5. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT OF 10 APRIL 2002 MEETING

The Board was in receipt of the report of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 10 April 2002.

1. RICCARTON COMMUNITY CHURCH – I Y F FUNDING REQUEST

A request had been received from Riccarton Community Church for a grant of \$4,000 towards the I Y F Youth Programmes based at the church.

Marty Emmett, Leader of I Y F, was present to answer member's questions.

It was reported that the I Y F programmes complement and build on the other Riccarton youth services. They provided valuable follow-up to the Community Development Network Trust's camps and Underage Rages. The Thursday night programme provided a weekly opportunity for these young people to get support and they also linked in with families, schools and social workers where appropriate.

The Advocacy Team supported this holistic approach to the well being of youth – most of whom are not church members, many of who are local Riccarton and Hornby youth and a percentage of whom are at risk.

2. GARDEN GALA

The Community Recreation Adviser reported on "Garden Gala" an event staged at Riccarton House on Friday 8th March for older adults. The Board provided \$3,000 towards the event with the Leisure Unit contributing \$1,500. An estimated 500 older adults attended this event.

With over 20 local community groups promoting their various activities, this event offered the chance to try new activities and learn more about groups/activities in the area. The Oaken Spirit cultural group, Riccarton Players, Riccarton Highland Pipe Band Society and Neville Barrie, provided entertainment between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

By staging this event at Riccarton House it also promoted one of Christchurch's most historic building and surroundings.

\$4,000 had been allocated in the Events Budget for the 2003 event.

The Committee congratulated Jacqui Leask (Community Recreation Adviser) on a well-run event.

3. HORNBY YOUTH WORKER EVALUATION

The Community Development Adviser requested funding of \$5,000 to enable an independent evaluation of the Hornby Youth Worker Project to be carried out by independent researcher, Phillipa Aimer, to ascertain the Project's implementation and impact. The evaluation had multiple purposes –

- Improvement to gather information to improve the project and service
- Effectiveness to identify the components and initiatives which are working most effectively
- Transferability to document the project so aspects of it can be used in other locations, if appropriate
- Accountability to demonstrate the project and service has been implemented and achieving outcomes as intended.

The Hornby Youth Worker Project was the result of research undertaken by the Health Research Service (Dr Ray Kirk) on the needs of youth in the Riccarton/Wigram wards. The Community Development Network Trust (CDN) were contracted to manage this project and employed Lael Schwartfeger in 1997 to facilitate and promote positive opportunities for young people in the Hornby area. The Board allocates \$50,000 per annum to this project.

4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Members **received** a certificate of appreciation award from the Christchurch Children's Holiday Camps Trust for the support given by the Board in making grants available to allow local children to attend Holiday Camps.



5. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK – 26 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2002

Members **received** a report from the Neighbourhood Week Joint Board Committee.

The Board **decided** to support the Garden Gala event in 2003, to provide more funding, and to ask the Riccarton Bush Trust to contribute to the 2003 event.

Financial decisions made by the Board were to I Y F and to the independent evaluation of the Hornby Youth Worker Project, a total of \$9,000 from the Board's "Youth Initiatives Fund, 2001/02".