

**37. KIDSFUN PROGRAMME – LINWOOD NORTH AND  
LINWOOD AVENUE SCHOOLS**

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The purpose of this report is to provide Board members with an update on the KidsFun programme at Linwood North & Linwood Avenue Schools. KidsFun is a citywide programme providing recreation opportunities for local children that they may not otherwise experience. The programmes enable children to have positive recreational experiences and participate in a wide variety of activities where they learn new skills and gain self-confidence. Kidsfun encourages social cohesion as well as educating children about recreation activities available in their local area.

This programme provides working parents with a free, safe and well-organised activity to send their children to after school one day per week. Non-working parents are also able to utilise it as a time out opportunity. Kidsfun also provides valuable work experience to many motivated recreation and teaching students.

The Linwood Programmes have been operating for 2½ years through the support of this Community Board. The programme caters on average for 30- 40 children between the ages of 5 –10 years one day per week per programme each term.

The programmes have been successful at Linwood North and the majority of respondents in a recent survey said they enjoyed the programme a lot. However the Linwood Avenue numbers are slightly down for the year ending 1998. An emphasis will be placed on promotion at the beginning of term 1 1999.

The Kidsfun programme model is currently under review by the Leisure Unit, with the aim to further modify the programme to better suit the needs of the local children. It is important that funding for this programme would continue as good relationships have been established with the school and children. Above all it is important that the children continue to have the opportunity for positive recreational experience.

The Board supported this initiative in the 1998/99 project funding round with \$12,000.

**Recommendation:** That the Hagley Ferrymead Community Board support the programme and give consideration to providing funding assistance of \$12,000 for the 1999/2000 financial year from the Board's Project Funds.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion at the Board's Project Fund meeting.