

10. 2003/04 PROJECT FUNDS: AFTER AND OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board consideration on funding support requests for after/out of school programmes being delivered within the Board area.

Those programmes that meet the Council's Out of School Policy are being recommended for consideration under the \$25,000 pool allocated to Out of School Programmes (OSPs) from the 2003/04 Project funds.

Further information and supporting documentation regarding operational budgets, programmes and annual accounts will be available at the Board meeting.

2003/04 COMMUNITY BOARD PROJECT FUNDS ALLOCATION

The Board allocated \$25,000 of its 2003/04 Project funds for the support of OSPs. The funds allocated under this provision are required to meet:

- The Council's OSP eligibility criteria and priorities.
- The Board's 2003/04 objectives.
- Key issues and the outcomes and priorities of the Council's Social Wellbeing Policy.

The Council's OSP criteria include that the organisation must be providing structured/formalised programmes for a minimum of two hours per session, three sessions per week with each programme meeting, or working towards, the required OSCAR Network and Child, Youth and Family operational standards.

The funding recommendations additionally took into consideration:

- The local socio-economic information of the area.
- Ministry of Education decile rankings.
- Location of other after school programmes, the level of collaboration between OSP providers and the ability of the OSP provider to meet the needs of the community.
- Attendance numbers and fees charged on the individual programmes.
- The level of Board/City Council funding already being received by the OSP group.
- Other funding avenues eligible for and accessed.
- Discussions held with, and comment sought from, a number of community and government agencies.

A letter was forwarded to all known Burwood/Pegasus OSP providers eligible under the Council's Out of School Policy, and information was presented and disseminated at the Burwood/Pegasus OSCAR cluster meeting.

The following organisations requested funding consideration.

Agape Street Ministries Trust

The Trust provides eight after school clubs/activities/programmes from Monday to Friday each week per school term totalling 17 hours per week. This is an increase from the six programmes in the previous year and 4.5 more hours per week. They also have new computer clubs which run three times per week.

Sessions offered range in age from 5-16 year olds and are based predominantly at the Trust's community house in Breezes Road. Approximately 130 children and youth are involved per week.

The Trust works closely with Te Kupenga o Aranui, Crossroads With a Future Trust (Stay Real and Get Real programmes), Aranui Village Mission, St Ambrose Church, and Wainoni and Aranui Primary Schools in offering safe, supportive and collaborative after school programmes in the Hampshire Street/Wainoni Park area.

The Trust also provides holiday programmes, a secondary school based self-esteem programme at Aranui High, a youth life skills trip, bush craft camp and since term 2 of 2003 has been running an alternative education school.

The Trust was allocated \$1,500 from the Board's 2003/04 Project funding towards the Aranui High School self esteem course and the holiday programmes are contracted by the Leisure Unit in the amount of \$10,000. Last year Agape received \$8,000 towards their after school programmes from the Board's OSP funds.

Approximately 70% of the youth attending come from the Burwood/Pegasus wards, (one third of these come from outside of the Aranui area). Overall client numbers have increased from 402 to 764 as at 31 March 2003 and this is attributed to the start of new programmes and increased popularity of existing programmes.

The projected annual operating budget for the after school programmes is \$33,520. Of this Agape has \$9,390 in the bank currently for the programmes, is applying to the Ministry of Education for \$9,000 and expects \$2,500 in the way of youth fees towards the programmes. The shortfall for the programmes is \$12,360 and this is the amount Agape is requesting from the Board. The funding recommendation below is based loosely on the 70% attendance of youth from Burwood/Pegasus in Agape's programmes.

Burwood OSCAR Group

The Burwood OSCAR Group provides a Monday to Friday before and after school programme totalling 20 hours per week. There are 90 families on the after school programme list with 40 children attending in the afternoon and 20 attending the morning sessions (an increase on average of 30 children per day compared to last year). The increase in numbers is due to Burwood OSCAR providing for overflow of bookings from other areas, the closure of the Parklands OSCAR and flexibility in the hours/days of use they provide.

Contributing schools are Burwood, Banks Avenue, Avondale, Chisnallwood Intermediate, Shirley Intermediate, Windsor and occasionally Freeville, Dallington and New Brighton. The current after school programme has seven staff, a ratio of 1:8 adults to children. The Group provides programme development and management advice/support to other OSP groups in the Burwood/Pegasus area and also runs four non-Council contracted (funded) holiday programmes per year with 126 families on the programme mailing list.

The projected annual operating budget is \$100,000. The group was allocated \$1,000 from the 2002/03 Burwood/Pegasus Community Development Scheme and \$2,000 from the Board's 2002/03 allocation of OSP funds.

