

9. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT OF 13 MARCH 2002 MEETING

The Board was in receipt of the report of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 13 March 2002.

9.1 DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Evan de Malmanche and Antony Stuart

Evan and Antony received a grant of \$500 each from the Youth Development Scheme to enable them to attend as members of the Canterbury U15 Boys' Softball team at a tournament in Wanganui on 2 January. Evan and Antony thanked the Committee for the grants which allowed them to participate in the tournament.

Youth Workers, Riccarton High School

Simon and Chris, Youth Workers at Riccarton High School spoke to members about the work they do with youth at Riccarton High School.

9.2 YOUTH WORKER, RICCARTON HIGH SCHOOL

A request had been received from Riccarton High School/Spreydon Youth Community seeking funding of \$5,000 for youth workers at Riccarton High School.

A grant was made in October 2000 by the Board to provide a level of salary support for the two youth workers who had previously worked with the school on a voluntary basis, providing young people with access to appropriate services on a school wide and personal level.

A report was presented for members' information as part of the evaluation/report outcome sought by the Committee at that time, being a one-year commitment by the Committee.

It was noted that funds were available from the Board's Youth Initiatives Fund. The Sockburn Advocacy Team had reviewed the request and was supportive of the Committee providing a grant for the 2002 year.

9.3 CULTURE GALORE!

The Community Recreation Adviser reported on Culture Galore! – a multi cultural event staged at Ray Blank Park on 16 February. This event was a partnership between the Riccarton/Wigram and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board contributed \$8,000 towards the staging of the event.

The event was well received by the local community, attracting an estimated 4,500 people. The event was made up of four main components:

- Stage area with cultural performances
- Demonstration area with cultural demonstrations
- Stalls with ethnic food demonstrations and information
- General Entertainment

The event was sponsored by Plains FM96.9 which is a full-time independent broadcaster delivering over 80 hours of community-made radio programmes every week in more than 18 languages.

The Committee congratulated and thanked the Community Recreation Advisers – Kate Rathbun and Jacqui Leask and their team for the tremendous standard they had achieved in the running of this event.

9.4 CHRISTCHURCH WEST CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU REQUEST FOR CO-ORDINATOR FUNDING

A deputation was received from the Hornby Citizens Advice Bureau at the 27 February Board meeting seeking funding of \$14,000 to enable the Bureau to employ a part-time Co-ordinator.

It was reported that a meeting would be facilitated by Metropolitan Community Advocacy staff with the three bureaux and the South Island Regional Office to look at opportunities for closer co-operation, and streamlining of some current business practices (to cut back on three-way duplication) before the 2003/04 metropolitan grants were considered.

Funding requests were also being made by the Christchurch West Citizens Advice Bureau to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board and the Selwyn District Council.

9.5 YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD SCHEME

It was reported that a draft of the proposed criteria and application form would be available at the April meeting for members consideration.

9.6 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

This scheme is to provide financial assistance for the personal development of young people.

The balance of the Youth Development Fund was \$2,170. An application was received from the Riccarton High School Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams (20 members in total) for financial support to help the teams travel to and compete in the National Secondary Schools Volleyball Tournament in Palmerston North from 18 to 24 March.

It was **decided** that a grant of \$400 be made available to assist those members of the Riccarton High School Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams in greatest financial need (to be identified by the coaches of the teams), and that the recipients be requested to provide feedback to the Committee on their participation in the tournament.

9.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

It was **agreed** to hold this item over to the next Community Services Committee meeting.

9.8 ITEMS FOR ONGOING CONSIDERATION

- Community Facilities
- Youth Community Service Award Scheme

9.9 NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday 10 April 2002

The Board **decided**:

1. That the report be received.
2. To fund the Riccarton High School Youth Workers during the current academic year with a grant of \$5,000 from the Board's Youth Initiative Fund.
3. To support the staging of Culture Galore at Ray Blank Park in February 2003 in partnership with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board.
4. To make a grant of \$10,000 to the Christchurch West Citizens Advice Bureau to employ a part-time co-ordinator from the 2001/2002 Discretionary Fund for the period ending 30 June 2003.
5. That any further funding requests from the Christchurch West Citizens Advice Bureau be considered after a review of the 3 Bureaux had been carried out.
6. That the Community Advocate write to the Community Relations Manager asking for the review to be initiated, and to be advised of the review process, start date/time line, items of reference etc.