



Christchurch City Council

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

MONDAY 15 MAY 2006

AT 5.30PM

MEETING ROOM ONE
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

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1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MEETING REPORT – 2 APRIL 2006**

The report of the meeting of 3 April 2006 is **attached** for information.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

3. **SCAP 2005/06 FUND UPDATE**

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

4. **KAHOA TAULEVA CHRISTCHURCH TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Catherine McDonald, Acting Community Support Manager
Author:	Ingrid de Meyer, Community Development Advisor

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee a request from Kahoa Tauleva Christchurch Trust for funding assistance towards the cost of relocating the Tongan Homework class from the University of Canterbury to Rowley Primary School and a contribution towards operating costs. The costs include computer workstations (12), network connection, software, rent, and associated resources totalling \$11,176.27. Kahoa Tauleva Trust are requesting \$9,176.27.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Kahoa Tauleva Christchurch Trust is committed to providing educational and training services for the Tongan Community. They work holistically within a framework of Christian principles.
3. The Kahoa Trust has been operating since 1996. The groups main activities are: Fe'ungamalie Pre-school (the pre-school has operated since 1999 at Rowley Primary School); horticulture training and work skills; weekly radio programme at Plains FM 96.9; and Fe'ungamalie computer and homework training. There is a parent trust in Auckland called New Zealand Kahoa Tauleva Trust 2000, and also affiliated trusts in Tonga and Australia which have similar objectives. Each trust operates as a separate entity.
4. Fe'ungamalie Computer and Homework training has been operating since 2004. The computer skills and homework training aims to promote and encourage computer literacy in Tongan and English language and is providing this service to Tongan children and adults. They provide after school study support for primary aged students in years 4,5,6,7 and 8, assisting in their learning and achievement, and have been operating as a community programme with volunteer staff for the past two years. They have been operating from the University of Canterbury who have assisted with a venue and provided computers for the group. Some funding has been secured to cover the costs of preparing course booklets. The Trust is keen to work towards securing Ministry of Education funding support as a homework centre or study support centre. They cater for a wide range of children who have varying needs, particularly children who require assistance with learning and weekly homework assistance. They provide extra resources to achieve this. Fe'ungamalie offer this programme free of charge.

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5. Kahoa Tauleva Christchurch Trust also offer computer training for adults and they provide affordable access to participate in digital technology, and upskilling for the Tongan community. They are wanting to relocate into the Rowley area so that they are located near their people.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations. The total cost of the relocation is \$11,176.27. Kahoa Tauleva Trust have already received \$2,000 towards the relocation, and are requesting \$9,176.27. The \$2,000 already received was allocated towards the computer workstations and annual rent. Other costs for the group are software licences (XP, Office and ICDL) \$2,137, wireless networking \$1,003.47 including PCI adaptors & Access point which means the computers can be shifted with ease and operate in another classroom, resources for teaching \$1,050, volunteers (teacher 2 hour sessions twice a week, and teaching assistant), for the year \$2,960, and administration \$600.
7. The Kahoa Tauleva Trust has received funding previously through the SCAP committee. The table below highlights previous funding.

Year	Amount	Purpose
2004	\$2,400	Grant towards operating costs including venue costs.
2005	\$3,389	Tongan Homework Club grant towards resources and operating costs (SCAP) Committee.
2006	\$2,000	Grant towards computer workstations in Rowley.

8. A financial statement from the Kahoa Tauleva Trust has been viewed as have their business plan, policies and procedures, including a progress report on 2005 funding. Accounts are to be audited later in the year.

BACKGROUND ON TONGAN HOMEWORK CLUB PROGRAMME

9. The Tongan Homework Club's primary aims are:
- To assist students with their weekly homework and assignments.
 - To improve literacy and numeracy skills of school students.
 - To provide tutorial assistance to students.
 - Introduce basic Tongan language.
 - Develop and reinforce study skills to increase and sustain academic success.
 - Develop and reinforce basic to intermediate level computer literacy within a word processing context.
 - Develop and reinforce basic information retrieval techniques in an on-line environment and also in a library environment.
10. The programme will run all year and operate on Monday's and Tuesday's from 6pm-8pm of every week at Rowley Primary School. The goal is to provide computer classes for the parents or the wider community on Thursday's, with a longer term plan of providing a learning centre at Rowley for community and the homework class. Fe'ungamalie Pre-school is also based at Rowley Primary School and is aiming to be fully licensed this year. The relocation will assist the Trust achieve integrated support with and for the local Tongan Community, with the plan to provide a learning centre in the future.
11. The Trust has recently applied to the Ministry of Education to gain funding support for the ongoing operation of the homework class. The Ministry of Education assist senior primary school students at risk of underachievement by funding study support centres. Funding under this initiative is only for operational costs and employment of staff. Funding is not available for buildings or computers under this scheme.
12. The Tongan Homework group has been operating for two years, in this time the following developments have been noted:

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- The number of pupils attending the Homework group have increased (regular attendance of 20-30 per session).
- Increasing competency in numeracy and reading skills.
- Increase in number of parents attending. (Parent's are encouraged to participate in their children's learning thereby establishing a partnership that is needed to support their educational growth).
- Growing competency in researching information, including the use of the internet. Many do not have access to a computer at home.

