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The purpose of this report is to request funds from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to enable an official opening of Cornelius O'Connor Reserve.

### Background

At their June 1998 meeting, the Board recommended that Harman Reserve be changed to Cornelius O'Connor Reserve in honour of a pioneering man and his family who lived in Addington for many years. It has been suggested that it may be appropriate to consider an official opening of Cornelius O'Connor Reserve.

Last year the Spreydon/Heathcote Board supported the official opening of Mabel Howard Reserve in partnership with the Sydenham Residents Group. This was a very successful event with a large number of local residents attending.

Manuka Cottage has arranged a number of community fun days in Church Square, which have proved very popular with local residents. They responded very favorably to the concept of an official opening of Cornelius O'Connor Reserve and suggested they facilitate the event in conjunction with the Addington Neighbourhood Association. Manuka Cottage suggested that they arrange for leaflet distribution advertising the event, and co-ordination of the day including organising childrens' programmes and a barbeque. A tentative date for the opening has been made for Sunday 28 March 1999. This could incorporate a celebration of green space focussing on childrens' entertainment.

Costs for Manuka Cottage to host the official opening are outlined below:

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| Production and distribution of 1800 standard invitation leaflets         | \$80.00         |
| Production and distribution of ribbon invitations to prominent guests    | 50.00           |
| Drinks and food for sausage sizzle                                       | 200.00          |
| Prizes for games (eg egg & spoon, three legged race, lolly scramble etc) | 70.00           |
| Live performer and/or clown  | 50.00           |
| Basic sound system hire  | 75.00           |
| Advertising for the event  | <u>50.00</u>    |
| Total  | <u>\$575.00</u> |

Note: These costs are based on approximately 100 people attending the event.

As part of their objective to strengthen communities, the Board may wish to support an official opening of Cornelius O'Connor Reserve by providing funds towards the event. Manuka Cottage have requested \$575 to enable hosting of the event.

**Recommendation:** That the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board provide \$575.00 from their 1998/99 Discretionary Fund to support the official opening of Cornelius O'Connor Reserve.

**Chairperson's  
Comment:**

As this is just the renaming of an existing reserve, the Chairperson believes the suggested expenditure is not warranted and does not propose to support the recommendation.