

Christchurch City Council

RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2007

AT 5.00PM

HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, SOCKBURN SERVICE CENTRE, 149 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH

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Bob Shearing and Tony Sutcliffe.

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT, 12 DECEMBER 2006

The report of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board meeting of 12 December 2006, has been circulated to members.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. PETITIONS

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

Attached.

6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

6.1 AWATEA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Kay Stieller, on behalf of the Awatea Residents' Association would like to address the Board regarding the variation to the zoning at Awatea.

6.2 HORNBY TEEN PARENT UNIT FEASIBILITY STUDY – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Andy Kai-Fong, Principal, Hornby High School would like to address the Board in relation to the proposed Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School.

7. HORNBY TEEN PARENT UNIT - FEASIBILITY STUDY - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Community Support Unit Manager
Author:	Denise Galloway, Community Development Advisor

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request \$6,700 of funding from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for costs associated with undertaking a feasibility study relating to a proposed Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School. There is currently an available balance of \$32,582.70 in the 2006/07 Discretionary Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. On 29 March 2006 over 50 people attended a forum called "What's Happening for Young People in Hornby?". The forum was open to parents, professionals and community representatives associated with young people aged 13-17 years. The invitation to attend was generated by the Child, Youth and Family Justice staff based at the Hornby Heartlands Centre. The forum worked through several structured small group-work exercises to identify service gaps and potential actions to enhance services for youth.
- 3. One of the gaps identified was a school for young parents. A working party was set up to look at this issue, and has met several times during 2007. A working party and key officials' distribution list is attached. The Principal of Hornby High School, Andy Kai Fong heads up the working party. At its last meeting on 30 November 2006 the working party decided that a feasibility study was necessary in order to accurately scope the need for a Teen Parent Unit based at Hornby High School. It was also agreed that the Community Development Advisor for the Riccarton/Wigram ward, Denise Galloway, would investigate funding options for the feasibility study.

4. Hornby High School currently has six buildings that are unoccupied, and decisions related to what is going to happen to the future of these buildings need to be finalised by the end of March 2007. The feasibility study needs to be completed by this time as the results may impact on school property issues. A study of this nature should take approximately six weeks to complete.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal considerations. The Board currently has an available balance of \$32,582.70 in its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund. The cost of the feasibility study would be approximately \$6,700. A research brief is **attached**.

BACKGROUND ON FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A TEEN PARENT UNIT AT HORNBY HIGH SCHOOL

- 6. Teenage childbearing is generally considered a poor life choice. It is widely acknowledged that the responsibilities of early parenting have long-lasting effects on the socio-economic well-being of the women and children involved. This can result in interrupted education, failure to attain educational potential, reduced earning potential and reduced career prospects. Various research and studies show that teen parents are less likely to complete school and more likely to be single parents, and the long term costs of teenage parents to the state in terms of sole-parent family benefits is substantial.
- 7. In New Zealand during 2001 there were 3,773 live births to mothers aged less than 20 years. Thirty-one percent of these were to teenagers aged less than 18 years. Maori and Pacific Island teenagers have the highest fertility rates. In a longitudinal study (2001) of a cohort of 533 young women born in 1971 in Christchurch, 26% had been pregnant at least once by the age of 21, and 14% had become parents. The study also found that young pregnant women in Christchurch were characterised by higher rates of educational underachievement.
- 8. Teen Parent Units provide the opportunity for second chance education for teens that have to opt out of their schooling early due to pregnancy and parenthood. There is now a significant amount of Units established around the country. In the South Island there is one in Dunedin and two in Canterbury. The Teen Parent Units in Canterbury are both based at high schools. The Kimihia Learning Centre is based at Linwood College and has been operating for one year and Karanga Mai Young Parent's College Unit is based at Kaiapoi High School and has been operating for ten years.
- 9. On 29 March 2006 over fifty people attended a forum called "What's Happening for Young People in Hornby?" at St Aidens Church in Hei Hei. The forum was open to parents, professionals and community representatives associated with young people aged 13-17 years. The invitation to attend was generated by the Child, Youth and Family Justice staff based at Hornby Heartlands Centre. The forum worked through several structured small group-work exercises to identify service gaps and potential actions to enhance services for youth.
- 10. One of the gaps identified was a school for young parents. A working party was established to look at this issue, and has met several times during 2007. The Principal of Hornby High School, Andy Kai Fong, is heading up the working party. At the last meeting on 30 November 2006 the working party decided that a feasibility study was necessary in order to accurately scope the perceived need for a Teen Parent Unit based at Hornby High School. It was also agreed that the Community Development Advisor for the Riccarton/Wigram Ward, Denise Galloway would investigate funding for the feasibility study. The Board of Trustees at Hornby High School is also supportive of exploring this issue and a letter is attached from the Board of Trustees Chairperson.
- 11. Hornby High School currently has six buildings that are unoccupied, and decisions relating to what is going to happen to these buildings in the future need to be finalised by the end of March 2007. The feasibility study for the Teen Parent Unit therefore needs to be completed as soon as possible. A study of this nature should take approximately six weeks to complete as key stakeholders need to be interviewed and statistical data collated. If the feasibility study identifies a need for a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby School, one of the buildings currently vacant could potentially serve as an appropriate venue, thus avoiding additional major costs.

OPTIONS

- 12. The Board could agree to grant \$6,700 towards a feasibility study which will address the perceived need for a Teen Parent Unit based at Hornby High School.
- 13. The Board could decline the request for funding for a feasibility study. The result of not funding this project would mean that the study would not be completed within the immediate time frame. The importance of the tight time frame has been discussed in this report.

PREFERRED OPTION

- 14. The preferred option is for the Board to grant \$6,700 for a feasibility study. In this case the time frame is very tight, given that Hornby High School has to make decisions about current vacant classrooms by 30 March 2007. Educational or second chance opportunities for young parents are a key contributor towards breaking the poverty cycle which young parents are often caught in. It is important to make sure that a comprehensive scoping exercise is undertaken in order to clarify the current perceive need for a Teen Parent based at Hornby High School. This project meets the following Council Community Outcomes:
 - A Prosperous City
 - · A City of Life-long Learning.
- 15. This project is also aligned with the Council's Youth Strategy:
 - Principle 1: Equity
 - Principle 2: Empowerment
 - Principle 3: Partnership
 - Principle 4: Co-operation
 - Principle 5: Treaty of Waitangi
 - Principle 6: Effectiveness.
- 16. This project also meets the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives (2006-2009):

Board Objective 11

Contribution to increased social well-being in the Riccarton/Wigram area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate \$6,700 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for costs associated with undertaking a feasibility study identifying whether or not there is a need for a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School.

8. HORNBY YOUTH WORKER(S) PROJECT - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Community Support Unit Manager
Author:	Denise Galloway, Community Development Advisor

PURPOSE OF REPORT

At its meeting of 12 December 2006 the Board resolved that this application for funding be referred for further discussion to a forthcoming Community Board meeting on 13 February 2006. The purpose of this report is to present a request to the Board for funding assistance of \$20,000 towards the cost of running programmes related to the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project. At present the Board has an available balance of \$49,840 in its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund. Attached is an Evaluation Report of the Hornby Community Youth Worker.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project has been operating for nine years. In 1996 a need for affordable and accessible recreational programmes in the Hornby area was identified by an independent researcher. The Community Development Network Trust was contracted by the Community Board to provide a Youth worker who would deliver recreational programmes as well as develop supportive positive relationships with the young people in Hornby. The Community Board initially funded the total cost of the project including salary and programme costs. The salary of the youth worker is currently funded from the Community Development Team Budget. The Community Board, historically, has continued to fund the programme costs (\$20,000) each year from its Youth Initiative Fund, as well as the salary of the female youth worker assistant (for the period up until June 2008).
- 3. The programmes are an essential part of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project. They provide recreational opportunities that many of the young people in this area would not have access to, due to costs relating to participation as well as travel. The camps also provide respite for parents, as well as activities that extend the skills of young people, develop self-esteem, confidence and leadership potential. Volunteers also provide positive role models.
- 4. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is a Council initiative. Since its initiation the Community Development Network Trust has been contracted to deliver programmes, services and activities to young people in Hornby. Two major independent evaluations (2002, 2005) have highlighted the success of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project and the positive impact that the camps and activities have on the young people. The youth workers provide information related to the running of the programme in six monthly and annual evaluation reports. The young people themselves are included in the evaluation process and some of their comments are included in this report.
- 5. The Board has been proactive in funding the total cost of the recreational programmes (\$20,000) in advance for planning purposes. Current funding will come to an end in April 2007.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations. Both the Board and the Community Development Group currently fund the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project.

