

**RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 September 2003.

The meeting was attended by Peter Laloli (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Bob Shearing, Ishwar Ganda, and Mike Mora.

1. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME RECIPIENTS

The following recipients of Youth Development Scheme grants were present to share their experiences with Board members –

- Wook Jin Lee, University of Canterbury student who was selected to lead the NZ delegation to the 42nd United Nations Youth Conference held in Perth from 6th – 13th July
- Graydon Viljoen, a qualified Collision Repair Technician, represented NZ in the WorldSkills competition in St Gallen, Switzerland.

2. WESTSIDE PARENTING PROJECT

Darryl Tempero and Christine Graham, Hornby Presbyterian Trust, gave a presentation on the Westside Parenting Project for which funding of \$6,000 was sought.

Westside Parenting is a group of leaders from churches in the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board area who were concerned at the lack of tools available to parents. As a result of their concerns, a partnership was developed with the organisation "Parenting with Confidence", established by Ian and Mary Grant in 1994 for the purpose of empowering parents. The project is a pilot to measure the potential of a long-term community-parenting organisation being established.

The project will be delivered in three strategic areas:

a. Hot Tips for Parents with Ian and Mary Grant, 8 – 9 October 2003, Christchurch Boys High School

A positive, challenging, practical and highly entertaining 2-night seminar that gives parents tools to help them in their role. Other tools such as parenting manuals are also available.

b. No Sweat Parenting with John Cowan and Pio, 18 November 2003, Hornby Workingmen's Club

This one night seminar is designed to meet the needs of the million-or-so New Zealanders who don't enjoy reading books and writing notes. It is image based, and the presenters use humour to communicate key ideas and inspire parents to build a great family.

c. Toolbox Groups

These are 6 week groups which will follow the seminars, run by Parenting With Confidence trained facilitators, focusing on empowering parents in a safe, small group environment. Facilitators are caring, well trained parents, who are passionate about giving kids a great tomorrow. This is an excellent course to use as a tool, although the emphasis will be on support and encouragement.

It is expected to reach at least 700 parents in the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board area –

- a. 450 at the Hot Tips event (of which 150 will be heavily subsidised)
- b. 250 at the No Sweat event (which overall is subsidised to keep costs to \$5 pp)
- c. From those events the aim is to have 50 people join the Toolbox groups spread geographically across the Westside.

Westside Parenting will work closely with local community organisations in the area to target the parents who are really struggling and to reduce barriers such as cost, transport and childcare.

The Committee recommendations are listed under clause 10 of this report.

3. COMMUNITY BOARD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PROPERTY UNIT

Rob Dally, Property Unit Manager, was present to discuss opportunities to improve consultation between Elected Members and the Property Unit. Planning needed to be carried out in a structured way through the Annual Plan process with need being identified firstly.

Rob also reported he was meeting with the Asset Management Team and the Library Unit to progress the Halswell Library issue.

Lesley Keast left the meeting after Clause 3.

4. GOOD NEIGHBOURS AWARDS

It was reported that the Advocacy Team did not support the instigation of a "Good Neighbour" Award Scheme, as it saw fostering a culture of people being paid for community goodwill as counter productive to building positive community relationships. Work is also being carried out within the Council to rationalise the various "awards" run throughout Christchurch.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 10 of this report (Mike Mora asked that his vote against the recommendation be recorded).

5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Committee considered the following application and the recommendation is listed under clause 10 of this report.

Gemma Claridge, on behalf of the Riccarton Girls Brigade 11th Christchurch - seeking funding towards costs associated with attendance of 7 Guides at a National Leadership Training Course in Christchurch in September 2003.

6. OLDER ADULTS RECREATION FUNDING SCHEME

It was noted that this was an updated report, the previous report being presented to the Community Services Committee in February. Groups were given the option of reporting in January 2003 or June 2003.

The scheme was set up using funds from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board project funding. A total of \$7,950 was allocated to groups operating in the Riccarton/Wigram Wards that were currently providing or wanting to provide recreation/arts opportunities for older adults living in the Wards.

It was noted that funding criteria had been developed from the findings of the 2001 Christchurch Older Adults Recreation and Arts Needs Analysis conducted by Sarah Wylie. The emphasis for the project funding was to increase the number of older adults living within the Riccarton/Wigram wards participating in recreation and arts opportunities.

The following table lists the recipients of grants:

Name of Group	Project	Amount Granted
Riccarton Racecourse Bowling Club	Two Women's Open Day at the Bowling Club	750
Halswell Prebbleton Anglican Parish	Purchase of trestle table for Senior Citizens and Friends and Neighbours Groups	100
Faith and Light NZ	53 people and carers visit to Waipara using the Weka Pass Railway	1000
Riccarton Dance Club	Club's 32 nd Birthday Celebration	300
Riccarton and Districts Highland Pipe Bands Inc	Promotional Drive	469
Hei Hei/Broomfield Wanderers	23 people trip to Greymouth	900
Riccarton Floral Art Circle	2 'Have-a-Go' Floral Art Workshops	700
SeniorNet Garden City	Update computer equipment	500
Canterbury Fiji Social Services	Trip to Hanmer Springs	1500
Riccarton Recreational Centre for the Elderly	Signage for promotion of Centre	500

The Committee **received** the information.

7. COMMUNITY FACILITIES ANNUAL USE 2002/2003

The Committee was in receipt of a report, which detailed the community usage of the three (Council-owned, and managed) facility halls, being the Riccarton Community Centre, Hei Hei Community Centre, and the Waimairi Road Community Centre.

Overall percentage usage ranged from 37% to 68%.

The Committee **received** the information.

8. ONGOING ISSUE

Community Board Submission to Council's Draft 2004 Finance Plan and Programme
- Community Facilities

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday 8th October 2003 – 8.30 am

10. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Sockburn Advocacy Team provide Community Development advice and assistance, including participation in a post pilot review of the Westside Parenting Project and report back to the Community Services Committee.
- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board provide formal endorsement by way of a letter to add to Westside Parenting Groups' sponsorship proposals and marketing.
- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board provide a grant of \$6,000.00 from the Community Initiatives Project Fund 2003/04 towards meeting the shortfall of the Westside Parenting Project.
- That the introduction of a "Good Neighbour" Award Scheme be declined.
- That the Board grant \$500 to the Riccarton Girls Brigade 11th Christchurch for 7 Guides to attend the National Leadership Training Course from the Youth Development Scheme.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and that the recommendations contained in Clause 10 above be adopted.