acting as the employer and providing supervision for the Youth Facilitators I was impressed that the Community Board was supporting such a bold initiative.

While talking and listening to the people who live in a community (in this case young people) about their needs, wants and aspirations before embarking on projects seems to be obvious, it seldom happens. The result has been poorly planned and executed projects and infrastructural assets that are not used or are misused.

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has led the city by example. They have sponsored a project in which young people living in their community have been directly approached, listened to and are becoming involved in projects in their own community from which they will benefit. Putman's research on community well-being in Italy identified a range of civic and community activities which when citizens were engaged developed what he called "Social Capital". Putman's Theory about "Social Capital" has been adopted by Public Health, Community Development, business and Civic leaders as they attempt to rebuild communities that have been adversely affected under economic and social reform.

I believe the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board can stand and be proud that it has achieved something that, despite all the rhetoric about consultation, other parts of the Christchurch City Council, Central Government and Government agencies have failed to achieve.

Well done!"

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3.4 Annual Gigantic Beach Clean Up – Request for Funding

The following letter addressed to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has been received from Nicola Martin, Coordinator of Keep Christchurch Beautiful as follows:

"In late 2001 Keep Christchurch Beautiful undertook a review of our Annual Gigantic Beach Clean Up. As a result of this review a number of changes have been made in order to better meet the needs of participating schools and increase the educational opportunities and long term benefits offered by the event.

This year Keep Christchurch Beautiful is joining with the City Council's Learning Through Action Programme to conduct our Gigantic Beach Clean Up as part of a half-day educational programme that will involve approximately 15 schools over the week of March 9-16.

We believe this new structure will add value to our event as children will not only be cleaning up their environment, learning about social responsibility and caring for their community. They will also have the opportunity to participate in sessions led by skilled and enthusiastic Park Rangers about the variety, care and conservation of our coastal environment. We feel that activities such as creating an environmental impact plan prior to the day and planning a litter free lunch will enhance the experience of participating in the Clean Up itself and will hopefully encourage long-term behaviour changes in our younger generation.

This year Keep Christchurch Beautiful will sponsor transport for three classes to take part in the Sea Week Programme. We are seeking assistance from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to fund transport for at least two more. If granted, these funds would be allocated to participating schools from your Ward according to their decile rating. A contribution of \$300 would enable a further two classes to participate in a day of exciting interactive learning while making a valuable contribution to the care of our precious coastline.

We hope you are able to assist."

The Parks and Waterways Advocate comments: As outlined in the above letter this programme has been reviewed and the proposed improvements are a significant way of educating young people in the care and conservation of our coastal environment.

The Community Advocate comments: This request for funding has just been received and as there is no Community Policy & Finance Committee meeting until March (as the meeting in February has been changed to a Funding Seminar) this matter could be dealt with at the Board meeting on 29 January 2003. This event was detailed in the Community Events and Special Days guidelines and therefore is appropriate to be funded from the Community Events and Special Days Fund.

Staff

Recommendation: That \$300 is allocated from the Board's Community Events and Special Days Fund for the transport of two classes of pupils from schools within the Board area to the Sea Week Programme 2003.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairperson.