


## 7. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### 7.1 STAY ON YOUR FEET PROGRAMME



Allan Lloyd from Crown Public Health addressed the Committee and gave a briefing on the Stay on Your Feet Programme, which is jointly funded by the Council, Pegasus Health and the District Health Board.

The aim of the programme is to reduce the incidence of falls of people 65+. Falls are a major cause of elderly people requiring hospitalisation.

They run a home exercise programme which includes 280 people. They have currently 50 volunteers and have put together a resource pack which provides information on preventing falls and what to do if you do fall, information on ageing well and eating well and a checklist for making your home safer.

### 7.2 FIRE SERVICE PROJECT

Alan Merry from the New Zealand Fire Service addressed the Committee and gave a briefing on the Fire Service Project. This project has been running for over a year. It is available for all schools in the Transalpine fire region. The programme works to monitor graffiti, vandalism and fires in schools. There has been a significant decrease in the number of calls to the emergency services where the programme is in schools. The Police are also working with the programme.

A school fire wise pamphlet is about to be published. Mr Merry noted that the culture can change through awareness and education. Between 1999 and 2001 there were approximately 400 school fires. Over 50 per cent of these were due to untidy vegetation, litter and rubbish around. These fires cost the Ministry of Education millions of dollars.

Other regions are looking to introduce a similar programme.

The Committee **agreed** that the possibility exists for the Council's holiday programmes to work in with the fire service.

### 7.3 PACIFIC CAPABILITY BUILDING STRATEGY

Diane Fenika from the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs addressed the Committee and gave a briefing on the Pacific Capability Building Strategy.

This strategy is a Government initiative. It is the only pilot project in the South Island. Five stages have been undertaken in Christchurch. These are: community facilitated ethnic specific meetings for youth and elderly.

A Pacific Waves conference was held in August 2000. There was a stock take of government services undertaken. A programme of action has been developed and monitoring and implementation begun.

Health and education were identified as the top priorities. Other priorities identified were housing, justice, social services, immigration, employment and economic development. A Community Reference Group was established, it is mandated by the community and has a wide range of people and backgrounds. Its role is to provide advice and assistance to agencies on implementation, contribute to feedback and communicate to their respective Pacific communities.

A further Pacific Waves Conference was held in July 2002.

The future of the Pacific Capability Building strategy is being examined nationally and an evaluation will commence soon.

The information was **received** and a recommendation is recorded in clause 1 of this report.