

9. RECREATION AND ARTS TEAM: 2002/2003 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 Spreydon/Heathcote wards over the 2002/2003 financial year.

The report lists activities funded by the Leisure Unit 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 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. The aim is to ensure equitable provision (ie, 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, whose approach is to empower and resource local community groups to provide recreation opportunities for their own communities. The Team therefore 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)
Grant Allocation	Numbers
St Martins Friendship Group – Bus Trips	600
Sacred Heart Friendship Club – Exercise classes	346
Beckenham Friendship Club – Entertainment	360
Special Needs Toy Library – Equipment	120
Huntsbury Friendship Club – Exercise class	144
St Mary's Social Club – Social	50
Rowley Resource Centre – Exercise Class	434
Nazareth House – Garden Fete	300
Whareora Trust – Outings	54
Manuka Cottage – Outings	35
TOTAL	2,443

Children

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Rowley Holiday Programme	490
Kidsfest – Creative Kids; Ticklish Allsorts	600
Kidsfun – Centennial Park	400
TOTAL	1,490
Grant Allocation	Numbers
SHARP (Spreydon Baptist Holiday Programme)	2,704
Waltham WOOSH Holiday Programme	290
Waltham Cottage Holiday Programme	60
TOTAL	3,054

Youth

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Hoon Hay Holiday Programme	250
TOTAL	250
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Waltham Youth Trust – Holiday Programmes & Camps	606
Hoon Hay Youth Centre – Holiday Programme	450
TOTAL	1,056

Older Adults

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Opawa Sit 'n be Fit	35
TOTAL	35

Other

Name and description of programme	Numbers
Pioneer – Pool Parties	506
TOTAL	506

Community Events Delivered

Name and description of event	Numbers
There's something about Victoria	300
Barrington Big Fun	1,500
St Martins River Race	1,050
Opawa St Martins Community Concert	2,000
TOTAL	4,850
Grant Allocation	Numbers
Beckenham Neighbourhood Association – Carols in the Park	250
Tongan Cultural Festival	300
Manuka Cottage Mid-Winter Concert	150
TOTAL	700

Other

1. Research - \$5,000 was provided by the Leisure Unit towards an evaluation of the Spreydon Youth Community programmes.
2. Community group advice and support. The Community Recreation Adviser spent a significant amount of time working with local community groups and providing funding advice to sports 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
- Parents in full-time work and impact upon need for Holiday Programme provision
- Low income families missing out on leisure experiences and opportunities due to costs of activities and costs of transport

CONCLUSION

The programmes, events and activities facilitated or provided in the Spreydon/Heathcote 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. The team would like to thank the Community Board for its on-going support of these activities.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.