

## 5. YOUTH INSEARCH – CHRISTCHURCH ESTABLISHMENT

Grant Harris (Field Worker in Schools, Hornby) is currently co-ordinating the establishment of Youth Insearch in Christchurch and the inaugural camp. This is a voluntary role Grant has taken on in addition to his Field Worker position. Grant addressed the Board on this matter.

The camp will be held at Living Springs on 4-6 June 1999. Places will be available for 20 young people from Timaru/Ashburton and 20 young people ex Christchurch (at least five of these will be from Riccarton/Wigram wards).

Referrals are from Police Youth Aid, social workers, principals etc and are only accepted if the referral agency ensures that ongoing weekly support will be provided for them.

The Christchurch steering committee includes:

- Robyn Moore, Christchurch City Council Youth Advocate
- Tonto Neilson and Gary Watkins, Christchurch City Council Youth Workers
- Jasmine Dawe, Ngai Tahu Youth Advocate
- Annie Smith, Field Worker Papanui
- Grant Harris, Field Worker Hornby

The cost of running the inaugural camp is \$10,800. Future camps will only need to cover venue, food, programme and New Zealand leaders' expenses. The New Zealand leaders have been to Australia to train – this is the last time the Australian leaders will need to be present.

Participant cost is \$60 – paid for by the referral agency. In future this fee will almost cover the entire cost of the camp.

Due to the extra cost of airfares, the shortfall per attendee is therefore:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$10,800 \div 40 = \$270 \text{ cost per person} \\ - \quad \underline{\$60} \text{ fee} \\ \quad \quad \quad \$210 \text{ per person shortfall} \end{array}$$

The total amount still to be raised for Christchurch is \$5,000.

The ongoing follow-up provided by referral agencies and the committee is free and will continue until the young person no longer needs it.

The Board was supportive of the concept and **decided** to make a grant of \$1,050 from its Community Initiatives Fund.