Year	Amount		Funder
2006/08	\$35,920	Female Youth Worker Assistant	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board
		(two years)	
2006/07	\$42,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team
2005/07	\$40,000	Programmes (two years)	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board
2005/06	\$35,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team
			Budget
2004/05	\$35,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team
		_	Budget
2004/05	\$20,000	Youth Programmes	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board

7. The project has been running for nine years. The above matrix indicates the level of funding over the last two years. The Board has given \$20,000 annually towards the cost of the programmes since 1997. One of the key strengths of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project identified in Sarah Wylie's evaluation report (2005) was "the affordability benefits for families

BACKGROUND ON HORNBY YOUTH WORKER(S) PROJECT

8. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project currently comprises of a youth worker, Lael Schwartfeger and a female assistant youth worker, Rachel Holmes. Lael has been the youth worker for nine years and has been running recreational programmes, camps and activities at an affordable cost for Hornby families. Rachel has been assisting for the last three years and has run camps and activities particularly focusing on the needs of young women.

- 9. One of the primary goals of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is "to provide the opportunity for the Hornby young people to be involved in positive activities". This was achieved during the period of April 2005 until March 2006 by:
 - (a) Running six programmes for intermediate aged young people of which 151 attended.
 - (b) Running four "Hornby Teens" programmes of which 67 young people attended.
 - (c) Two "Boys Nights" which 12 young males attended
 - (d) One "Girls" programme which was attended by 13 young females.
 - (e) Running 71 "Club" days, attended by 608 young people.
 - (f) Running four "Kids Camps" which 56 young people attended.
- 10. The age range of participants is 11 years to 19 years. Sixty one percent of the young people attended the above listed programmes for the first time.
- 11. Programmes are evaluated on a regular basis. Below are some paragraphs from two camp programme evaluations written by the young people. Parts of 'thank you' letters have also been included. The following has been taken from the Annual Evaluation Report by the youth workers which is submitted each year by the youth workers for council staff (see **attachment** for full Evaluation Report).

'Dear Lael, I am writing to formally thank you for Rachel... She is awesome, funny, caring and a great role model for me and heaps of other. '

- "...Thank you for sponsoring me on Easter camp... what I enjoyed was the rides, video games, food and the camp fire..."
- "...I would like to say a big thank you for everything you have done for me, I really appreciate it, I have enjoyed the camps, they were heaps of fun. I always like going on your camps because you always have a positive attitude and you make me smile and laugh..."
- "... Thanks for sponsoring me on camp... Thanks to CDN Trust, I have made some really good friends from other schools and become closer with people I already knew...thank you."

'What I liked best... Being lazy and falling off the chair thing in the hot pools... the walk up the hill in the dark... and the jet boating.'

- "...the thrill and excitement of jet boating which personally was my favourite thing... some of us went mountain biking which was heaps of fun, I took the easy track but even that was hard work. In the morning us guys set up all the mattresses and had a big sock wrestle. The leaders were great, the food was nice and the activities were heaps of fun. The camps are heaps of fun. It also gives you an opportunity to meet new friends and try things you might not get to do again."
- "...Playing on the tarpaulin at Mt Hutt I liked best because it was something I had not done before and something new for me to try."

'The evaluations help to confirm that the young people want to try the things we want to do with them. We also are able to see that the programmes are meeting the prescribed desire with the most common descriptive words being used, FUN, COOL, AWESOME. '

- 12. The youth workers have planned a programme itinerary and budget for July 2006 to June 2007 (see **attached** appendix). The total cost is \$20,000 which the Community Board funded.
- 13. As stated previously, one of the strengths of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project which has had a major contribution to its success has been the fact that it has always been well resourced. Below are the goals, objectives and activities planned for the 2006/07 financial year.

