

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 “BLOODY GOOD EVENTS”

Mr Dale Coulter was in attendance to inform the Board of a three day multi sport event to be staged for the first time next year from 3 to 5 March 2000, starting at Aoraki/Mt Cook and ending at the New Brighton Pier. Mr Coulter advised that the final stage of the event would start from Methven and involve biking, kayaking and running to the finish, which would be under the New Brighton Pier. The first competitors would be arriving at around midday and the last at around 4.00 pm. A prizegiving would be initiated at around 5.00 pm. Mr Coulter believed that this was a prime opportunity for local businesses to become a part of the event, which would involve around 400 contestants and their support crews. This was an event that would be held every year and Mr Coulter hoped the New Brighton business area would support it.

2.2 HERBICIDE SPRAYS - SANTA CRUZ COMPLEX

Lois England and Trish Sutherland were in attendance to advise the Board on a dilemma regarding the use of poisonous weed sprays around the Santa Cruz housing complex. Both Trish and Lois suffered long term health effects from the use of the sprays as they had an immune system dysfunction. This left them with a day to day struggle to maintain normal life, which was compounded by the fact that the effects of the spray were cumulative over time.

Lois outlined a number of alternative spray programmes that had been initiated through other City Councils around New Zealand. They believed that the same methods could be initiated by the Christchurch City Council to alleviate the effects of the herbicide sprays on other people with immune system dysfunctions. Currently at the Santa Cruz complex the spray was being used under clotheslines, around the edges of lawns and to eradicate weeds in the lawn. After some discussion the Board **decided**:

1. That spraying be suspended at the Santa Cruz complex.
2. That a report on the current spraying regime, both within and surrounding the complex be presented to the Board, and that it provide alternatives to the current herbicide spraying regime.

2.3 HELICOPTER OPERATION ON NEW BRIGHTON PIER

Mr Robin McCarthy was in attendance to outline his proposal to operate a helicopter from New Brighton Pier. Mr McCarthy believed that his proposal was not detrimental to the Pier and would have no adverse affect on the Library. He advised that fishermen currently had rights on the Pier and could not see why helicopters should not have the same rights. Mr McCarthy also noted that there had been past concerns about helicopters in the New Brighton area, however he felt that it was incorrect to let other operators prejudice his application. He also advised that he was prepared to be flexible in the hours of operation and would amend his initial proposal to allow the helicopter to operate between 10.00 am to 12 noon and 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm daily.

As far as health and safety was concerned, Mr McCarthy advised that the operators would be responsible for all health and safety matters associated with the helicopter. He also felt that detrimental noise affects would not impact on the Library, as it was already close to a busy road which created its own associated noises. Mr McCarthy concluded by expressing his disappointment at the unfavourable comments made in the officer's report in the agenda.

2.4 YOUTH ALIVE TRUST

Ross Banbury was in attendance to request Board funding towards the training of youth workers for the Youth Alive Trust. Mr Banbury was requesting a funding contribution towards the training of four youth workers for a period of one year. He advised that the trainees would be striving towards a certificate in youth work, which was New Zealand Qualifications Authority certified. Mr Banbury also hoped to pass on his considerable experience to the youth throughout the period that they would be undertaking training. The Board considered the request for funding under item 16 of this report.

2.5 A CHRISTMAS WISH

Fran Erickson, Kingslea Residential Centre, was in attendance to request Board funding towards a Christmas concert, to be called "A Christmas Wish: Somebody's Daughter, Somebody's Son". The concert would involve 11 youths from the Kingslea Centre, with public performances from 1 to 15 December 1999. The basis of the performances was therapeutic drama where the youths would tell their own stories. The theme of the drama was about the youths taking responsibility for offending, and also provided a chance for the community to see them as young adults. Ms Erickson hoped that the drama would sow a seed to allow some option of change in the youths' lives and was very excited about the potential of the project. The funding Ms Erickson requested was to allow the Kingslea Centre to transform its gymnasium into something that resembled a theatre, and any funding the Board could provide would be gratefully received. Ms Erickson's request was considered under item 3.3 of this report.