OPTIONS

13. That the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee agree to fund the Kahoa Tauleva Trust \$6,000 towards the Tongan Homework Club's relocation and operational costs the Rowley Primary School.
14. The SCAP Committee decline funding the Tongan Homework Club.

PREFERRED OPTION

15. The preferred option is that the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee allocate \$6,000 to the Kahoa Tauleva Christchurch Trust to fund the Tongan Homework Club for relocation and operational costs for this year. The Tongan Homework Club is ready to start up. If the application to the Ministry of Education is ongoing and operational funding is successful, they will be able to employ a trained teacher to tutor the students. Volunteers will still be needed. The Tongan Homework programme has been operating for the past two years with volunteers. If the SCAP committee agree to fund the programme this will give the Homework Club a good foundation of funding to get established in Rowley. Part of the funding request includes a wireless network set up (\$1,000) to run the 18 computers. This will allow the group to shift the computers with ease. Being based at Rowley Primary School is a good location. However if any future changes were to occur including a classroom shift this would not involve any data cabling costs. There is a very clear need for this initiative in Rowley. The population of the Tongan community in Christchurch is growing, access to computers and the internet is much lower for pacific people compared to other cultures.
16. The Tongan Homework club contributes to the following Community Outcomes:

A Safe City, A City of Lifelong Learning, A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, and A Prosperous City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee allocates \$6,000 to the Kahoa Tauleva Christchurch Trust towards the Tongan Homework Club relocation and operational costs.

5. CROSS OVER TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Catherine McDonald, Acting Community Support Manager
Author:	Ingrid de Meyer, Community Development Advisor

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a funding request from Cross Over Trust for funding towards the salary of two youth workers. Cross Over Trust provide services for "at risk" youth and their families in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward. They are seeking a total of \$20,000. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board at its 18 April 2006 meeting allocated \$5,000 towards Cross Over Trust's application. The Board also recommended referring the request to the SCAP Committee's May meeting for consideration of additional funding support due to the lack of funding remaining in the 2005/06 discretionary fund.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Since November 2005, Cross Over Trust has submitted over \$60,000 worth of applications to various pub charities for funding. Unfortunately they have all been declined. Over the past 3-4 years Cross Over Trust has received funding from these sources. The funding received in the past equates to approximately 12-28% of their funding base. Short-term funding options are limited. Funding for the two youth worker positions ceased on 14 April 2006. Whilst other funding applications and processes are in hand, there is no funding for the salaries for the two youth workers.
3. Cross Over Trust has been operating since 1989 and became incorporated in 1991. They work holistically. The activities and services they currently provide include:
 - Manaakitanga Club programmes.
 - Social skill based activities.
 - General youth work support and advocacy.
 - Adventure based programme learning (supporting challenging 8-12 year olds).
 - School and home support services.
 - Mentoring.
 - Family support work.
4. The funding shortfall impacts on two key youth workers and the geographic areas of Sydenham, Addington and Spreydon. This will affect five of seven programmes currently running which equates to 35 families and 90 referred youth. Cross Over Trust is currently looking at funding strategies and service provision to prevent this shortfall from occurring again.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There are no legal considerations.
6. The funding required is for youth worker salaries. Funding is required to retain these key workers. Cross Over Trust are committed to maintaining their level of service to the community. The Community Trust is also being approached for support in relation to this urgent application. The next available funding for salaries is Lottery which will be in June 2006.
7. The Council has provided financial support to Cross Over Trust over the past 10 years. This has been through the Community Development Scheme, the Community Board project funding and discretionary fund. Most grants have been under \$5,000.
8. Audited accounts for the previous year have been viewed. Current accounts are with their auditor. Funds on hand total \$17,831.57. Other funding to come totals \$15,000 but will not be available until August 2006. The organisation has funds to operate but no salary funding is available until August 2006.

BACKGROUND ON CROSS OVER TRUST

9. Cross Over Trust has been operating in the Spreydon community for 17 years. The services they provide have grown over the years to meet the needs of the community. They now run four Manaakitangi clubs per year for 10-15 year olds. They work with six local schools through referrals from either school principals, teachers, health nurses or other agencies such as Lifelinks. They also provide a range of support and services such as recreation, youth adventure, leadership programmes, and the weekly Manaakitangi Club. They now also deliver a youth specific project in Rowley. They employ 3.5 Youth Workers, a Manager, a family worker position, a counsellor working one day a week, and 22 volunteers, working with 150 youth and their families.

