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The purpose of this report is to provide further background information to the funding application made by John Cadigan of Cashmere Community Youth Ministries. This funding request was made to the Board's June 1999 meeting for the "Trolley Derby", a community event staged for the first time in April 1999. The popularity of the inaugural Trolley Derby has led to Cashmere Community Youth Ministries planning to run this event twice a year. The next "Derby" is scheduled for September 1999.

The funding application related specifically to the purchase of motorcycle helmets. As requested by Board members, two more quotes have been obtained for helmets, with prices being similar to those originally quoted (see attachments).

Further discussion with Cashmere Community Youth Ministries representatives has clarified a number of points:

- Helmets purchased with Board funds would be available on a loan/hire basis to other community groups on a limited basis. Each group would have to prove they could manage the helmets responsibly. Misuse or abuse of the helmets could have serious consequences.
- Specific assistance will be provided to children and families who are keen to enter, but do not have the resources to build a trolley.
- A "helmet register" will be kept, recording the number of dings each helmet receives. Helmets will be retired based on the extent of damage after each time it is used. A standard motorcycle helmet would usually be retired after three years. Given that the use of these helmets will be at a lower level than what they are designed for, it is reasonable to assume each helmet will last a minimum of five years.
- In line with normal health and safety practices, a First Aid log book will be kept, recording all injuries, treatment given, and how an injury may have been avoided.
- The next Trolley Derby, and subsequent Derbies, will be promoted as widely in the community as possible. This will probably involve utilising existing youth group networks and the Spreydon-Heathcote Newsletter.

**Recommendation:** That the Board allocate \$1,140 from its 1999/2000 Discretionary Funds to Cashmere Community Youth Ministries for the purchase of motorcycle helmets.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** The foregoing recommendation be adopted subject to a written assurance being given to the Board in terms of the points outlined in the report.