

6. RECREATION AND ARTS TEAM: 2002/2003 END OF YEAR REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to inform Community Board members of programmes, events and activities delivered by the Recreation and Arts Team in the Riccarton/Wigram wards over the 2002/2003 financial year.

The report lists activities funded by Leisure as well as the Community 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 2002/2003 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 the 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 (i.e. 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 (ie total attendances over the 12 month period)
Hei Hei Lite Pace Aerobics	673
Templeton Lite Pace Aerobics	356
Pilates (Riccarton & Templeton) (Intro, Level 1, 2 & 3)	2776
Halswell Walk 'n Talk	757
TOTAL	4562
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Templeton Badminton Club for children & adults (<i>began April 2003</i>)	330
Canterbury Arthritis Society – Hornby Seated Exercise Class	308
TOTAL	308

Children

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Wharenui Holiday Programme	327
HASP Holiday Programme	326
Riccarton Holiday Programme	721
Hei Hei Holiday Programme	749
Sockburn Supersonics Holiday Programme (<i>split into 2 age streams April 2003 named Sockburn Supersonics and Wigram Wanderers</i>)	610
Wigram Wanderers Holiday Programme	210 (<i>started April 2003</i>)
Hillary Crescent Holiday Programme (5 – 10 years)	663
Kidsplay – Denton Park	250
TOTAL	3856
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Oaklands OSCAR	36
Halswell OSCAR	89
TOTAL	125

Youth

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Hillary Crescent 11 – 16 years Holiday Programme	541
Teenage Rage Camps delivered by Community Development Network	
Hornby Youth Holiday Programme	220
Templeton Energisers Term Programme	290
TOTAL	1051
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Community Development Network – Teenage Rage Camps	240
Canterbury Fijian Social Services Trust – After School Programme	400
TOTAL	640

Older Adults

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Hei Hei Bus Trips	234
Hei Hei Leisure Club	721
Hei Hei Gentle Exercise	250
Halswell Sit 'n be Fit (began in April 2003)	525
TOTAL	1205
Grant Allocation	Numbers
St Marks Presbyterian Church – Older Adults Social Programme	200
TOTAL	200

Community Events Delivered

Name and description of event	Numbers
Garden Gala	600
Culture Galore	4000
TOTAL	4600
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Hornby Presbyterian Church Trust – Westside Party in the Park	2000
Riccarton Interchurch Community Care Association – Riccarton Community Carols	175
South Christchurch Christian Community Trust – Westlake Carols	1500
TOTAL	3675

ARTS

Development of the Hornby Public Arts Project, to be sited in Denton Park, Hornby – completion date estimated as April 2004.

OTHER

- Contracted Global Leisure researchers in the development of the Riccarton/Wigram Leisure Parks and Waterways Plan. The implementation plan is currently in progress
- Contracted Global Leisure researchers to conduct Wigram Gymnasium and Harvard Lounge Needs Analysis
- Lease agreement between Council and Olympia Gymsport Club at the Wigram Gymnasium developed (commencing July, 2003)
- Assisted with the establishment of a new Badminton Club at the Templeton Community Centre in April 2003
- Providing funding assistance and advice to OSCAR programmes seeking Ministry of Social Development funding
- General advice and support provided to community groups involved in providing recreation and sport opportunities and events and to sportd groups seeking funding.

FUNDING

The partnership between Christchurch City Council Leisure and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board enabled a total of \$143,931 to be invested in the Riccarton/Wigram Ward areas (\$68,931 Leisure, \$75,000 Community Board).

FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS

- Decreasing levels of physical activity and impacts on health
- Increasing ageing population
- Lack of volunteers and impact on sport/recreation clubs
- Decreasing child/youth participation in physical activity
- High amount of property development in the southwest area of Christchurch specifically Halswell, and Wigram
- Development of the North Hornby Community Well-Being project to address lack of individual and community cohesion and participation.

CONCLUSION

The programmes, events and activities facilitated or provided in the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board area over the 2002/2003 financial year have contributed significantly to enhancing the quality of life of local residents and communities in the area. We would like to thank the Community Board for its ongoing support of these activities.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received and that the Community Board give due recognition to the Recreation and Arts Officers for the very successful programmes within our Board area.