

5. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 1 MARCH 2006 MEETING**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2006.

The meeting was attended by Tony Sutcliffe (Chairperson), Helen Broughton, Lesley Keast, Peter Laloli, Mike Mora and Tony Sutcliffe.

1. PRESENTATION OF THE HORNBY YOUTH WORKER EVALUATION REPORT

Sarah Wylie, Researcher, by way of a deputation informed the Committee of the evaluation of the Hornby Youth Worker(s). The evaluation was completed in December 2005 and identified both strengths and weaknesses of the project. Some of the key strengths of the project were the longevity/continuity of service of its staff and the youth worker in particular, the combination of both male and a female youth worker, the dedicated and skilled team of staff and volunteers and the affordability benefits for families because it is a well-resourced programme. The evaluation report highlighted weaknesses of the project which included that the female position is currently only 20 hours per week and this number of hours does not allow for small group activities, attendance at networking meetings and other involvement in the wider community and a review of the current youth worker's salary. A copy of the evaluation report was circulated to Board members.

The Committee **received** the information.

2. EVALUATION OF HORNBY YOUTH WORKER(S) PROJECT AND FUNDING REQUESTS FOR SALARY OF A FEMALE YOUTH WORKER ASSISTANT

The Committee considered an application for funding from the Community Development Adviser seeking two year funding (25 hours per week) for the Female Youth Worker Assistant position (\$43,960), from June 2006 to June 2008.

The Committee was supportive of the application, and its recommendation is recorded under clause 5 of this report.

3. CHILD WISE (METHODIST MISSION) APPLICATION FOR DVD AND WISE UP PROGRAMME

The Committee considered an application for funding from the Community Development Adviser seeking funding assistance towards the running of the Wise Up programme at Branston Intermediate School (\$2,644) and the production of an educational DVD (\$3,930).

The Committee's recommendation on this matter is recorded under clause 5 of this report.

4. TE WHARE O NGA WHETU INITIATIVE UPDATE

The Metropolitan Community Adviser presented a report on developments relating to the Te Whare O Nga Whetu initiative, and Board project funds which had been allocated to the Community Development Worker for Maori based there.

In July 2005 the Board allocated a total of \$15,000 as a top up for a Community Development Worker for Maori position based at Te Whare O Nga Whetu. Due to the closure of this organisation, this sum is not needed this financial year.

The Committee's recommendation on this matter is recorded under clause 5 of this report.

5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That the Board agrees to fund the position of a Female Youth Worker Assistant, 25 hours per week, for a period of two years, June 2006 to June 2008, (\$43,960) and at its next meeting the Board consider ongoing funding arrangements.
- (b) That the Board agrees:
 - (i) To fund Child Wise the amount of \$2,644 for their Wise Up programme at Branston Intermediate (2006).
 - (ii) To recommend that Child Wise apply to the community development metropolitan budget for funding of \$3,930 for costs associated with the production of a DVD.
 - (iii) To fund the amount of \$3,930 for the production of a DVD if Child Wise is unsuccessful in obtaining funding from the community development metropolitan budget.
- (c) That the Board receives for reallocation, the sum of \$15,000 of unspent 2005/06 Project Funds from Te Whare O Nga Whetu into its Community Initiatives Fund.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.