

11. RICCARTON/WIGRAM FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT OF 15 MAY 2000 MEETING.

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on 15 May 2000.

Two funding requests were put to the Board.

1. (As noted above), the Riccarton Racecourse Tearooms and
2. A new request seeking financial assistance to the Fijian Social Services Trust in the sum of \$3,753.

In 1997 the Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust set up a pilot after school tutoring programme for students who were struggling with Maths, English and Science at School Certificate level. This programme was funded by the Lottery Board for a period of 12 months and was based at 40 Hillary Crescent. Ten children originally attended the classes which by the end of the period had dropped to eight. The remaining eight students passed all the subjects they were tutored in.

The majority (95 per cent) of the students who have attended the above programmes have come from Hillary Crescent, Suva Street and Roche Avenue. Staff at the Community Centre (40 Hillary Crescent) approached local families to gauge interest. The programmes were offered free of charge as are most of the services provided by the Fiji Social Services Trust.

Despite the success of this programme over the last three years it could not recommence in 2000 because of the lack of funding. The Lottery Board no longer assists in this area and other sources of funding have not been found.

The Fiji Social Services Trust wishes to continue with the Out of School Teenage Tutoring Programme in 2000. A budget shortfall of \$3,753.00 needs to be found in order for this successful programme to continue.

There was some discussion on the appropriateness of Community Board funds being put towards such a request.

David Buist **moved** "that a grant of \$3,753 be made to the Fijian Social Services Trust, from 1999/2000 Discretionary Funds, to allow their school tutoring programme to continue for this year, only.

The motion was seconded by Paddy Austin and, when put to the vote, was declared **carried**, on Division No. 1, the voting being six in favour with two against.

For (6) David Buist, Bob Shearing, Helen Broughton, Paddy Austin
Alison Wilkie, and Mike Mora

Against (2) Mary Corbett and Ishwar Ganda

The Board also received a review of its Discretionary/Project Funds.

Unexpended funds totalling \$20,200 were noted, with the two approved grants, (to the Riccarton Racecourse Teahouse and Fijian Social Services Trust) the Board **resolved** that the balance of \$11,447 be carried forward to 2000/01 as “Community Initiatives Fund”.