



**Christchurch City Council**

## **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2007  
AT 9.00AM**

**AT SOCKBURN SERVICE CENTRE, BOARDROOM  
149 MAIN SOUTH ROAD**

**To: Community Services Committee**

#### **ITEM**

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## 1. APOLOGIES

## 2. COMMUNITY WATCH RICcarton INCORPORATED

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

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with information regarding a request for funding from the Community Watch Riccarton Incorporated Society of \$800, for representatives to attend a Community Patrols New Zealand training seminar in June 2007.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The Community Watch Riccarton Incorporated Society has been operating for six years. The purpose of the group is to enhance the aspect of safety in Riccarton by providing a visual presence in the greater Riccarton area. A Community Patrols New Zealand training seminar is being held in Invercargill from 15-17 June 2007 for patrol members. The group would like to send four of its members to the seminar and is seeking financial assistance from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to help with the cost of the fees.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

3. There are no legal considerations. The total cost of the training seminar for four members to attend is \$1,800. The group is requesting \$800.

**BACKGROUND ON COMMUNITY WATCH RICcarton INCORPORATED SOCIETY**

4. Community Watch Riccarton has been operating for six years. It comprises forty volunteers who work over 3,075 hours per year. The group covers the greater Riccarton area and acts as another set of eyes and ears for the Police. The group's presence helps to make the community a safer place to live and work in. As a mobile patrol, Community Watch Riccarton is able to notify agencies of any problems within the community, thus working together to make Riccarton a safe place for residents.
5. A Community Patrols New Zealand National Training Seminar is being held in Invercargill in June 2007. The seminar comprises workshops where information is shared as well as presentations by guest speakers from overseas. The group is seeking financial assistance for the registration fees (\$200 per person) only and will cover the remaining costs from their own funds (\$1,000). An audited report of the group's finances has been sighted. The surplus amount is targeted for training, clothing and general running expenses. The group is also aware that a time may come when they will need to pay their own fuel expenses, which are currently covered by the Police.
6. Training seminars are an opportunity for members to hear and learn from the experiences of other groups, nationally and internationally. It is expected that those attending the training will take back the knowledge that they have gained and share it with other members. All members are volunteers and put in a large number of voluntary hours. In a time where it is very difficult to attract volunteers to manage and assist with community services, Community Watch Riccarton has done extremely well. Safety is an issue for all our communities and the presence of a Community Watch group provides a presence and a service which is valued by most residents.
7. The Community Watch Riccarton Incorporated Society provides a service which is in line with the Council Community Outcomes: "A Safe City".

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board agrees to allocate \$800 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for costs associated with sending four members of the Community Watch Riccarton Incorporated Society to a national training seminar being held in Invercargill in June 2007.

## 3. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Recreation and Sport Unit Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Lisa Gregory, Community Recreation Advisor

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present one application for funding to the Board from its 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Funding is being sought by Noran Tarek Abaza, a 20 year old who is seeking financial assistance for costs associated with attending two National University Women's Soccer training camps in Auckland and Singapore, and the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand.
3. This series of events will occur from 1 July to 19 August 2007.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a breakdown of the funding requested.

<b>Noran Tarek Abaza</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Training camps - Accommodation / Meals / Travel / Coaching Costs	\$1,768
World University Games - Accommodation / Meals / Travel / Uniform	\$3,232
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Funds raised to date by applicant	\$1,875
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>

**BACKGROUND ON NORAN TAREK ABAZA**

5. Noran has represented Federation Soccer throughout the age groups and has been a member of a Premier Women's Soccer team from a young age. Noran has previously been selected for the Canterbury Under 18 Soccer team and has excelled in other sports such as volleyball and cricket.
6. Noran had contributed to the community as a role model, offering support and sharing her experiences with numerous High School students. She has also coached both in volleyball and soccer and refereed in cricket and soccer.
7. Noran has actively raised \$1,875 towards her costs for her trips, but will be leaving work to concentrate on her studies and training in the near future. Noran feels this is an exciting opportunity for her to develop and improve her skills and any financial assistance given from the Board would be appreciated.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board agrees to allocate to Noran Tarek Abaza the sum of \$300 from its 2006/07 Youth Development Fund, and \$200 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for costs associated with the applicant attending the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand and preceding camps in July and August 2007.

## 4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Community Support Unit Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Ian Burn, Community Development Adviser

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval of an application for funding from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Funding is being sought by Avonhead School for costs associated with some of its pupils attending a school camp in Twizel. In particular, funds are being sought for 12 children who are unable to afford the cost of the camp. These children are mainly from single parent or migrant families. The camp will run from 26 to 30 March 2007.
3. While a request for this funding could be considered the responsibility of either the Ministry of Education or Avonhead School, staff consider that many of the activity costs associated with this camp will be incurred outside of normal school hours and are additional to standard school curriculum activities. In addition, this application meets several of the Council's Community Outcomes.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines the cost involved:

<b>Activity/Competition</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Five day camp @ \$323 per child	26-30 March 2007	\$3,876

5. Fundraising towards these costs to date has involved contacting other funding bodies (e.g. community service groups, gaming trusts) to enquire as to their willingness to contribute towards these costs. This includes requesting funding for particular costs associated with the trip for all students e.g. transport, accommodation. Success in these applications would reduce the \$323 per child cost.
6. The School will also be holding fun days with a fundraising component early in 2007 to assist with reducing the cost.
7. The families of the 12 children themselves will also be requested to make some contribution to the cost of the camp.
8. This School has previously received \$534 of funding from the Board for a camp in 2005.

**BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST**

9. The camp will involve the following visits and activities:
  - A high country station
  - A Lord of the Rings film site
  - A hydro-electric power station
  - Mt Cook National park (including meeting with DoC staff)
  - A salmon farm
  - Mountain biking.
10. These activities contribute to the objectives of the Social Studies, Science, English, Health and Physical Activity curriculum.
11. Of the 140 Year 7-8 children intending to go on the camp, only 12 are facing difficulties in meeting the cost. These are mainly from single parent families where the main source of income is a benefit, or are from migrant families whose parents do not have employment.

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12. Many of the 12 children are having academic, social or behavioural difficulties at school. These young people will benefit from the camp through the opportunities that such an experience offers to improve self-esteem, self-confidence and social skills.
13. This application contributes to the following Council Community Outcomes: A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, A City of People who Value and Protect the Natural Environment, A City of Recreation, Fun and Creativity, and A City of Lifelong Learning.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board agrees to allocate \$600 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to Avonhead School for costs associated with meeting the costs for 12 children to attend a school camp in Twizel in March 2007.

**5. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Community Support Unit Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Neil Gillon, Professional Leader Project Management

**At its meeting of 20 November 2006 the Board considered a report on the estimated costs of options for Christmas lighting displays as discussed at the meeting of the Community Services Committee on 26 July 2006 and resolved to:**

- (a) **Allocate up to \$1,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for the provision of lighting on the tree opposite the Sockburn Service Centre.**
- (b) **Reconsider the report on this matter early in 2007 to discuss other options for Christmas lighting displays in the Board's area.**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the estimated cost for Christmas lighting displays on the tree at Church Corner and on the Redwood tree in St Mary's Church yard near Halswell Domain, and for placement of a lighting effect at Upper Riccarton Library as discussed by the Community Services Committee at its meeting of 26 July 2006.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Tony Walker, Manager of Connetics Lighting Division has investigated the options identified by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Services Committee.
3. Funding allocated for Christmas decorations/lighting is insufficient to enable any of the three identified options to be completed but work could commence on the options for installation in future years.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

4. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board has \$5,000 available in its 2006/07 budget for Christmas decorations.
5. Additional funding for Christmas decorations may be available from the Board's discretionary funds. The balance of these funds is approximately \$53,000.

**BACKGROUND ON CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

6. Tony Walker, Manager of Connetics Lighting Division, met with Committee members on 14 July 2006 and presented a report of options for Christmas lighting.

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7. At its meeting on 26 July 2006 the Committee agreed that Lesley Keast continue to liaise with Tony Walker regarding a Christmas lighting display on the tree at Church Corner and on the Redwood tree in St Mary's Church yard near Halswell Domain and for placement of a lighting effect on the "memorial wreath at the Upper Riccarton library". The Committee recommended to the Board that staff provide a report investigating the installation of up-lights for the Church Corner tree.
8. Discussions have been held with Tony Walker regarding these options and these are discussed below.

**Church Corner:**

9. The recommended option for the tree at Church Corner is to use three up-lights rather than to use bud-lights spread throughout the tree. These up-lights would be available to be used throughout the year with coloured filters placed over the lights during the Christmas season.
10. The tree is protected under the City Plan and any work within 10 m of it is subject to obtaining a resource consent and the conditions of that consent.
11. The tree is on private property owned by the Anglican Church and permission will need to be obtained from the church for the up-lighting work.
12. The estimate for the up-lighting is a one-off cost with continuing relatively minor maintenance costs extra.

**St Mary's Church:**

13. The recommended option for the sequoia Redwood tree within the grounds of St Mary's Church is to use a festoon of low voltage mixed colour lights. These would remain in the tree throughout the year and be lit during the Christmas season.
14. The tree is protected under the City Plan and any work within 10 m of it is subject to obtaining a resource consent and the conditions of that consent.
15. The tree is on private property owned by the church and permission will need to be obtained from the church for the work.
16. The estimate for the lighting is a one-off cost with continuing maintenance costs extra.

**Upper Riccarton Library:**

17. Tony Walker had understood that the option to be considered was a wreath decoration on the front of the new Upper Riccarton Library. It appears that the intention may have been to investigate a lighting effect on the memorial wreath at the Upper Riccarton War Memorial Library. To date this option has not been investigated.
18. Considering the new Upper Riccarton Library, an option for a "Sky Line" type of decoration for the front of the library may be considered. An example of this type of decoration is shown below. These are normally placed across roadways.



19. This type of decoration is approximately 8 m long and 1 m high. This option would require an engineering check of the structure to assess the practicality of mounting the display on it and a check on the availability of adequate power supply.

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20. Costs for the three options are estimated below:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Church Corner	\$14,000	Protected tree requiring resource consent to be obtained. Church permission to be obtained
St Mary's Church, Halswell Domain	\$14,000	Protected tree requiring resource consent to be obtained. Church permission to be obtained
Upper Riccarton Library	\$8,000	Allows an estimated cost of \$4,000 for investigation and installation

Note: The first two options cannot be completed for this Christmas season because of the consent processes required.

**OPTIONS**

21. The available budget of \$5,000 (allocated from the Board's 2006/07 Project Funds) is insufficient to allow any of the three options considered to be actioned.
22. The available budget could be allocated to pursue installation of one or more of these options in future years.
23. Additional funds could be allocated from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Funds to permit planning work to commence.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board advise which options should be pursued for installation in future years.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Members will have an opportunity to provide updates/raise current issues.