

11. APPROVAL FOR LOCATION OF WINZ STAFF IN WAINONI/ARANUI FAMILY CENTRE

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Board to enter into a licence agreement for a WINZ Employment and Training Coordinator to be located in the resource room of the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre.

The resource room of the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre is located on Local Purpose (Community Centre) Reserve pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977. The Council has the ability to grant a licence over Local Purpose Reserve pursuant to Section 61 of the Reserves Act 1977. Community Boards have the delegated power to enter into Section 61 licences on reserves (refer Delegations Register as at 1 January 2003).

BACKGROUND

One of the key issues identified as a priority for Aranui Community Renewal is the coordination of employment and training opportunities for the community. Following from the success of "Aranui Independence Day", the employment and training expo that took place during September 2002, the work group has endeavoured to arrange a more permanent solution. This has resulted in the National Office of WINZ agreeing to fund a full time Employment and Training Coordinator to be based in Aranui, currently through until June 2003.

To add further to the revitalisation of the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre, it is currently envisaged that this person will base their operations from the area known as the 'resource room' for five days a week until the end of June 2003. At the end of June 2003 WINZ's occupation of the 'resource room' will be reassessed. In order to access necessary information, the worker will begin their day from the New Brighton WINZ office, then be located in the Family Centre for two to three hours where members of the community can 'drop-in'. The WINZ worker will then spend time visiting various locations in Aranui, networking with local providers and organisations, before returning to the WINZ office if further information is required.

In discussion with Legal Services, it was discovered that the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre lies across a boundary of Recreation Reserve and Local Purpose Reserve. The area where the resource room is located is designated as Local Purpose (Community Centre) Reserve, allowing the WINZ worker to be located in the room pursuant to a licence agreement without the need for Department of Conservation approval (refer Section 61 of the Reserves Act 1977). Steps are currently being taken to have the entire building classified as Local Purpose (Community Centre) Reserve to rectify this anomaly. Community Board approval is required under the current circumstance in order for this project to proceed and a licence agreement with WINZ to be entered into pursuant to Section 61 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Two applicants have already been interviewed for this internal WINZ position, with a representative of the Aranui Community Trust being on the interview panel. It was envisaged that the worker would commence the position during the week commencing Monday 3 March 2003.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Legal Services will prepare a licence agreement for WINZ to sign, detailing all the legal requirements of the usage of the facility.

A hire charge for WINZ using the resource room is being negotiated with the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre Management Committee. The Aranui Community Renewal shall cover that cost by way of grant to WINZ.

To cover health and safety requirements, other staff from the Aranui Community Renewal will be rostered as necessary to ensure the individual is not left alone in the Family Centre.

In the longer term, it is possible that the Aranui Community Trust will obtain use of the former Department of Corrections site in Hampshire Street. This may provide a more suitable location for the WINZ worker.

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- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board approve the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre as an office location for a WINZ Employment and Training Coordinator.
 2. That the Board approve a licence agreement being entered into between the Council and WINZ for a WINZ employee to be located in the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre as detailed in this report on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Property Manager.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.