

13. RECREATION AND ARTS TEAM: 2002/03 END OF YEAR REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of programmes, events and activities delivered by the Recreation and Arts Team in the Burwood/Pegasus wards over the 2002/03 financial year.

The report lists activities funded by the Leisure Unit as well as the Board over this period.

RECREATION AND ARTS TEAM MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Mission

To enhance the quality of life of individuals and communities in Christchurch by:

1. Raising awareness of the value of recreation and arts as an integral part of daily life.
2. Providing/facilitating accessible and meaningful opportunities for participation by all.

Ultimately: Enhancing the health and well-being of Christchurch residents and contributing to Christchurch as a great place in which to live, work and play.

PLANNING FOR 2002/03 YEAR

When planning activities and services to be delivered, the Recreation and Arts Team considers the following information.

1. Council policies which are relevant to the area.
2. Council and Community Board objectives.
3. Metropolitan and local research.
4. Networks and knowledge of local area.
5. Available resources - funding, staffing, etc.

From this a plan for each Community Board area is prepared, outlining what is to be provided or facilitated over the 12 month period. Our aim is to ensure equitable provision (that is, access for every member of the community to recreation opportunities) and to fill gaps, either by direct provision or by partnering with other agencies.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Recreation and Arts Team actively seeks partnerships in local communities. Our approach is to empower and resource local community groups to provide recreation opportunities for their own communities. Therefore the Team enters many grant or contract partnerships to ensure this happens. Part of this relationship may also be providing advice and support to the group to ensure safe, quality programmes are provided. Where no local providers are available the Team will directly provide programmes to ensure that communities do not "miss out".

PROGRAMMES DELIVERED

General Population

Name and description of programme	Numbers (total attendances over 12 month period)
New Brighton Walk 'n Talk	505
Pilates (Shirley) (Intro, Level 1 and 2)	1,112
TOTAL	1,617

Children

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Sunrise Central New Brighton Holiday Programme	571
Sunrise South New Brighton Holiday Programme	570
Parklands Pandemonium Holiday Programme	1,304
Wainoni Funnybones Holiday Programme	611
Aranui Fun Attack Holiday Programme	752
Kidsfest – Ticklish Allsorts, Creative Kids	400
Kidsplay - Burwood Park	300
TOTAL	4,508
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Agape Street Ministries – South Brighton Art Programme	550
TOTAL	550

Youth

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Eastzone Holiday Programme	260
The Depot Holiday Programme	208
South Brighton Skate Out	200
QEII Pool Parties	245
TOTAL	943
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Parklands Youth Trust - Parklands Energisers	650
Crossroads Youth with a Future Trust - Be Real Dance Programme	550
TOTAL	1,200

Older Adults

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Ascot Leisure Club	255
Tai Chi (Wainoni)	370
Sit n Be Fit (Ascot)	1,125
TOTAL	1,750

COMMUNITY EVENTS DELIVERED

Name and description of event	Numbers
Beach Blast	400
Bottle Lake Orienteering Day	500
Family Fishing Day	400
Carols in the Community Events	600
Seaside Sounds	200
TOTAL	2,100
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Aranui Community Trust - AFFIRM event	4,000
TOTAL	4,000

ARTS

Agape Trust were contracted to run the South New Brighton Arts programme at the South New Brighton Community Centre. It was run after school, once a week. Twenty children participated in art workshops and activities.

OTHER

“What’s on at your Community Centre?” - A two page local newspaper advertisement, promoting user groups and activities that take place in local community centres.

FUNDING

The partnership between the Leisure Unit and the Board enabled a total of \$95,350 to be invested in the Burwood/Pegasus ward areas (\$52,850 Leisure, \$42,500 Community Board).

COMMENTS

The Community Recreation Adviser has been involved in the Aranui Community Renewal, with membership of the Facilities and Services for Children and Youth and Their Families Teams. A directory of activities for youth in Aranui was produced during this time. The Community Recreation Adviser also worked with local youth workers to provide affordable recreation opportunities for local youth on the Depot Youth Programme.

Community partnerships involved working with: the Aranui Community Trust to provide Affirm, Aranui Family Festival; the Parklands Youth Trust to provide support and assistance with the Parklands Energisers Programme; the Crossroads Youth With a Future Trust to support the "Be Real" dance programme at the Depot; and the Ascot Sit n Be Fit Club for ongoing support and assistance with the seated exercise class at the Ascot Community Centre.

The Community Recreation Adviser also offered advice and support for local groups setting up holiday programmes to meet the increasing demand for holiday care and funding advice for local sporting groups and clubs.

FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR RECREATION AND ARTS TEAM

- Decreasing levels of physical activity and impacts on health.
- Ageing population.
- Lack of volunteers and impact on sport/recreation clubs.
- Decreasing child/youth participation in physical activity.
- Cost as a barrier to participation in holiday programmes for low income families.
- Consultation with youth to meet their leisure and recreational needs.

CONCLUSION

The programmes, events and activities facilitated or provided in the Board area over the 2002/03 financial year have contributed significantly to enhancing the quality of life of local residents and communities in the area. The Recreation and Arts Team would like to thank the Board for its ongoing support of these activities.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Recreation and Arts Team be commended for their efforts in delivery of these activities.