

2. CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH LEARNING CENTRE



Andrea McDowell and Pat Street, Managers of the Christchurch South Learning Centre, attended the meeting to talk about opportunities for the Centre to support community initiatives.

Andrea and Pat explained their work to date, which included discussion with schools in the area. Schools were very enthusiastic about the centre. Transport was identified as a barrier to some of the schools some distance from the centre. Timetables were being established for classes, and there would be times available for the community to use the computers. Computers would also be available in the evenings and on weekends. Programmes for helping gifted children would be available. Teachers were also being encouraged to use the technology. Contact was being made with the community cottages, Addington.net and similar community technology groups. Opportunities for people with disabilities were also suggested.

The Board commented that it was aware of the transport issues for some schools and would look at possible assistance. Submissions would also be made when the Orbiter Bus review took place next year.

The Board thanked Andrea and Pat for their attendance, and suggested they keep in contact with the Service Centre staff and the Council's e-staff.