



## **Christchurch City Council**

# **SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN (SCAP) COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2006**

**5.30PM**

**BOARDROOM  
SOUTH LIBRARY, SERVICE CENTRE AND LEARNING CENTRE,  
66 COLOMBO STREET, CHRISTCHURCH**

**Committee:** Phil Clearwater (Chairman), Oscar Alpers, Bruce Harding, Jan Rogers, Rob Patterson,  
Doug Shepherd

**Community Development Advisers**  
Erin Eyles, DD: 941-5101  
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**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. MEETING REPORT – 19 JUNE 2006**

The report of the meeting of 19 June 2006 is attached for information.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received.

**3. SCAP 2006/07 FUND UPDATE**

Attached is a schedule with up-to-date information regarding the SCAP Fund.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be received.

**4. SHARP – REPORT BACK**

Cherie Dirkze will report back to the Committee on the school worker's position which received funding in June 2005.

**5. OLDER ADULT SERVICES DIRECTORY IN SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2006 – FEEDBACK**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Catherine McDonald, Community Support Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Erin Eyles, Community Development Adviser

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee, on the first publication of the "Older Persons Directory for Spreydon/Heathcote".

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Members will recall that this Directory was a new initiative supported by SCAP in May 2006, to print and distribute an initial print run of approximately 350 copies. There is an additional funding allocation of \$1735 from 2005/06 SCAP for further print runs of the Directory once feedback had been obtained.
3. The feedback on the Directory has been extremely positive, coming from individuals, health professionals, and organisations working within this sector of the community.
4. Distribution of the Directory was targeted to key networks and agencies working with older persons and given to those individuals most in need. Promotion and distribution avenues include, the S/H Older Persons Network, Older Adults/Disability Metropolitan Adviser, Community Workers and members in the Hoon Hay and Sydenham, Addington, Waltham (SAW) liaison networks, SCAP Committee members, Older Persons Health Division at PMH (including social workers), Medical Centres, Community Cottages, Age Concern, Citizens Advice, South Library and local church representatives.
5. All copies of the first print run have been distributed and there is an extensive wait list for additional copies.
6. Additional copies will be printed with the most up-to-date information available.

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7. Feedback and recommendations on information to be included in any revised editions will be obtained as part of the project evaluation.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

8. There are no legal considerations.
9. The initial funding of \$2000 allowed a first print run of approximately 350 copies to be produced and distributed to the community at no charge. There is a further allocation of \$1735 from the 2005/06 SCAP to be released for a second print run of the Directory.

**BACKGROUND ON THE OLDER SERVICES DIRECTORY IN SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2006 – FEEDBACK**

10. This Directory is the direct outcome of research conducted in 2004, addressing Older Persons issues in the South West Christchurch. The Older Adult Network established after this research, has looked at social isolation issues, and the Directory is a culmination of discussions from this Network. The Network and the Directory project have been co-ordinated by the Christchurch City Council. It is presented in a hard copy format, which is easily read for older persons, and free of charge.
11. The Directory address SCAP aim, 'to improve people's sense of belonging to, and being part of the community by facilitating the building of social capital', with the priority of social isolation issues.
12. The Directory also aligns with Council Policies and Community Board objectives and contributes to Community Outcomes: A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, A City of Lifelong Learning and A City for Recreation, Fun and Creativity.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee receive this information report.

**6. STRICKLAND STREET COMMUNITY GARDENS – EXTENSION ACTIVITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Catherine McDonald, Community Support Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Erin Eyles, Community Development Adviser

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to request funding support from the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee for the Strickland Street Community Gardens (SSCG) Extension Activities Development Project.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The proposed project extends on current initiatives at SSCG. The current focus of the assistant manager employed is in a supervisory role and to a smaller degree waste minimisation. With the proposed projects emphasis would extend to new initiatives, such as new migrant gardening classes, community education outreach programme and developing business ideas.
3. Key Development Projects are detailed as follows:

(a) **Gardening Classes and Home Advisory Service for New Migrants**

Exploring Community Education for new migrants (initially targeting women), skill based, also functioning as a horticultural and literacy programme. It would support goals in reducing social isolation for new migrants via a social learning environment.

**6 Cont'd****(b) Outreach Programme**

This extension activity would explore a Home Composting Advisory Service based locally, and visiting participants in their own homes. The outreach programme also involves school visits to reinforce school gardening programmes and to promote both community gardens and Kids Edible Gardens in schools. Part of this programme could be piloted at Council Housing Estates, with a "gardening for small spaces" emphasis. There would also be a networking component to obtain interest among groups working with low-income clients.

**(c) Business Ideas Development**

Enterprise potential include developing the seed saving activities, compost production for fundraising (formal testing of compost quality required), and home composting workshops.

4. Supporting the extension programme would also provide security at a critical time in the gardens development, enabling new initiatives to be explored and implemented. An outcome of the Extension Programme would be a more sustainable operating programme and funding base for the gardens.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

5. There are no legal considerations. The financial considerations are outlined below.
6. The Council has provided financial support to the gardens via its umbrella organisation Manuka Cottage (Addington Community House). More recently this has been from Board Project Funding 2006/07 (\$20,000 Manager salary and operating costs), and Community Development Fund 2005/06 (\$2,500 for assistant salary).
7. The total budget to support the new initiatives is \$30,000, which primarily covers salaries, materials, and promotion. The funding request to the SCAP Committee is \$8,500, which includes \$1,000 project operating costs and is just over 28% of the total budget for this initiative. Funding is also being sought from other funding sources such as Lotteries, The Canterbury Community Trust, Pub Charities, COGS, and Scottwood Trust and Partnership Health Canterbury.
8. There has been no SCAP funding previously allocated towards this project.

**BACKGROUND ON THE STRICKLAND STREET COMMUNITY GARDENS**

9. SSCG evolved in 1999 from the community development work based at Manuka Cottage. For the last seven years it has been supported by Manuka Cottage and is now well established in the Spreydon community and is often cited as a model for Community Gardens. With the successful development it is now time for SSCG to establish it's own entity and framework.
10. SSCG are in the process of forming a Charitable Trust and planning stages of developing the house as a community gardening and resource centre.
11. The main areas of focus for the SSCG are in horticultural production, waste minimisation, neighbourhood development, community education and support work placement of people with disabilities and other special needs. Many of these initiatives have followed community development processes, which has been key in the successful outcomes for the community.
12. This programme addresses a SCAP aim, 'to support individuals, communities and neighbourhoods to share by direct democracy in achieving the above aims and to have a meaningful participatory role in proactive community building,', addressing social wellbeing, participation, cultural and employment issues.

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13. This programme also aligns with Council Policies and Community Board objectives and contributes to the Council Community Outcomes: A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, A City of Lifelong Learning, A Safe City, Equity & Access for People with Disabilities. A City of People who Value and Protect the Natural Environment.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee allocate \$8,500 from its 2006/07 fund to the Strickland Street Community Gardens towards the Extension Activities Development Project.

**7. CROSS-CULTURAL TRAINING UPDATE**

The Community Development Adviser (Erin Eyles) will update the Committee on this project.

**8. ROWLEY EDIBLE COMMUNITY GARDEN – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

Report to be pre-circulated if available, otherwise will be tabled.

**9. SCAP PLANNING – PROGRAMME DISCUSSION FOR 2006/07**

Discussion on possible Committee programme for 2006/07. Please refer to attached papers as background.

**10. NEXT MEETING**