

**11. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 23 JUNE 2004 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 23 June 2004.

The meeting was attended by Peter Laloli (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Bob Shearing, Ishwar Ganda, and Mike Mora.

1. QUALITY OF LIFE '03 – IN NEW ZEALAND'S EIGHT LARGEST CITIES

Kath Jamieson, Senior Research Adviser, informed members that the Quality of Life Project was an ongoing indicators project that monitors 56 quality of life indicators in New Zealand's larger cities. There are now 12 cities taking part in the project.

This data is used to inform decision making by providing information to policy people and planners and elected members; Long Term Council Community Plan monitoring of progress towards achieving community outcomes and advocacy to central government.

Suggested main findings for Riccarton/Wigram to consider were:

Ageing

Managing an ageing population – implications for urban design and service planning, including health, leisure, housing and transport.

Ethnic Diversity

Particularly of Riccarton

Housing

Levels of home ownership are falling. Lower levels of home ownership in Riccarton (higher number of rental properties, lower income people, students, immigrants). High density housing in Riccarton.

Health

Life expectancy has increased – research shows close links between life expectancy and deprivation, nine years lower for males in most deprived areas; six years difference between females. Mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Safety

In local neighbourhoods 55% are concerned about dangerous driving and hoons; 37% graffiti; 32% burglaries. Perceptions of problems in local neighbourhoods can leave people feeling under siege and fearing for their safety.

Kath stressed the importance of linking issues from the Quality of Life Project in with any local research being carried out.

2. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

Pete Martin, University Students Association was present to inform members of the role the Association plays in the community and how it can be of assistance for initiatives and projects in the community.

Pete has an open door policy in the local community and residents are encouraged to see him with any concerns particularly regarding damage to property, behaviour of students etc. Pete is keen to work with the Board particularly when issues arise in the community.

The Committee thanked Pete for attending.

3. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

A funding request was received from Richie Edwards, 71 Tauwi Crescent, Hei Hei, for funding towards the costs associated with attendance at the Australian National Basketball Championships, 8th – 18th July 2004 in Perth as a member of the New Zealand Boys Under 16 Basketball Team. The total cost of attending this tournament was \$2,500.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 5 of this report.

4. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday 21 July 2004 – 8.30 am

5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve the following grant from the Youth Development Scheme -

Richie Edwards	\$500
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Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and that the recommendation contained in Clause 5 above be adopted.