

#### 4. HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT – JULY - DECEMBER 2002

<b>Officer responsible</b> Leisure Manager	<b>Author</b> Diana Saxton, Community Recreation Advisor, DDI: 941 6628
---	--

##### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of school holiday programmes for children (5 – 12 years) and youth (11 – 15 years) and an art workshop for youth (11 – 13 years) that were contracted to community organisations or delivered by the Council's Leisure Recreation and Arts Team in the Hagley/Ferrymead wards over the period July to December 2002.

##### **CONTEXT (PROCESS AND FINANCIAL) OF REPORT**

The Leisure Unit and the Board are the principal funding agencies for holiday programmes where there is no other provider to meet the need and this report is part of the accountability process.

##### **RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

###### **Social Well Being Policy**

The Council is committed to enhancing the social wellbeing of its citizens and communities.

###### **Recreation and Sport Policy**

Children, youth, people with disabilities and people on limited incomes are aware of, have access to, and are increasing their participation in a broad range of recreation and sporting activities.

###### **Out of School Programme Policy**

Children of Christchurch have the right to care, recreation and leisure activities in their "out of school time" which are safe, fun, and age and culturally appropriate. Families and Whanau have the right to safe, accessible, affordable, quality out of school care and recreation services within their own communities.

###### **Children's Policy**

###### **Youth Policy**

##### **RELEVANT COMMUNITY BOARD OBJECTIVES**

###### **An empowered and enabled community**

Fund recognised support programmes in identified areas of need.

###### **An active community**

Encourage participation, taking into account people with disabilities, by promoting and supporting community and recreation activities.

###### **A healthy community living in a sustainable environment**

Encourage social interaction.

##### **BENEFITS/CONSEQUENCES**

###### **Benefits**

Various research studies have identified the key benefits of holiday programmes to children, families and the community in general as:

- Development of life-long positive leisure habits, improved health and a chance to try new activities.
- Development of interpersonal and social skills through play, arts and cultural activity.
- Reduces anti-social and problem behaviour.
- Programmes enable parents to participate in community activities, training and the workforce.
- Builds a sense of belonging and strengthens communities.

## **Consequences of Not Being Able to Access These Programmes:**

- Increased pressure on working parents to find suitable activities for children/youth to enable their continuation of work.
- Lack of holiday programmes will mean children/youth have to find their own entertainment which may lead to boredom and anti-social behaviour.
- Lack of opportunity for children especially from lower socio-economic areas to experience recreation activities, particularly those at a cost.

## **NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

A new **telephone booking system** has been put in place through the Leisure and Parks Customer Centre. Once the booking is made the place is then confirmed by making payment at a local service centre or by mail. This process is being fine-tuned and is the preferred system for programmes delivered by the Leisure Recreation and Arts Team. Contracted community organisations delivering holiday programmes can also access this service if they wish.

**Ministry of Social Development Funding** for school holiday programmes for children 5 – 12 years has been applied for for 3 Hagley/Ferrymead programmes. Notification of whether applications have been successful will not be given until late February. Another round of applications is to take place in March 2003. If successful, the Phillipstown programme will be enhanced by employing staff instead of volunteers to meet challenging behaviour needs and current levels of funding of other programmes by the Board may be able to be reduced.

**A City Wide Survey** of all Council holiday programme parents/caregivers is currently being analysed, with results available in February. This survey is conducted annually by the Recreation and Arts Team and provides useful feedback from customers on issues such as preferred hours of operation, affordability of programmes and satisfaction with programme content and quality.

## **NAMES, VENUES AND DATES OF PROGRAMMES**

9 school holiday programmes for children, 5 youth holiday programmes and a youth art workshop that were assisted or fully funded by the Board and Leisure Unit, were delivered or facilitated over the July to December 2002 period. Programmes are targeted at local communities to encourage children living in the area to attend. All programmes are popular. Actual attendances can be affected with children away sick etc.

Holiday programmes for children included a mixture of local outings and “home based” activities to enable children to enjoy and experience a wide range of leisure opportunities such as ice skating, parks, pools, art centres, martial arts, Science Alive activities, team games, craft, cooking and entertainers. Older children are attracted to more sophisticated opportunities such as rock climbing, sailing, a trip to Hanmer Springs, Argo rides, canoeing and a free trial membership to a local gym. All participants are encouraged to assist with the planning of holiday programme activities and these ideas are included where possible.

The youth art workshop enabled participants to develop and apply all the skills required to design and paint a mural in a local park.

Details of all programmes are as follows:

### ***“LINWOOD MOVERS”***

#### ***July – December, 2002 Outcomes***

- Programmes held for 2 weeks in July and 2 weeks in September 2002.
- Based at Linwood Ave Primary School.
- Catered for 25 children per day, 5 – 12 years. (250 spaces each 2 week programme).
- Total Attendances: 510 (102%).
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.

