

9. HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT – AUGUST 2002 TO JANUARY 2003

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of school holiday programmes delivered in the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board area by community groups, in conjunction with Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team, in the six-month period from August 2002 to January 2003.

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

School holiday programmes provide quality, fun and safe recreation experiences for children and youth and an opportunity to develop new skills, relax and enjoy themselves. Children who participate in recreation programmes learn and improve skills, while having fun and socialising with their friends. Holiday programmes are also an important community service to Christchurch families, particularly working families who require quality recreation and care for their children.

NAMES, VENUES AND DATES OF PROGRAMMES

In the September/October and December/January school holiday periods the Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team funded one programme (Rowley Holiday Programme) and assisted in the delivery of four other programmes that were funded in part by Board Project Funds. All programmes included one or two outings per week to enable the children to enjoy such leisure experiences as Science Alive, swimming, the beach, the movies and ice skating. "Home-based" activities included games, craft and cooking. One programme involved the children/youth in a camp experience.

Details of all programmes are as follows:

Rowley Holiday Programme

- Programmes held September/October 2002 and January 2003.
- Based at Rowley Avenue School.
- One-week programme catering for 15 children per day, aged 5-12 years (75 total spaces each programme).
- Cost: \$1 per child per day
- Fully funded by Christchurch City Council Leisure (\$8,000 for four programmes in the 2002-2003 financial year).
- Managed and implemented by Rowley OSCAR.

All children attending came from the local community, with the majority of children coming from Rowley Avenue School. Over 75% of the children attended identified as being Maori.

SHARP Holiday Programme

- Programmes held in September/October 2002, December 2002 and January 2003.
- Based at Spreydon Baptist Church.
- Programme length varied between four days and ten days, catering for up to 101 children per day, aged 4-13 years.
- The September Programme had 1,000 total spaces available and 985 total attendances. The total expenditure for this programme was \$16,705. It was staffed by four paid staff and 22 volunteers, each of whom received a koha.
- The December and January programmes were smaller, catering for 37 and 40 children each day respectively, with 148 total attendees for December and 280 for January.
- Cost: \$11 per day for the 4-10 year olds, and \$13 per day for the 11-13 year olds.
- Assisted by Community Board Project funds (\$10,400 during the 2002-2003 financial year).

All children attending came from the local area, with the majority coming from West Spreydon School.

Waltham WOOSH Holiday Programme

- A new programme, replacing the smaller Waltham Cottage Holiday Programme. Programmes held September/October 2002 and January 2003.
- Based at Waltham School Hall.

- One and two-week programmes catering for up to 30 children per day (the Waltham Cottage programme could only cater for 12 children per day). The programme hours of 8.00am – 5.30pm cater in particular for children of working parents.
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.
- The September programmes had 100 total spaces and 85 attendances for a one-week programme.
- The January programme ran for two weeks, with 300 total spaces available and 200 attendance.
- Expenditure for September/October programme: \$2,703.16.
- Expenditure for January programme: \$6,074.20.
- Assisted by Community Board Project Funds of \$3,660 and Christchurch City Council Leisure Operational Funds of \$2,000 for the 2002-2003 financial year.

All children attending came from the local area with the majority from Waltham School, many of whom also attend the WOOSH After-School programme.

Waltham Youth Trust Programme

- Programmes held September/October 2002 and January 2003.
- Based at Waltham Youth Trust Headquarters.
- September/October programme: One-week programme catering for 33 children per day aged 8-12 years, with 165 attendances for 165 possible spaces.
- December programme: Four-day camp for 24 children/youth aged 10 years and over, with 96 attendances for 96 possible spaces. Eight leaders also attended, allowing for a 1:3 ratio.
- Cost: \$2 per day for the September Holiday Programme; \$20 per person for the four-day December Camp.
- Expenditure for September programme: \$3,388.
- Expenditure for December camp: \$4,926.
- Assisted by Community Board Project Funds of \$3,450 for the 2002-2003 year.

All children attending came from the local area, with the majority coming from Waltham School.

Hoon Hay Youth Centre Holiday Programme'

- Programmes held September/October 2002, December 2002/January 2003.
- Based at Hoon Hay Youth Centre, this programme is becoming increasingly popular, with a significant increase in daily attendances.
- September/October programme: A nine-day programme for up to 25 children aged 8 –15 years with 158 attendances.
- December/January programme: A six-day programme for up to 50 children aged 8-15 years with a total of 222 attendances.
- Cost: Free programme catering to the needs of local residents. Programme supervisors noted that some children were attending the day without bringing any lunch or lunch money, therefore fruit and other food was purchased for the children.
- Expenditure for September programme: \$987.40.
- Expenditure for December and January programmes: \$905.65.
- Assisted by Community Board Project funds (\$3,490 for the 2002-2003 financial year).

This programme runs on an extremely tight budget with significant numbers of unpaid staff and no other funding to offset costs. All children attending came from the local area, with over 85% identifying as Maori.

COMMENTS FROM PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Evaluation forms were distributed to parents and children on some of the holiday programmes, with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Parents were very positive regarding the programme supervisors, staff, the activities provided for their children and the excellent care which their children received.

Some examples of the many comments received are as follows:

Child: *"I liked going to places I've never been to before"*

Child: *"It rocks!"*

Child: *"I enjoyed my week heaps"*

Parent: *"On a tight budget I could not give her my time and effort or money to do these activities – thank you!"*

Parent: *"I am constantly amazed at the friendly, well-organised, professional staff".*

COMMENTS

This has been an excellent half-year with good patronage on all these programmes. Programme leaders are required to provide reports before being forwarded for funding for the next programme. This has resulted in some good reporting and some well-organised programmes. The many community groups in the area provide a great variety of programmes available for all ages.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.