

11. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 17 MARCH 2004**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17th March 2004.

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

1. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

A funding request was tabled from Melissa Harrison, 2 Golden Elm Lane to assist with the cost of attending the New Zealand U16 Squad Women's National Squad Camp to be held in Wellington from the 13th – 17th April 2004.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 8 of this report.

2. 2003/2004 PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

It was noted that three grants had been made under delegated authority –

- a. Halswell Residents Association - \$500 from the Community Initiatives Fund towards the cost of a Gala Day in conjunction with the opening of the Canterbury Experimental and Model Engineers Society opening day at Halswell Domain on 3rd April.
- b. Christy Yeo, \$400 from the Youth Development Fund towards costs associated with representing New Zealand at the 2004 Oceania Skating Championships in New Plymouth in April.
- c. Olivia Robin, \$400 from the Youth Development Fund towards costs associated with representing New Zealand at the 2004 World Irish Dancing Championships in Belfast, Ireland in April.

The Committee **received** the information.

3. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

Joy Terris and Dennis Hampton were present on behalf of the Hei Hei and Islington Residents Associations to speak in response to two letters from the Associations forwarded to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board concerning problems associated with youth and alcohol consumption in the area, and the possibility of having a Community Constable based in the area. It was also suggested that the Council could contact local MPs with a view to the introduction of legislation to raise the minimum drinking age to 20.

Peter Laloli vacated the Chair so that, in his capacity as a Police Officer, he could participate in the discussion on this matter. Mike Mora assumed the chair for the discussion portion of this issue.

Dennis suggested that a survey of all Christchurch City Council Residents Groups could be carried out to gain support for the raising of the drinking age from 18 years to 20 years and that the Christchurch City Council could then forward the results to local Members of Parliament or that a Citizens Referendum could be carried out.

Peter Laloli reported that the Police would support the relocation of the Community Constable from the Sockburn Office to the old Toy Library building at Hei Hei.

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4. MOBILE KIDS PROGRAMME AND FRIDAY-CLUB FOLLOW-UP PROGRAMME

Peter Hay gave a presentation on the “Mobile Kids Programme and Friday Club Follow-up Programme” in support of a funding request from the Puppet World Charitable Trust for \$4,000 to operate a values based programme in the Hei Hei/Broomfield area for children 6 – 12 years of age.

The Community Development Adviser, Vicki Mathieson, reported that the purpose of the programme was to help and empower local children to balanced living through a life changing values programme using puppetry, music and drama. For this purpose a Leyland bus had been purchased by the Christchurch West Baptist Church for a weekly hour-long interactive programme during each school term. The bus accommodates a total of 15 children.

The Trust was given a grant of \$6,000 in March 2003 for the establishment and running of the Mobile Kids Programme in Broomfield. The Trust then approached the Board for a further grant of \$6,000 towards the programmes operating costs; this was declined due to concerns regarding lack of “follow-up” community programmes being available.

The Trust has since developed a successful regular follow-up programme based at St Aidans. This operates every Friday each week and has 26 children registered on the programme and runs from year to year. Through this programme the children will enjoy a greater sense of personal value and will learn new behaviour skills. This will be achieved by involving the children in an inter-active programme teaching nine powerful principles, which in turn address behaviour values and personal discipline. These principals include:

I'm Special	Being Thankful
Respecting Others	Peer Pressure
Honesty	Our Family Unit
Wise Choices	Positive Hope
Being a Friend	

The Trust has been very proactive in raising funds for this operation and has been successful in obtaining several other sponsors.

It was reported that the Mobile Kids Programme would achieve outcomes identified in the Christchurch City Council's Children's Policy, Out of School Programmes Policy, Community Policy, and also the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Community and Social Plan Matrix particularly its commitment to children.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 8 of this report.

5. YOUTH WORKER PROGRAMMES AT RICCARTON AND HORNBY HIGH SCHOOLS

The Community Development Adviser, Denise Galloway, introduced Warwick Moffett, Fusion Youth, who was present to answer member's questions in regard to a request for funding of \$11,000 (\$5,500 to each programme) towards the salaries of the youth workers involved in the 24/7 Youth Work Programme at Riccarton High School and Hornby High School.

By way of background information, in October 2000 and March 2002 the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board allocated a grant of \$5,000 towards the salary of two youth workers based at Riccarton High School, who had previously worked on a voluntary basis. The Spreydon Youth Community Trust employs the youth workers.

The 24/7 Youth Worker Programme began at Hornby High School in May 2003. It is a partnership between the Fusion, Spreydon Youth Community Trust and Hornby High School. In June 2003 the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board granted \$4,000 towards this project, which enabled it to go ahead.

It was reported that both the Riccarton and Hornby High Schools 24/7 Youth Work Programmes were making a significant difference in the lives of many young people attending these schools. The success of the programmes was dependent on the commitment of its workers, volunteers, schools, the community and adequate financial resourcing. In essence the programmes are about partnerships and collaboration at all levels in order to achieve positive outcomes for young people.

Each programme has an annual operational budget of \$20,000 per annum. As well as contributions from the schools, SYC Trust and Fusion Youth (Hornby Presbyterian Church) need to access funding from other sources to cover operational costs.

The projects achieve outcomes of the Christchurch City Council Youth Policy and Youth Strategy and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives and were seen as a high priority as indicated in the Board's Community and Social Plan Matrix.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 8 of this report.

6. ONGOING ISSUE

Quality of Life '03 – in New Zealand's Eight Largest Cities – Next meeting topic of "Housing" to be discussed.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday 21 April 2004 – 8.30 am

8. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board make a grant of \$150 to Melissa Harrison from the Youth Development Fund.
- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board support the relocation of the Community Constable from the Sockburn Office to the old Toy Library building at Hei Hei.
- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board recommend to the Alcohol and Policy Subcommittee that a review of the drinking age be carried out with a view to increasing the age from 18 to 20 and that the Community Board lobby local Members of Parliament for support.
- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board allocate \$4,000 from the Community Initiatives Fund towards operational costs of the Mobile Kids Programme and Friday Club Follow-up Programme
- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board allocate \$5,500 towards the 24/7 Youth Work Project at Riccarton High School and \$5,500 towards the 24/7 Youth Work Project at Hornby High School (\$8,850 from Youth Initiatives and \$2,150 from Community Initiatives).

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and that the recommendations contained in Clause 8 above be adopted.