

6. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF 15 FEBRUARY 2001**

The Board was in receipt of the report of the Community Affairs Committee meeting of 15 February 2001.

6.1 **DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

6.1.1 **Darryl Tempero, Hornby Presbyterian Church**

Darryl thanked the Community Board for the grant received from the 150th Canterbury Anniversary fund towards the "Westside Party in the Park". The aim of the event was to have fun – celebrate life on the Westside.

It is planned to hold a similar event on Sunday 16 December 2001, with planning to start earlier and a larger budget made available for the marketing of the event.

The Committee congratulated Darryl on the running of the event.

6.1.2 **Sue Sutherland, Libraries Manager and Hilary Renfree, Area Librarian**

Sue explained that as a result of restructuring Hilary Renfree is the Area Librarian for the Riccarton/Wigram, Spreydon/Heathcote and Hagley/Ferrymead communities. Sue gave background information on the progress to date of the proposed library.

A review is to be carried out before the end of the financial year of the proposed Riccarton/Avonhead library and Parklands library to ascertain what facilities are appropriate for the needs of the area, how these needs can be met and the best locations for these libraries. At the moment a library for the Riccarton/Avonhead area is in the 2005/06 budget spread over two financial years.

Sue asked members for their ideas on the perceived needs for the Riccarton area and possible sites, bearing in mind that the library needs to:

- Cater for the special needs resulting from the diverse ethnicity of the area
- Be on a public transport route
- Have homework/study areas
- Have an information technology suite
- Provide consumer health information

Various sites were identified which Sue will follow up.

6.2 **ACCESS AND EQUITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES POLICY**

In May 2000 the Council endorsed a proposal to develop a disability policy. Since then a number of meetings and focus groups were conducted with people from the disability community, Council staff, elected members and Community Boards. Based on the feedback from this consultation a draft policy has been developed.

The Committee consider the updated policy and the following feedback was noted:

- Size of document too large – abbreviated form if possible.
- The Background Report – 6. Policy Development Process – should include statistics regarding whom the responses were from, numbers, statistics etc.

It was also **agreed** that a letter be sent to the Community Services Committee requesting that Community Board members be invited to any seminars held by that Committee.

6.3 **RESIDENTS' GROUPS**

It was reported that new residents' groups were being formed within the residential area of Wigram Airbase and also in the Avonhead/Ilam area.

It was **decided** to identify further gaps where residents' groups are not established in the Riccarton/Wigram Wards, at the next meeting.

6.4 SUMMER EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES

A report was presented by Jane Mulholland (Community Recreation Adviser) on four summer events and programmes run in the Riccarton/Wigram Ward area. These were:

- Kidsplay Teddy Bears Picnic held at Warren Park on Tuesday 9 January
- The Big SK8 Out held in January and April 2000 and January 2001 school holidays
- Holiday Programme Report
- Sockburn Christmas Pool Party held at Sockburn Pool on Sunday 17 December

The Committee commended the officers for their wonderful work.

The Board **received** the report.