### ***Budget/Operating Details***

- Total annual operating cost: \$23,450.
- Funded by Board Project Funds of \$15,000; programme revenue of \$6,846 and contribution from the Council's Leisure Unit of \$1,604.
- Programme ran for 7 weeks in total per annum – ie 2 weeks each in April, July, September and 1 week in January.
- Almost all the children came from the local community with the majority coming from Linwood Avenue School.

In 2001/2002 the programme was contracted to ODC but this organisation has disbanded and the programme is currently delivered by the Leisure Recreation and Arts Team. Optional child care from 3 – 5.30pm was available but due to a lack of numbers this service has been withdrawn. From January 2003 the programme will cater for 40 children from 9am – 3pm.

### ***“BROMLEY BOREDOM BUSTERS”***

#### ***July-December, 2002 Outcomes***

- Programmes held for 1 week in July and 1 week in September 2002.
- Based at Bromley Community Centre.
- Catered for 40 children per day, 5 – 12 years. (200 spaces each 1 week programme).
- Attendances: 376 (94%).
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.

### ***Budget/Operating Details***

- Total annual operating cost: \$10,140.
- Funded by Council Leisure Unit contribution of \$7,206 plus revenue of \$2,934.
- Runs for 3 x 1 week programmes in the 2002 – 2003 financial year (April, July and September/October).
- All the children came from the local area with the majority coming from Bromley Primary School.
- The programme was delivered by the Council's Recreation and Arts Team.

### ***“PHILLIPSTOWN PULSATORS”***

#### ***July-December, 2002 Outcomes.***

- Programmes held for 1 week in July and 1 week in September 2002.
- Based at Phillipstown Community Centre.
- Caters for 25 children per day, 5 – 12 years in July (125 spaces) and a 2 x 1 week programme catering for 50 children, 5 – 12 years in September (250 spaces).
- Attendances: 360 (96%).
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.

### ***Budget/Operating Details***

- Total annual operating cost: \$10,000.
- Funded by Board Project Funds contribution of \$5,000 plus revenue of \$4,000 and \$1,000 from other funding sources (eg community centre contribution).
- Ran for 5 x 1 week programmes in the 2002 – 2003 financial year (April – 1 week; July – 1 week; September – 2 weeks; January – 1 week).
- A high number of children with challenging behaviours attend this programme. Almost all the children live locally with the majority coming from Phillipstown Primary School.
- The programmes were contracted to Phillipstown Community Centre, which had responsibility for programme planning and management, with support from the Community Recreation Advisor as required. Due to an over demand for places in September, 2 x 1 week programmes were delivered, with the second programme delivered by the Leisure Recreation and Arts Team at the Phillipstown Primary School Hall. In future this demand is expected to be met by increased places on the Linwood Movers programme.

#### **“R.O.O.S.T. (RICHMOND OUT OF SCHOOL TIME) HOLIDAY PROGRAMME”**

##### **July-December, 2002 Outcomes.**

- Programmes held for 2 weeks in July, and 2 weeks in September/October 2002.
- Based at Richmond Primary School Hall.
- Programmes provided full child care and recreation opportunities for 20 children per day, 5 – 12 years from 8.30am – 5.30pm. (200 spaces each 2 week programme).
- Total Attendances: 400 (100%).
- Cost: \$15 per day or \$10 with Community Services Card.

##### **Budget/Operating Details**

- Total annual operating cost: \$18,600.
- Funded by Board Project Funds contribution of \$8,800, plus revenue of \$9,800.
- Ran for 3 x 2 week programmes in April, July and September/October and a 1 week programme in January during 2002/2003 financial year.
- All the children live locally with the majority coming from Richmond Primary School.
- The programme has been contracted to R.O.O.S.T, according to the Council's objectives and subject to evaluation. Due to funding available from the Leisure Unit for the 2003/04 year (which has been redirected from another children's programme which has ceased operation) R.O.O.S.T will require only \$4,800 from Board Project Funds in 2003/04 financial year.

#### **“LINWOOD YOUTH ADVENTURES AND PHILLIPSTOWN YOUTH ADVENTURES”**

##### **July-December 2002 Outcomes.**

- Programmes were held for 1 week in July and 1 week in September/October 2002.
- Linwood Youth Adventures were based from Bromley Community Centre.
- Phillipstown Youth adventures were based from Phillipstown Community Centre.
- Programmes catered for a maximum of 18 children, aged 11 – 15 years per programme. (90 spaces each 1 week programme). Note that the smaller number of participants on these programmes was due to health and safety considerations, as many activities were outdoor adventure based and require higher ratios of tutors to participants.
- Total Attendances: 327 (91%).
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.

