

3. CORRESPONDENCE: KIMIHIA ADVENTURE PROGRAMME

The following letter has been received from Graeme Newton on behalf of the Kimihia Adventure Programme:

Enclosed is a funding application to help the Kimihia Adventure programme purchase a new van. We appreciate your consideration of this very important requirement that we have.

Unfortunately I was unable to get a comparable quote for the same type of van because Toyota Hiace 4WD vans (the one we wish to purchase) are very rare. I have however included a quote for a slightly cheaper van that we had looked at. This van was not suitable as it was older, in significantly worse condition and was not 4WD (which would be extremely helpful for all the adventures that we do in the backcountry).

The funding application referred to above has been circulated separately to Board members

The Community Advocate comments: The Kimihia Adventure Programme (KAP) is based near Linwood College and works with students who have been identified as "at risk". In August 2002, the Board allocated \$1000 from its community response fund to KAP to assist students to attend the NZ Army Open Life Skills course at Burnham. The Kimihia Youth Skills Trust administers KAP. The Kimihia Youth Skills Trust has received a \$10,000 annual grant for the last three years through the Council's Annual Financial Plan as a contribution to the Trust's programme at Linwood College. KAP is seeking \$3,100 towards the purchase of a van. The quoted cost of the van is \$12,900 and KAP has already raised \$9,800 towards the cost of the van. The Board may wish to consider allocating the additional required funding towards the cost of the van.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.