



2. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF 19 OCTOBER 2000 MEETING**

The Board was in receipt of the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting of 19 October 2000.

2.1 **DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

Trevor Melind thanked Board members for the grant which they had made to him from the Riccarton/Wigram Youth Award Scheme to assist with the costs associated with participation in the 2000 International Development Pacific Judo Squad Tour to Australia.

2.2 **WANAANGA INTERMEDIATE (STAGE II)**

A request was received from the Community Development Worker for Maori, Wene Hepi, for funding towards costs related to the provision of food and other services needed for the running of a five day live-in hui for young people in the Hornby area.

2.3 **2000/01 PROJECT FUNDS ALLOCATIONS**

It was reported that the total Board project funds available to the Community Affairs Committee was \$93,947 (including \$30,000 SCAP funding).

The Sockburn Advocacy Team had spent considerable time identifying eligible projects, current commitments, new projects (received through the Annual Plan public consultative process), and other issues that had come before the Advocacy team.

The Committee received a schedule of priority works based on the approved matrix as endorsed by the Finance and Policy Committee.

Board decisions on the schedule, along with other financial requests received by the Committee, are detailed under clause 9 of the report.

2.4 **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Mary Richardson, Policy Analyst, assisted members with their consideration of the "People with Disabilities Policy" development.

The Committee raised the following points which were noted by Mary:

- Employment policy as a policy goal
- Housing - Council and Private
- Transportation - "Bus Passes"
- Internal processes across all units (Council's responsibility to have "own house" in order)
- Agencies – support and network
- Consultation processes – information on the Internet for all (Signing for Hearing Disabilities)
- "Kids Advocates"

Mary advised that the draft policy would be presented to the 15 November Community Services Committee seminar and then would be reported back to Community Boards for further consideration.

2.5 **AVONHEAD SPORT, RECREATION AND ARTS STUDY**

Information was received from the Avonhead Project Steering Committee on implementation of the key recommendations of the Avonhead Sport, Recreation and Arts Study. The report contained suggestions on how to implement the recommendations, progress to date with implementation and existing budget provision within appropriate unit budgets.

It was **agreed** that the information be received and that the Board's congratulations be passed on to the Avonhead Project Steering Committee for a job well done.

2.6 **CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER CENTRE**

A letter was received from the Canterbury Volunteer Centre advising that on Friday 1 December the centre will have an advertising supplement in the Entertainment Guide of the "Press" to mark the launch of International Year of Volunteers. It was an opportunity for organisations to publicly thank volunteers for the work they do.

The Board was invited to take out an advertisement.

It was **decided** that a letter be sent to the Canterbury Volunteer Centre advising that the Board would not take up the opportunity to place an advertisement in the supplement but would rather support an advertisement in the local paper seeking volunteers for the centre.

2.7 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES ANNUAL USE 1999/2000**

It was reported that usage had declined by 3% at both the Riccarton Community Centre and Waimairi Community Centre with Hei Hei Community Centre remaining the same as the previous year.

The Riccarton Community Centre has had an extension carried out to improve the accommodation of the Riccarton Volunteer Library. The extension involved adding the area of the little used kitchenette, off the main foyer, into the library area. The additional space has added around one third as much again to the whole area, to the delight of the librarians and their customers.

Concern was expressed at the declining usage of the three community facilities.

The Committee **received** the information and decided to hold discussions with the Leisure Unit with a view to having a Recreation Worker attached to the Hei Hei Community Centre for one year.

The Board **received** the report.