##### **Budget/Operating Details**

###### *Linwood Youth Adventures*

- Total annual operating cost: \$8,550.
- Funded by Board Project Funds contribution of \$7,800 plus revenue of \$750.
- Ran for 3 x 1 week programmes in the 2002 – 2003 financial year.

###### *Phillipstown Youth Adventures*

- Total operating cost: \$8,550.
- Funded by the Leisure Unit contribution of \$7,800 plus revenue of \$750
- Ran for 3 x 1 week programmes in the 2002 – 2003 financial year.
- Almost all the children attending came from the local community. The predominant age group was 11 – 13 years and there was an even mix of boys and girls.
- Linwood Youth Adventures and Phillipstown Youth Adventures are currently delivered by the Leisure Recreation and Arts Team.

#### **“LINWOOD YOUTH MURAL ART WORKSHOP”**

- First of two Youth Workshops, the Mural Art Workshop, Linwood Park Tennis Pavilion Block Wall – (9.37 x 2.33m) was held in October 2002.
- Based at Linwood Park.
- 20 sessions over two weeks for youth, 11 – 13 years.
- Board Project funds contribution of \$1,000.00 (\$2,000 for 2 workshops in 2002 – 2003 financial year).
- Total Attendances: 80 (15 designs with teams of 4 children working on the mural per session)

Using L.Y.F.E. (Linwood Youth Festival Experience) for inspiration, mural artist/tutor Patrice Aplin, worked with students from Linwood Intermediate to present designs that reflected what L.Y.F.E./life meant to them. A design was chosen featuring skateboarding, music, nature, breakdancing, kiteflying, fast food and the merging of cultures. The design was extended to include other artists' ideas and together the students used all the skills required to paint the mural in time for L.Y.F.E. on 3 November.

#### **"TACKLING HEAD ON"**

- Programme held September/October 2002
- Based from Linwood College
- A trial 7 day youth holiday programme for Maori and Pacific Students
- Cost: \$10.00 per student, \$15.00 per family
- Total Attendances: 88
- Council Leisure Unit Funding: \$541.15

A grant was given for the recreation component of the 'Tackling Head On' holiday programme, which aims to give Maori and Pacific youth ongoing opportunities out of term to further their study skills and participate in recreation and cultural activities. The programme was planned and managed by the Student Placement Officer, Linwood College, for Maori and Pacific Youth in consultation with the Community Recreation Advisor. A high level of enjoyment and benefits were experienced by all participants, especially from the recreation component of the programme.

#### **COMMENTS**

From information gathered through parent/participant evaluation, observations and programme reports there appears to be a high level of enjoyment and satisfaction with the programmes on offer. Some examples are as follows:

*"QEII was a real big hit!" - Linwood Movers*

*"The children were really happy (as always) with the programme activities" - Bromley Boredom Busters*

*"Fantastic experience" - Orana Park, Phillipstown Pulsators*

*"We prefer the intimacy of this programme - the children know each other really well"- R.O.O.ST.*

*"It (Argo Ride) was awesome" - Linwood Youth Adventures*

*"It was real fun, we got to know each other a bit better, it was something to do and got to do things that we haven't done before." - Tackling Head On*

*"It is great to have something go up that is so bright, cheerful and family orientated" - Linwood Park Mural*

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

This has been an excellent half year with good patronage and levels of satisfaction on these programmes. The Leisure Recreation and Arts Team will continue to deliver programmes where there is no other provider, particularly in areas of high need, through the 2003/2004 financial year, while also working with local community groups to empower them to take a role in delivering programmes. Community agencies provide a valuable service with strong links in local communities and this ensures that special needs of the community are identified, established and maintained. Ongoing support from the Leisure Unit and the Board is vital in meeting the funding requirements of holiday programmes until more central government funding is forthcoming.

#### **BOARD SUPPORT OF HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

The holiday programmes listed below have received Board Project Funding support for 3 years as from the 2002/03 financial year and subject to evaluation.

As reported above these programmes are fulfilling Council and Board objectives and are having a beneficial impact on children and families in the area.

<b>Holiday Programme</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>2002/03</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
Linwood <i>Linwood Movers</i>	Children	\$15,000	\$15,000	Maintain current level of Board Project funding
Linwood <i>Youth Adventures/Workshops</i>	Youth	\$9,800	\$9,800	Maintain current level of Board Project funding
Phillipstown <i>Phillipstown Pulsators</i>	Children	\$5,000	\$5,000	Maintain current level of Board Project funding
Richmond <i>R.O.O.S.T</i>	Children	\$8,800	\$4,800	Reduce current level of Board Project funding (due to funding available via the Council's Leisure Unit)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$38,600</b>	<b>\$34,600</b>	

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairperson's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received and the Community Recreation Advisor be thanked for her report.
  2. That the Board continue to support the above holiday programmes.