CDNT Hornby Community Youth Worker Goals/Objectives April 2006 - March 2007

Goals	Objectives	Achieved by:	Measured by:
To provide the opportunity for Hornby young people to be involved in positive activities.	 To run at least two ongoing programmes for youth in the Hornby area. Run specific girls only events. Run specific boys events 	 Running five teenage programmes Running two Girls only programmes. Sending young people on four five day intermediate holiday camps. Running six intermediate half day programmes Run four boys only events. Working through the process of developing a new intermediate programme to run during or after school 	 Number of programmes run. Number of children attending.

14. The youth workers have worked hard to make sure programme costs have not increased over the last nine years. The total cost per annum has been \$20,000. The youth workers need to commence planning for 2007/ 2008 as early as possible for practical reasons such as booking of venues, organising volunteers and advertising.

OPTIONS

- 15. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agrees to grant \$20,000 to the Hornby Youth Worker(s) project towards the running of recreational programmes and activities by the Community Development Network Trust.
- 16. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board declines the application for funding (\$20,000) assistance towards the delivery of recreational programmes for the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project. The result of declining the application would mean that the youth workers could not provide any recreational programmes. It is extremely difficult to access funds from other funding sources and this project has always been on a contractual basis due to the fact that it is a Council initiative.

PREFERRED OPTION

- 17. The preferred option is for the Board to grant \$20,000 to the Community Development Network Trust in order that the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project can continue to meet the recreational needs of young people in the Hornby area. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project meets the following Council Community Outcomes:
 - · A safe city.
 - A city of inclusive and diverse communities.
 - · A healthy city.
 - · A city of recreation, fun and creativity.
 - A city of life long learning.
- 18. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is also aligned with the Christchurch City Council's Youth Strategy:
 - Principle 1: Equity.
 - Principle 2: Empowerment.
 - Principle 3: Partnership.
 - Principle 4: Co-operation.
 - · Principle 5: Treaty of Waitangi.
 - · Principle 6: Effectiveness.
- 19. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project also meets the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives (2006-2009):

Board Objective 7

Greater R/W community awareness of, and access to, affordable recreation and support programmes.

Board Objective 11

Contribution to increase social well-being in R/W area.

20. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project has been subject to two major evaluations since its commencement. Each evaluation highlighted the need for the Project to continue as it was successfully meeting the recreational and social needs of young people in Hornby. The Project continues to develop and has recently moved to the Community Link building next to the Hei Hei Community Centre. Already young people are "dropping in" for a chat with the youth workers and seeing it as a safe place for them to come to. Each year the youth workers identify areas of work which can be built on and new and creative ways of addressing youth issues. The partnership between this Project and the local Presbyterian Fusion Youth Programme continues to grow with joint and complementary activities, staff and volunteers. In conclusion, the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is a major asset to families and youth in Hornby and needs to be supported on an ongoing basis.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate \$20,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund towards the cost of recreational programmes associated with the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project.

9. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE 2007

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation & Democracy Services, DDI 941- 8549
Officer responsible:	Secretariat Manager
Author:	Elsie Ellison, Community Board Principal Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek nominations from each Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2007, being hosted by Manukau City Council on behalf of the Auckland region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The Conference is being held at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre, Manukau City, on 7-9 June 2007 and begins with an official opening and gala dinner at 5.30pm hosted by Sir Barry Curtis.
- 3. The focus for this conference will be on "Leading to Safer Communities."
- 4. The conference programme will include:
 - Guest speakers with national and international expertise.
 - Presentations from community boards who have found successful ways of combating crime in their areas.
 - New community initiatives.
 - Workshops on training new board members and to help members prepare to be re-elected in the up coming elections.
 - Presentation of the Best Practice Awards at a gala dinner. The Awards are presented to Community Boards which have made significant contributions to the process of achieving excellence in local government.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The cost of attending the conference is detailed as follows:

(a)	Registration fees prior to 1 March 2007 (early bird) \$500 + GST or \$590 + GST after 1 March 2006. (includes gala dinner to be held on Thursday.)	500.00
(b)	Accommodation at the Manakau Heights Motor Lodge – three nights at \$135.00 per person per night + GST	405.00
(c)	Return airfares	267.00
TOTAL		\$1,172.00

Optional Social Functions

6. Villa Maria Vineyard Function – Friday, 8 June 2007 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wine tasting, snacks and a wine tour of the Villa Maria Vineyards which is establishing a reputation as one of the great wine companies of the world. Cost: \$50.00 + GST.

