

7. DISCRETIONARY FUND UPDATE AND NEW REQUESTS

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The purpose of this report is to identify Community Board decisions made and promote two requests for discretionary funding.

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1 July 1998 Allocation		50,000
Less Approvals:		
June	Sockburn School Community Adventure Playground	3,982
	Nature Trees Proposal	5,000
	Harrington Reserve Seat	1,000
	OSCAR Playlibrary grant	2,500
	Chalmers Street pedestrian crossing	1,413
July	Hillary Crescent community house, rental	10,000
August	Hei Hei Residents Group incorporation grant	300
	Ferrymead Trust (old) chapel relocation grant	2,000
September	Acacia Avenue cul-de-sac footpath work	2,000
	Amyes Road vibration testing	3,000
November	Neighbourhood Week	1,000
	Christmas Lights	1,170
	South Hornby Preschool Operating Grant	11,000
		<u>\$44,365</u>
	Balance available	<u>\$5,635</u>

The Community Engineer advises that the City Services Committee will shortly be considering the Waimairi/Maidstone intersection work. Tied to this is the Board's commitment to Wadeley Road.

In March the Board set aside \$45,000 to "Traffic Restraints" being the Wadeley Road/Waimairi Road intersection traffic restraint.

It is clear that whatever the outcome of the deliberations on the Maidstone/Waimairi intersection (and Wadeley Road), the final decisions to be made will mean that the funds set aside for Wadeley Road will not be fully spent in this current financial year.

If the Board wishes to reallocate some of the Wadeley Road funds to accommodate any discretionary fund request to 30 June 1999, it can do so by making an early commitment of its 1999/00 project funds to Wadeley Road to retain the overall allocation, albeit over two financial years.

1. CANTERBURY/WESTLAND RACING OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (INC)

The purpose of this report is to seek members' consideration of a request received from the Canterbury/Westland Racing Owners Association (Inc) for a financial contribution from the Board to assist in creating a racing museum.

The Association's President (Suzanne Dunnett) writes

"My Association is currently looking to create a Racing Museum in the foyer leading to the entrance of the Mellay Room at Riccarton Park Racecourse.

The association currently has a large amount of memorabilia available to it and wishes to display this adjacent to the Association's Mellay Room – which incidentally we wish to redecorate with modern day memorabilia, featuring current champions, photos etc.

Accordingly we would like to approach the Board for a grant of \$3,000 to assist with the refurbishment of the area granted to us by the Canterbury Jockey Club. The funds required to paint, carpet and generally bring up to standard the area designated for the museum, including heating, is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$10,000.

The project is likely to be commenced in the second quarter of 1999 with completion by August 1999.

An indication of your ability to grant any Association some funds for this project would be welcomed.

I suppose we should state that while the Mellay Room is solely for the use of Association members and their guests as the area is sited in the Grand National Stand – old public grandstand – the general public will be most welcome to visit the proposed Museum and revisit history. We believe the establishment of such a facility at Riccarton will be of much interest to regular and visiting members of both the racing public and others.

Naturally you are welcome to visit the proposed site. We would appreciate your comments in due course. Many thanks for your consideration of the above."

The Community Board and Service Centre has had links with the Canterbury Jockey Club through the Chokebore Lodge site on Racecourse Road. Chokebore Lodge is an historic cob cottage dating from 1856, is on Council reserve land and has a Historic Places Trust classification.

The Lodge was passed over to the former Papanui County Council in 1986 as part of a reserve contribution exchange with the residential development undertaken. A small museum was established in 1987 containing racing memorabilia and artefacts from early racing days (at Riccarton). The museum failed to capture public support and in 1995 the Community Board agreed to transfer the museum collection to the Jockey Club.

The Association's request is to now create a racing museum with some of their (and the ex-Chokebore Lodge) memorabilia.

The transferring of memorabilia (at an undetermined \$\$\$ value) could be seen as the Community Board's (on behalf of the community) contribution to the new racing museum.

Recommendation: That the request from the Canterbury/Wetland Racing Owners' Association (Inc) be received, and that their request for a financial contribution be considered.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the request be received but that no funds be granted.

2. CAMPING FOR INTERMEDIATE YOUTH IN HORNBY

The purpose of this report is to seek funding of \$4,200 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Discretionary Fund for the purpose of providing a holiday camp specifically designed for intermediate school aged youth in the Sockburn/Hornby area.

This report was received by the Community Affairs Committee at its meeting held on 9 December.

Background

A recent report prepared for the Community Board by Mary Sparrow (independent researcher) on Community Safety from Crime in the Riccarton/Wigram Ward (1998) identified a shortage of recreation programmes specifically designed to meet the needs of youth between the ages of 11-14 years.

The importance of recreation as a factor in reducing youth offending was stressed by the police at Hornby who noted that the level of youth offending is much higher during the summer than the winter. In winter young people are more involved in sport than in summer (p24 Community Safety from Crime Report). It was recommended by the researcher that the Community Board support the development of recreational activities for this particular age group.

Hornby Youth Worker

The Hornby Youth Worker, Lael Swartzfeger, has been working in the area for twelve months. This position is a partnership between the Community Development Network Trust, the Christchurch City Council and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. During this time Lael has developed positive relationships with many young people in the Hornby area, through the schools and organising holiday activities and camps. He also believes there is a strong need for recreational activities for 11-14 year olds who tend to 'miss out' as other holiday programmes target 5-10 year old children.

Community Development Network Trust runs holiday programmes for children city-wide and in the past groups of children have gone from Hornby.

Intermediate Camping Initiative

Lael is now able to provide 'Highlight' holiday camps for intermediate school children solely from the Sockburn and Hornby area.

Intermediate children would be nominated by schools, community groups, community workers, Barnardos, youth leaders, Plunket nurses etc. The emphasis would be on families and children that need a holiday break who would not otherwise have this opportunity. Leaders would be drawn from groups that already run intermediate school age programmes in order to give the children opportunities after camp to follow leaders they already know back to a consistent weekly/fortnightly programme.

Costs

The camp would run for five days during the school holidays and would accommodate 30-35 intermediate school age children. Sports and recreational activities would be organised in smaller groups as well as large groups which would visit places such as farms, beaches, rivers, forests etc.

The estimated cost is \$100 per person.

Extra funding would be needed to cover the costs of leaders on camp, many of whom will be students and unable to pay for themselves. Families would be expected to contribute \$20 towards the cost of each child at camp. Volunteer ratio is 1-5.

The approximate cost for the camp would therefore be \$4,200 (includes volunteer expenses).

Christchurch City Council Policy

The development of recreational programmes for intermediate youth is in line with two major policies of the Christchurch City Council, ie the Community Development and Social Wellbeing Policy (Outcomes 2, 7, 9) and the Sport and Recreation Policy (Beliefs and Values 3, and Outcomes 1, 9) as well as the Children's Strategy.

Recommendation from the Community Affairs Committee

That the Community Board approve the request for \$4,200 Discretionary Funding for the provision of a holiday camp for 11-14 year olds in the Hornby/Sockburn area.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Community Affairs Committee recommendation be adopted.