

## 7. RECREATION AND ARTS TEAM: UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR THE REST OF SUMMER PERIOD, 1999

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The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors about the remainder of the local community events and activities to be delivered by the Recreation and Arts Team over the summer period. Councillors and Community Board members are warmly invited to attend any of the activities which are of interest to them.

### LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### 1. "Sweet Suburbia"

"Sweet Suburbia" is part of the "SummerTimes" festival and consists of eight local community events. The events are a combination of pool based events (Waltham Pool - Sunday 31 January; Woolston Pool - Sunday 7 March) and community days.

The pool events consist of four action packed hours of fun, music and games, targeting children and families. The community days each have a specific focus depending upon the local community, and are funded by the Community Boards in order to celebrate and foster local community spirit. The "Sweet Suburbia" events at Barrington Park (Sunday 7 February), Hoon Hay Park (Sunday 14 February), and St Albans Primary School (Sunday 28 February) have a family focus, while the Macfarlane Park event (Sunday 7 March) celebrates the cultural diversity of that community. "Sweet Suburbia" at Kainga Domain (Sunday 7 February) will celebrate the rural spirit of that community and the Avice Hill Reserve event (Sunday 14 February) is a have-a-go arts and crafts festival involving many local artists. Each event is expected to attract between 500-1500 local residents.

#### 2. "SkateJam"

"SkateJam" is a series of events aimed at skateboarding youth in Christchurch. The events are to be run in partnership with suburban malls, specifically Hornby Mall, Northlands Mall and Eastgate Mall. The three events are to be held on Friday evenings between 7.30pm and 10pm in the mall car park, with the first event at Hornby Mall being on Friday 19 February, the Northlands event on 5 March and the Eastgate event on 19 March. The events are action packed, with a band, DJ, large screen video, fire dancers and a variety of portable skate jumps. Local youth workers are very supportive of these events, with several indicating they will be present on the night. Security is arranged for all events. The first SkateJam event was held at Eastgate in 1998. The Eastgate Mall management found this event beneficial for the mall as well as local youth, and saw this as an effective way to promote themselves in a positive light to local youth.

These events are organised in partnership with the Council's 4YP Youth Entertainment project.

3. **Bottle Lake Family Orienteering Day (Sunday 28 February)**

This event introduces families to the sport of orienteering and is run in partnership with the Peninsula and Plains Orienteering Club.

Routes are provided for beginner orienteers through to the experienced, and are available to walkers, runners and cyclists.

An enjoyable family day out, this event also introduces participants to the pleasures of recreating in Bottle Lake Forest.

Around 250-300 participants are expected to attend.

**METROPOLITAN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

1. **Melt Concert (Saturday 6 February)**

An official "SummerTimes" event, this afternoon of reggae, pop, rock and hip hop at North Hagley Park is a partnership between the SummerTimes Events Team and the Council's 4YP Youth Entertainment programme. It has a younger focus than previous SummerTimes concerts and will predominantly appeal to the 14-18 year old age group.

2. **KiwiAble Dragon Boat Team (Sunday 7 February)**

This is the fourth year a KiwiAble Team has entered the festival. Over half the paddlers in the current team have a disability (physical, intellectual or sensory - hearing and vision loss). The logistics of even getting the team onto the water can be difficult, and much team work is required to ensure everyone is able to participate. The KiwiAble dragon boat team proves that having a disability is no barrier to actively participating in sport and recreation, and is a useful tool for encouraging media interest in the area and contributing towards changing some of the stereotypes often surrounding people with disabilities. The team will be racing in the open division and is very grateful to its sponsor, Independent Fisheries Limited.

3. **Sport n' Action (Sunday 7 March)**

This large have-a-go sport and recreation expo covers the whole of North Hagley Park, and last year attracted an estimated 15,000 people. Over 60 sport and recreation groups (both non-commercial and commercial) will be on site, providing interactive, have-a-go and spectator activities and information to the public. As well as the traditional sports and recreation activities this event also provides an opportunity to introduce new activities to the public (for example this year there will be hovercraft rides available).

This event is run in partnership with the Canterbury Sports Foundation.

Interest in joining clubs after the Sport n' Action event last year was high.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.