7. Auckland Highlights by Night – Saturday, 9 June 2007 5.00pm – 10.30pm

A mystery tour of some of Auckland's greatest landmarks. This will be a fun evening where you will be taken into the heart of Auckland, have an opportunity to enjoy the harbour and be wined and dined along the way. Cost: \$75.00 + GST.

- 8. This brings the costs per person to attend this conference to approximately \$1,172 + GST exclusive of the two optional social functions or \$1,297 + GST inclusive of both social functions.
- 9. Each Board has an operational budget set for attending conferences, so the number of delegates that each Board sends may be constrained by the remaining balances.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

10. RICCARTON/WIGRAM RECESS COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 21 DECEMBER 2006

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8549
Officer responsible:	Lisa Goodman, Community Board Principal Adviser
Author:	Emma Davison, Community Secretary

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's information the following report of the Recess Committee meeting:

Report of a meeting of the Recess Committee held on Thursday 21 December 2006 at 9.00am in the Boardroom, Sockburn Service Centre

PRESENT: Peter Laloli (Chairperson), Neville Bennett and Lesley Keast

1. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Committee considered a report on an urgent youth development funding scheme application from its 2006/07 Youth Development Fund for Jonathan Broman for costs associated with the applicant attending the A.C.T International Judo Championships being held in Canberra, Australia from 10-11 February 2007.

The Committee **resolved** to allocate \$500 to Jonathan Broman from its 2006/07 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant attending the A.C.T International Judo Championships being held in Canberra, Australia from 10-11 February 2007.

2. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Committee considered a second report on an urgent youth development funding scheme application from its 2006/07 Youth Development Fund for Corey Baker for costs associated with the applicant attending the Tanya Pearson Classical Ballet Coaching Academy in Sydney, Australia in January 2007.

The Committee **resolved** to allocate \$500 to Corey Baker from its 2006/07 Youth Development Fund and \$1,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for costs associated with the applicant attending the Tanya Pearson Classical Ballet Coaching Academy in Sydney, Australia in January 2007.

11. RICCARTON/WIGRAM RECESS COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 2 FEBRUARY 2007

As the Recess Committee met in a public excluded session on 2 February 2007 its report has been **circulated separately** to members for information.

12. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 16 JANUARY 2007

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI: 941 8549
Officer responsible:	Lisa Goodman, Community Board Principal Adviser
Author:	Emma Davison, Community Secretary

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the extraordinary meeting of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 16 January 2007.

The meeting was attended by Tony Sutcliffe (Chairperson), Neville Bennett, Lesley Keast, Peter Laloli, Mike Mora and Bob Shearing.

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Helen Broughton.

1. BOARD SUBMISSION ON DRAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

At its meeting on 12 December 2006, the Board **decided** that an extraordinary meeting of its Community Services Committee be held on Tuesday 16 January 2007, and that authority be given to the Committee to prepare and adopt the Board's submission on the Community Development Strategy.

The Community Services Committee met, prepared, and adopted on behalf of the Board a submission on the Draft Community Development Strategy.

13. BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Board Members will have an opportunity to provide updates on community activities/Council issues.

14. BOARD FUNDS UPDATE

Attached is a schedule with up-to-date information regarding the Board's 2006/07 Environment Committee, Transport & Roading Committee and Discretionary Funds (this excludes all financial recommendations contained within the agenda).

15. DRAFT SOCIAL HOUSING STRATEGY AND DRAFT CHRISTCHURCH AGEING TOGETHER OLDER PERSONS POLICY REVIEW

The closing date for submissions on the abovementioned strategies is 28 February 2007.

The Board may wish to have an initial discussion on both the policy's contents at this meeting, and may wish to delegate authority to a group of its members to develop and submit a submission(s) on the Board's behalf.

16. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD OBJECTIVES FOR 2006-2009 – ACHIEVEMENT TO DATE

A draft of the Board's achievements against its objectives for the 2006-2009 period has been **previously circulated** for information.

The Board may wish to review its progress to date and identify any issues that could be further progressed at Committee level.

17. COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER'S UPDATE

17.1 CSR CALLS UPDATE (1 DECEMBER 2006 - 31 JANUARY 2007)

Attached.

17.2 CURRENT ISSUES

The Community Board Principal Adviser will update the Board on current issues.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS