

**9. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 19 MAY 1999 MEETING**

The Board received the report of a Community Affairs Committee meeting held on 19 May 1999.

Much of this Committee's business was devoted to reports on the Gilberthorpes Primary School out of school care and recreation (OSCAR) programme and the current provision of (and demand for) holiday programmes in the Riccarton/Wigram area.

These programmes are seen as providing many benefits to the local community:

- personal benefits to the child
- community/social benefits
- economic and environmental benefits

Whilst the Committee is very supportive (and the Board had provided substantial financial support in conjunction with officer-support) there are strong concerns about central government funding to the important sector of child education.

The Board **decided** to seek Council support for a submission to the Minister of Social Welfare for more secure funding to be put into the after school programmes; and that the Minister be appraised of the various Community Boards (in Christchurch) involvement in local programmes to highlight local government involvement in this important educational issue.

The Board also **decided** to commit 1999/00 discretionary funds as follows:

- to the Gilberthorpes After School Programme to allow a 50% increase in children numbers to attend the after school programmes (\$8,500 for ten more children per daily session).
- \$7,920 and \$8,000 respectively to enable new holiday programmes (for the 1999/00 year) to be established at the Riccarton and Hornby Primary Schools.