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10. The two youth worker positions are key to youth service and programme delivery in Addington, Sydenham and Spreydon. Without salary funding there will be a loss of service, and the needs of these youth and families will not be met. Cross Over Trust provide a wrap service with the youth and families they work primarily with disadvantaged youth and their families providing preventative interventions, issues and concerns are identified as well as problem solving strategies and solutions working from a strengths based model.
11. The Manager and Trustees are looking at long term funding strategies to help prevent this from occurring in the future.
12. The Cross Over Trust service aligns significantly with Community Outcomes, Council policies and Community Board Objectives. Cross Over Trust contribute to the following Community outcomes:

A Learning City, A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, A City of Healthy and Active People, A Safe City.
13. It also aligns with the following SCAP aims:
 - To improve people’s sense of belonging to, and being part of the community by facilitating social capital.
 - To improve the Spreydon/Heathcote communities’ safety from crime to support community-based programmes (for example early intervention strategies).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee allocates \$5,000 from the Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) 2005/06 fund to the Cross Over Trust for the two youth worker salaries.

6. CROSS-CULTURAL PILOT TRAINING SEMINAR – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Catherine McDonald, Acting Community Support Manager
Author:	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 to run a pilot cross-cultural training seminar.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The proposed cross-cultural training seminars are a new initiative being explored by the SCAP Committee. The aim of the seminars is to improve communication skills and explore peoples’ awareness in the intercultural area.
3. There has been no funding previously allocated towards this project.
4. This initiative is to pilot and evaluate a seminar with the trainer KiwiHost Canterbury. If the pilot is successful, the intention of the SCAP Committee is to offer seminars to the wider community at no cost to participants.
5. The pilot seminar would be attended by staff and members of the community to provide interaction and feedback for the purposes of evaluating the trainer and seminar content.

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FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations.
7. The cost of engaging KiwiHost Canterbury to develop and facilitate a pilot seminar, based on 20 participants, is \$480 plus GST. The total funding request of \$750 includes costs of catering, promotion and evaluation of the pilot seminar.

BACKGROUND ON THE PILOT SEMINAR

8. The SCAP Committee resolved to proceed with a pilot Across Cultures workshop at the November 2005 meeting, after a presentation from KiwiHost Canterbury earlier in 2005.
9. An outcome from the workshop or seminars would be to engender an attitude shift in how people are treated and interact with others focusing in the intercultural area. The pilot would be undertaken in order to evaluate the programme's worth and, if successful, used by a cross section of participants in the future, including health and education sectors in the Spreydon/Heathcote area.
10. The cross-cultural seminars address the 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 cultural awareness issues.
11. This training also aligns with Council Policies and Community Board objectives and contributes to the Community Outcomes of 'A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, A City of Lifelong Learning and A Prosperous Community'.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee allocate \$750 from its 2005/06 fund to run a pilot Cross-Cultural Seminar.

7. OLDER ADULTS DIRECTORY FOR SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Catherine McDonald, Acting Community Support Manager
Author:	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 printing and distribution costs of the first "Older Adults Directory for Spreydon/Heathcote".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This is a new initiative and there has been no funding previously allocated from the Community Board towards this project.
3. This Directory is the direct outcome of research conducted in 2004, addressing Older Persons issues in 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.

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FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal considerations.
5. The cost of digitally printing each Directory with a preferred printer, colour front page and body black and white, is \$4.75 plus GST per copy. The advantage of using digital reproduction is that there is no set-up fee and if the information changes or is updated before the next print run, there is no extra cost. As this is the first edition of the Directory, and demand is unknown, this print method will allow additional print runs, no matter how small, and the cost per copy remains the same. The initial print run would be for 350 copies.

BACKGROUND ON THE DIRECTORY

6. Research undertaken in 2004 on older people in South West Christchurch by the St Nicholas Church was sponsored by the SCAP Committee. Outcomes of this research found many older people had concerns, needs and interests that were not being met.
7. Subsequent meetings established an Older Adults Network, and a small committee co-ordinated by the Council has been meeting regularly to address some of the urgent needs not being met. One of the Committee groups looked at ways in which relevant information could be distributed into the community for older persons. The Directory is the culmination of these discussions. It is presented in a hard copy format, which is easily read for older persons, and free of charge.
8. A draft of the Directory was presented to the SCAP Committee at the February 2006 meeting for information and feedback.
9. The Directory addresses the aim of SCAP which is '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.
10. The Directory also aligns with Council policies and Community Board objectives and contributes to the Community Outcomes of '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 allocate \$2,000 from its 2005/06 fund, for the Older Adults Directory for Spreydon/Heathcote first edition print run.

8. TE WHARE ROOPU O OTEREPO WALTHAM COMMUNITY COTTAGE – PUAWAI MAORI PROGRAMME

The Community Development Adviser (Erin Eyles) will update the Committee on the Puawai Maori programme.

9. CROSS-CULTURAL PILOT SEMINAR – FEEDBACK

The Community Development Adviser (Erin Eyles) will seek and provide feedback on the pilot Seminar held on 9 May 2006.

10. NEXT MEETING

Monday 19 June 2006, 5.30pm.