

13. SHIRLEY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BASKETBALL COURTS RR9189

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Corporate Plan Output: Community Board Funding	

The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Board towards the creation of two basketball courts at Shirley Intermediate School.

Background

Shirley Intermediate is located on the corner of Shirley Road and North Parade on the boundary between the Shirley/Papanui and the Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards.

Shirley Intermediate is wishing to create two basketball courts on their grounds fronting Shirley Road. This is in a highly visible, easily accessed area of the school, thus providing good security and community access. Shirley Intermediate has experienced increased tagging and minor vandalism over the past 12 months. The school is keen to attract more community use of the grounds and see this development as one way of doing so.

Community Need

The most recent community needs analysis for the area immediately to the north/west of Shirley Intermediate was undertaken about five years ago (July 1994). There have been no needs analyses for areas to the immediate south and east of Shirley Intermediate in recent years. The July 1994 survey indicated a desire for low cost, local recreation facilities. Unfortunately, this study did not isolate the particular recreational needs of youth.

Within a one kilometre radius of Shirley Intermediate there are two basketball courts: a half-court at Shirley Community Centre and a full court on MacFarlane Park. There are no nearby courts to the east.

Shirley Intermediate is handily located to the Palms Shopping Mall – a popular “hang-out” venue for young people.

Because of the nearness of other courts the need for two basketball courts at Shirley Intermediate is difficult to justify. However, the close proximity of Palms Shopping Mall and the fact that there are no courts to the east suggest that a court at Shirley Intermediate could be utilised by young people.

The cost of a court is approximately \$15,000. The Board has also received applications from Marshland School for a court and residents in Momorangi Crescent for a court in Momorangi Reserve.

Recommendation: That this request be forwarded to the Board's Special Meeting to allocate Project funds meeting in March 1999.

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Recommendation:

1. That a joint committee be established with the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to look at funding requests from schools close to the Boards' boundaries.
2. That the Board consider establishing guidelines for handling funding requests from schools.