The Group is requesting funding support of \$4,000.

Queenspark OSCAR Incorporated

The Society provides a Monday to Friday before and after school programme totalling 22.5 hours per week. There are over 35 families enrolled with an average of at least 30 children per session in attendance. They also started providing four holiday programmes per year in 2003 (these are not contracted/funded by the Leisure Unit).

Queenspark OSCAR services mainly Queenspark, Parklands, Burwood and some of the Marshlands area. The sessions are open for children from year 1-8 (5-13 years old).

The projected annual operating budget is around \$70,000. The Society was allocated \$2,000 from the Board's 2002/03 allocation of OSP funds.

Queenspark OSCAR is requesting funding support in the amount of \$3,500.

Youth Alive Trust

The Youth Alive Trust provides five Monday to Thursday after school programmes for a minimum of 7.5 hours and 100 children per week (150 are involved when leaders and siblings are included). In addition three holiday programmes are provided in the first week of every school break with 120 attendees and 20 leaders. The Trust is contracted by the Leisure Unit to do this in the amount of \$19,944.

The Trust is not the traditional OSCAR organisation but focuses on early intervention programmes with referrals of "at risk" youth from principals, social workers and local police.

The Trust received \$2,000 from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Development Scheme towards a youth worker's wage for 2002/03 and \$8,000 from 2003/04 Project funding for the safer streets programme.

The funding request is for \$3,000 towards a youth worker's salary for holiday and after school programmes. As the Leisure Unit contracts the holiday programmes only the OSP portion of the worker's wage is recommended below (that is, 70% of the worker's time will be spent on OSP).

Positive Directions Trust

The Positive Directions Trust runs Te Mana Mahi Community Training Programmes. These combine interactive learning concepts with primary and secondary school curricular based content for year 1-8, using drama, music, games and computers. The Trust provides a four term after school programme of two hours per night for three nights for up to 21 attendees. Two primary level content programmes are offered in computer training and language and mathematics.

The Trust provides two qualified tutors to run the programme who in turn mentor local senior aged youth as programme leaders/assistants. The Trust approaches secondary schools, youth and community groups in the locality of where a Te Mana Mahi programme is being run for young people to be recommended as programme leaders.

The Trust negotiated with Te Kupenga o Aranui and Agape Street Ministries to run two pilot Te Mana Mahi programmes during the third and fourth school terms in 2002 based at their centres. The results of trials showed a 38% student improvement in numeracy and literacy skills.

An application is being made for Child, Youth and Family provider status, with meetings with Child, Youth and Family due to commence in the week of 10 November 2003.

The Trust was hoping to set up the programmes for a year at Agape and Te Kupenga sites from October 2003 to September 2004 for a cost of \$21, 587 at Agape and \$17, 443 at Te Kupenga. As a result of Te Kupenga moving site, the Trust is now going to expand the Agape project and is looking for a further host in the Aranui area for the other programme.

Since 2001 the Trust has operated Te Mana Mahi in collaboration with nine primary schools, kura kaupapa and community groups throughout the City. Previous funding support has come from the Community Employment Group, the Community Trust, Te Puni Kokiri, Work and Income, Lottery Youth, and the Department of Internal Affairs. The Trust received \$10,000 for this project from the Board's Discretionary funds in 2002/03.

The Trust originally requested \$7,950 from the Board's Physical Sport and Recreation fund this year and this was referred by the Funding Assessment Committee to the OSP fund.

OVERALL COMMENTS ON OSP IN BURWOOD/PEGASUS

All OSPs were strongly supported by organisations and workers contacted for comment. Particular comment was made on the ways these community projects are working collaboratively with one another and with schools of the local areas. There is strong recognition for the high need for after school programmes in all areas and the extension and flexibility of these programmes to meet child and family needs on many levels of skill and a variety of times. The Pegasus ward in particular has a higher need/demand for non-traditional OSCAR programmes.

All of the programmes above and indeed others in the Burwood/Pegasus area are well supported by their community in use and in terms of ability to develop and manage the delivery of the programmes.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the following grants to programmes from the \$25,000 of Project funds allocated for Out of School Programme support:

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| (a) | Agape Street Ministries Trust | \$9,000. |
| (b) | Burwood OSCAR Group | \$3,400. |
| (c) | Queenspark OSCAR Society | \$3,000. |
| (d) | Youth Alive Trust | \$2,100. |
| (e) | Positive Directions Youth Trust | \$7,500. |

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

1. That the Board endorse a future policy of resourcing the developments of new community initiatives and assisting with the ongoing resourcing of programmes for disadvantaged areas.
2. That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.