

5. GILBERTHORPES SCHOOL – BARNARDOS CRECHE

The Property Asset Manager and Principal Accountant reported to the Board on the Council's agreement to sell the former Riccarton Borough Council's amenity building (which was leased) to Barnardos New Zealand.

In September 1994 the Council received a request from the Springs Community Preschool seeking support regarding accommodation because the Elim Church property from which they were operating was to be sold.

The Community Board supported this request and funds were allocated in the 1995 / 1996 budget for a new preschool to be built. In the interim the preschool was granted use of this building. The building was converted into a preschool to meet the Ministry of Education's guidelines for crèches.

Springs Community Preschool vacated the building in March 1998. Prior to this however, the Council had received a request from Friendship House Creche for assistance.

In May 1999 a report was presented to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board seeking approval for the former Riccarton Borough Council's amenity building to be relocated to the Gilberthorpe School grounds where it would be used as a crèche operated by Barnardos. The outcome of this request resulted in Barnardos taking over the management of the crèche on their present site, whilst pursuing the option of obtaining a building and land to relocate to.

The Property Manager had been asked to find out if the building on the Sockburn Yard site could be made available for Barnardos to shift to a suitable site, once it had been vacated by the Springs Community Preschool. Because the building had been altered to meet crèche standards it was agreed this was the best use to put this building to. The Community Board approved the relocation of the building to the Gilberthorpe School grounds provided that a lease be entered into and that the building was registered under the Chattels Transfer Act to protect the Council's ownership in the building. The conditions have been complied with.

The Board, in **receiving** the report, expressed their support for the settlement reached by the Council and Barnardos.