

**3. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 9 DECEMBER 1998 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on 9 December 1998.

The meeting was attended by Mary Corbett, Paddy Austin, Alison Wilkie, Bob Shearing, Mike Mora and Neville Bennett.

Bob Shearing was elected Chairperson of the Committee.

**1. CAMPING FOR INTERMEDIATE YOUTH IN CHRISTCHURCH**

The Committee received a report seeking funding for the providing of a holiday camp specifically designed for intermediate school-aged youth in the Sockburn/Hornby area.

The outcomes of the Committee's deliberations were reported to the 16 December special meeting of the Board.

**2. HORNBY COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

The Committee received a report on the recently held community fun day at the Hornby Primary School (Sunday 8 November 1998).

The purpose of the event was to provide local community groups with an opportunity to promote themselves to local residents in a fun, festive atmosphere. Promotion of the event was by way of letterbox drop and local community newspaper; also advertisements were placed in local school newspapers.

Ten agencies were present on the day, including the Salvation Army, Air Corp Training Cadets, Community Development Network Trust and Hornby Kindergarten. There was poor representation from local sports and hobby groups. This needs to be addressed if this event is to be held in the future. Because of extremely windy conditions, most stalls needed to be set up in the school hall, which was not ideal.

Attendance is always hard to calculate at an event such as this, but is estimated at between 200 and 250 people. The weather conditions on the day undoubtedly had a detrimental affect on the attendance.

Community Days are an important way of celebrating and informing residents about their local community. The Summertimes "Sweet Suburbia" programme promotes similar community days in other areas of the, attracting an average of 1,500 residents to each event. Each event costs \$3,500 and because of its promotion through the 'Summertimes' programme is well publicised to local groups and residents alike.

- Recommended:**
1. That the Community Board supports the concept and staging of community fun days.
  2. That the Community Recreation Adviser report back to the Community Affairs Committee on Year 2000 fun day concepts.
  3. That funding to stage agreed community fun days be sought from the Board's (1998/99) Project 2000 reserve fund.

**3. UPPER RICCARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD NEEDS ANALYSIS**

The Committee received a report seeking the establishment of a working party to address the needs identified in the recently completed Upper Riccarton Neighbourhood Needs Analysis. The analysis study was based on trends and issues relating to financial hardship, transience and isolation identified in the city-wide social monitoring programme.

The recommendations from the report included both short and long term solutions to the 'gaps' and needs identified. One of the recommendations is that a community house is developed in the local area (defined as the residential catchment between Blenheim Road, Hansons Lane, Riccarton/Main South Roads, and Curletts Road).

As this is a major project it was also recommended that the initial step in this process would be the development of a working party consisting of the following representatives:

1. Member of the Community Affairs Committee
2. Community Development Adviser
3. Representative from Plunket
4. Representative from Fijian Social Services
5. Representative from Pacific Island community
6. Representative from Maori community
7. Representative from Refugee and Migrant Forum

It would be the role of this group to consider the options available in relation to the relocation and establishment of a community facility that addressed the identified needs of residents in this area.

- Recommended:**
1. That the Community Board endorse the establishment of a working party to address the recommendations of the Upper Riccarton Neighbourhood Needs Analysis report.
  2. That Alison Wilkie be the Board's representative on the working party.

**Note:** *The Working Party had its first meeting on Wednesday 20 January; a second meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4 February 1999*

**4. WAIMAIRI ROAD AND HEI HEI COMMUNITY CENTRES  
ANNUAL USE REPORT 1997/98**

To meet annual reporting requirements the Community Development Advisers reported on these two Council-owned community halls.

In respect of the Hei Hei Community Centre, overall usage was 34% and the percentage of operating costs recovered was 69%. The main time the centre is not used is the weekday afternoons. Possible usage at this time is currently being explored with the Hornby Youth Worker.

The corresponding percentages at the Waimairi Road Community Centre are 37% and 54%.

Members were keen to explore greater usage and community awareness for these facilities.

**5. SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT**

The Community Recreation Adviser reported on the recent holiday programmes.

“Holiday programmes provide children with positive recreation experiences, assist working parents and contribute towards healthy families and communities.

The Leisure Unit, Christchurch City Council, staged two Riccarton/Wigram Community Board area programmes in the September/October school holidays. These programmes were:

- 1    *‘Sockburn Supersonics’*  
     Sockburn Primary School  
     One week programme catering for 60 children  
     9am – 3pm daily
- 2    *‘Spring Thing’*  
     Wharenui Primary School  
     One week programme catering for 60 children  
     9am – 3pm daily

Also staged was a YMCA programme, subsidised by the Leisure Unit:

- 3    *Hei Hei Hawks*  
     Hei Hei Community Centre  
     1 week programme  
     9am – 3pm daily

**Attendance**

All programmes had full registrations, and filled within hours of registrations opening.

*‘Sockburn Supersonics’:*

All children attending came from the local community, with 46% of children coming from Sockburn Primary School, the host school.  
64% of attendees were Community Service Card holders.  
16 families (two or more children) were enrolled on this programme

*'Spring Thing'*

All children attending came from the local community, including 26% from Wharenui Primary, the host school.  
84% of attendees were Community Service Card holders  
13 families (2 or more children) were enrolled on this programme."

**6. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1999**

**Agreed** to be Wednesday at 4.00pm as follows:

February	17
March	17
April	14
May	19
June	16
July	14
August	11
September	15
October	13
November	17

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:**

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