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The purpose of this report is to update Board members on the progress of the following community activities:

- Waltham Cottage
- Parenting with Confidence
- Sweet Suburbia events at Barrington and Hoon Hay Parks

#### **WALTHAM COTTAGE**

At the December 1998 Council meeting it was resolved that a sub-committee comprising Councillors Close, Anderton, Wells and Wright be appointed with the power to act to identify the required funds by way of substitution in the Council's annual plan to purchase the property of 201 Hastings Street East for the purposes of a Community Cottage. The maximum purchase price set aside for the 201 Hastings Street East property was \$121,000. Once the funding issues were resolved the Property Unit undertook a property check and valuation. Both reports returned with satisfactory results and subsequently a sales and purchase agreement was signed. The purchase price was \$121,000. Possession date was Friday 19 March 1999.

Staff from Waltham Cottage will approach the Board at its May meeting to request funds to celebrate the re-opening of the Cottage as resolved in the March Board minutes.

Waltham Cottage staff and volunteers would like to thank the Board for their continued support.

#### **PARENTING WITH CONFIDENCE**

In August 1998 the Board allocated \$1,000 from its Discretionary Fund towards the staging of a second Parenting With Confidence (PWC) seminar in May 1999. A further \$1,000 was earmarked for this seminar in the event that PWC were unable to raise sufficient sponsorship.

The PWC committee, with support from Beckenham Service Centre staff, have raised funds to date:

Bloggs Charitable Trust	\$1,000
Red and Black Hotel (Lion Foundation)	\$1,059
Sandridge Hotel (Pub Charity)	\$800
Hillsborough Tavern (NZ Community Trust)	\$400

In addition to these funds, product sponsorship has been gained from the following businesses: The Parkroyal, Lane Walker Rudkin, Cashmere Club, and Dave Diggs Motors. Hence the \$1,000 earmarked for the PWC seminar in May 1999 will not be needed.

#### **SWEET SUBURBIA EVENTS**

## **Introduction**

The Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board allocated \$6,500 from Discretionary Funding to run two community events over the 1998/99 summer period. These events were included in a series of community events called 'Sweet Suburbia', a series of nine suburban community events around the city, which were part of the larger 'Summertimes' festival. The Leisure Unit's *Recreation and Arts Team* planned both of these events.

## **Outcome**

The events took the form of a community day and were staged at Barrington Park on Sunday 7 February, and at Hoon Hay Park on Sunday 14 February. Both events ran from 11am until 3pm. The format at each event consisted of a series of community group stalls, along with a variety of free entertainment and rides. A detailed budget of each event is included in the attachments.

Both events were successful with approximately 2,000 people attending Barrington Park event and 1,200 people attending the Hoon Hay Park event. The staging of these events has many benefits for the local community including:

- Increasing residents' awareness of organisations and services in their local community
- Community organisations being able to promote themselves, recruit new members and fundraise
- Increasing residents' awareness of their community and fostering community pride.

Kate Rathbun, Community Recreation Advisor, will be present to address any questions.

## **Planning for future events**

Based on experience with this year's events, the following suggestions and recommendations are made for future similar events.

- Recommendations:**
1. Events to run from 12 noon until 2.30pm
  2. Start planning for both events in early spring.
  3. Investigate the possibility of a community group eg Rowley Resource Centre, Manuka Cottage, taking over the planning for these events, with support/advice from the Recreation and Arts Team.
  4. For the Barrington event:
    - (a) Involve the businesses in Barrington Park Mall regarding sponsorship/promotions.
    - (b) Continue to have this event as part of the Sweet Suburbia calendar of community events.
    - (c) Have more children's games/races held during the day.

5. For the Hoon Hay event:
  - (a) Have more of a cultural focus to reflect the make-up of the local community, involving attractions such as hangi, umu, Kili-Kiti, touch rugby, cultural performances etc.
  - (b) Hold the event in mid-March, which will allow local schools time to become involved.