



Christchurch City Council

RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2007

AT 8.30AM

HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, SOCKBURN SERVICE CENTRE,
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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS, 2 MAY 2007 AND 8 MAY 2007

The report of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Extraordinary meeting of 2 May 2007 and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board meeting of 8 May 2007 have been circulated to members.

3. SPORTS LIAISON ADVISOR UPDATE

Simon Battrick, Sports Liaison Advisor, Kevin Collier, Sports Services Manager and Karena van Dyk, Sports Promotions and Events Advisor will be in attendance to provide presentations on there roles.

4. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORT FUND

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Recreation and Sports Manager
Author:	Lisa Gregory, Community Recreation Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek a Board representative on the Riccarton/Wigram Recreation and Sport Funding Assessment Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Recreation and Sport Fund will be administered and allocated alongside the Community Development Funding Scheme, using the same time frames and accountability procedures.
3. The Assessment Committee is scheduled to meet on 14 August 2007 at 3.00pm to process and divide up applications, after which all applicants will be contacted individually. The Committee will meet again on 4 September at 3.00pm to report back their findings, make recommendations and allocate funding.
4. The Board has allocated \$35,000 from its 2007/08 Project Fund for a Riccarton/Wigram Recreation and Sport Fund. This fund aims to decrease a significant gap in funding options for sport and recreation groups that have been affected by the cessation of the former Hillary Commission Community Sport Fund in 2002, and for groups, whose religious beliefs and/or organisational structure, prohibit them from accessing other funding streams such as pub charity funding.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The Board has allocated \$35,000 from its 2007/08 Project Fund for a Riccarton/Wigram Recreation and Sport Fund. There are no legal considerations.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006/16 LTCCP budgets?

6. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding. Aligns with Community Board Objectives 7 and 8.

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Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006/16 LTCCP?

9. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Application aligns with the Council's Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Yes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board nominate a representative to the Riccarton/Wigram Recreation and Sport Funding Assessment Committee.

5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Recreation and Sports Manager
Author:	Lisa Gregory, Community Recreation Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Community Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Fund. There is nil balance in the Board's Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Lauren Rachel Webb, is a 20 year old University student who lives in Halswell and is seeking Community Board support to travel to North America with the New Zealand Women's Cycling team from 29 May to 23 July 2007.

3. Lauren has been involved in cycling for 9 years and has steadily progressed from novice to senior ranks successfully. Lauren gives back to her sport by assisting the younger development riders and spends time on the track cycling committee as rider spokesperson.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

LAUREN RACHEL WEBB	
Expenses	Cost (\$)
Accommodation/flights/uniform/ground transport	\$2,500
Insurance/airline bike charges/bike maintenance/fees/misc	\$2,500
Total Cost	\$5,000

5. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Riccarton Wigram Community Board for financial support.

5 Cont'd

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006/16 LTCCP budgets?

6. Yes, see page 172, Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006/16 LTCCP?

9. Yes, see page 172, Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate \$500 to Lauren Rachel Webb from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for costs associated with the applicant travelling to North America with the New Zealand Women's Cycling team from 29 may to 23 July 2007.

6. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Board's Discretionary Fund for Megan Harte to attend the Digital Earth International Symposium on Sustainability at Berkley University in San Francisco on 2 and 3 June 2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Megan Harte is a twenty year old third year university student studying at Canterbury University towards a B.Sc in Geography. Megan is passionate about connecting people, ideas and concepts of sustainability, and translating them into action and visions. She is currently the co-director of the newly established Students of Aotearoa Network for the Environment (sane), and engaging in the local and national debate on sustainability.

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3. Digital Earth is a visionary concept for the virtual and 3-D representation of the earth that is spatially referenced and interconnected with digital knowledge archives from around the planet with vast amounts of scientific, natural, and cultural information to describe and understand the Earth, its systems, and human activities. Digital Earth is a global partnership between NGO's, educators, business, government leaders and young people collaborating for a better future. Megan believes that young people need to be engaged in this debate, more so than anyone else and attended the Digital Earth Summit on Sustainability in Auckland in 2006.
4. It is important for Megan to attend the symposium for the following reasons:
 - The skills gained would be beneficial to the sustainability task force within the USCA.
 - Provide new and exciting research opportunities to be explored.
 - Opportunity to gauge the student environment scene in use, and to make connections and network, filtering back not only to Canterbury University but also to all universities and a growing number of high schools and polytechnics around New Zealand.
 - Megan will be part of a team of students who will be setting up an interactive video conference between Otago University, Canterbury University, Auckland University, Berkley University and a University in China. The purpose of this is to share what has been happening at the symposium and also have some of the key note speakers be able to discuss and respond to students from the latter universities.
5. Registration is due in mid-May. She has approached the following groups for funding assistance towards this trip; Ministry for the Environment, Green Party, ECAN, Sustainable Business Network of New Zealand, Ecostore, Meridian Energy, Canterbury University, NIWA, NZ Business Council for sustainable development and ANEW NZ. Megan is still waiting to hear whether she has been granted any funds from these organisations. An update of her financial situation will be given at the Board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The approximate costs for the trip would be:

MEGAN HARTE	
Expenses	Cost \$
Plane ticket	\$1,250 (special deal on hold for Megan)
Registration	\$ 350 (USD \$250)
Accommodation	\$ 450 (\$45 NZD/\$35USD per night for 10 days conference)
Food	\$ 500 (\$27NZD/\$20USD per day)
Travel insurance	\$ 300
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 600
Total	\$3,500

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. Yes. See page 172, Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

8. Yes. There are no legal issues to be considered

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

10. Yes. See page 172 Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

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ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Yes in alignment with Youth Policy and Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. All appropriate consultation has taken place.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate to Megan Harte the amount of \$500 towards attending the Digital Earth International Symposium On Sustainability in San Francisco in June 2007. As the Youth Development Fund has been exhausted for this year it is recommended that \$500 be allocated from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Fund.

7. **RICCARTON BUSH TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Corporate Affairs, DD: 941 8540
Officer responsible:	Corporate Finance Manager
Author:	Lisa Goodman, Community Board Principal Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of a request for funding assistance made by the Riccarton Bush Trust, for a safety audit/general tree health audit for the exotic trees in the grounds of Riccarton House.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Riccarton Bush Trust has the purpose of protecting the heritage and conservation values of Riccarton Bush, House and grounds. The Trust is seeking a grant of \$3,375 (incl. GST) from the Board to meet the costs of a safety audit/general tree health audit for the protected exotic trees in the grounds of Riccarton House. Many of these trees are up to 150 years old. The audit will:
- Highlight any safety issues with the trees and recommend any remedial works.
 - Provide guidance for remedial tree work that will enhance both tree safety and tree health.
3. Each tree in the grounds of Riccarton House would have a documented hazard evaluation form, plus an assessment of recommended remedial work if any. The application notes that the community visiting or passing through the Riccarton House grounds will benefit from a safer environment and an enhanced visual experience.
4. The Trust's application advises that this audit should be carried out on a regular basis, but currently operational funding is not in place for this to happen. It is an unbudgeted project brought about by a number of recent tree/limb failures.
5. From the perspective of staff with expertise in tree management, carrying out an arboricultural evaluation and assessment on a tree resource of this significance is warranted. It should be undertaken on a regular basis and would be considered "best practice". The assessment is also likely to consider the growing environment and any action required to protect and maximise the life expectancy of these trees. Because of their significance, remedial measures to address any health and safety or structural issues identified in these trees is likely to be quite different to the action taken if the same conditions were present in a "normal" situation.

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6. Ultimately this should just be part of the normal operational cost of maintaining a tree resource of this significance, similar to the way the historic buildings are managed and maintained on the site. In that respect, under legislation the Trust is able to levy the Council for funding to maintain and improve the House and grounds. The 2006/07 levy is \$108,310, and additional funding has been provided by the Council by way of a grant of \$161,690 (\$141,690 for operating costs and \$20,000 for capital costs).
7. Previous funding provided by the Board to the Trust has been a grant of \$5,000 in 2006 for the refurbishment of an historic water ram.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. Grant funding history from the Council is outlined in paragraphs 6-7 above. The balance of the Board's Environment Committee Fund is \$14,275.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

9. Community Board project and discretionary funding is provided for under Community Grants funding identified on page 103 of the LTCCP. These funds support local projects or initiatives.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. There are no legal implications to consider in relation to this request for funding assistance

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

11. The levy and grant funding provided by the Council to the Riccarton Bush Trust falls under the Parks and Open Spaces group of activities in the LTCCP (see page 129, Urban Parks activity).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Under the Strategic Direction "Healthy Environment", this funding request is relevant to the goals of "Strengthen the Garden City Image" (by providing a variety of safe, accessible and welcoming local Parks, open spaces and waterways), and "Identify, Protect and Enhance the City's Native and Exotic Ecosystems" (by working with partners to protect existing habitats for native species and establish new ones).

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. No external consultation is required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board considers whether to allocate \$3,375 from the Board to meet the costs of a safety audit/general tree health audit for the protected exotic trees in the grounds of Riccarton House.

8. BOARD FUNDS UPDATE

A schedule with up-to-date information regarding available balances in the Board's 2006/07 Environment Committee, Transport & Roding Committee and Discretionary Funds is attached for discussion.

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9. COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER'S UPDATE

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

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Attached.