9. COMMUNITY BOARD-SPONSORED SERVICE AWARDS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to grant its Community Affairs Committee, at its 14 July 1999 meeting, power to act in making decisions on the Community Service Award and Youth Development Schemes.

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The goal of this scheme is to acknowledge outstanding and/or significant voluntary service to both individuals and organisations in the Riccarton/Wigram community.

The award will recognise voluntary efforts made in the following areas: youth, aged, education, cultural, church, recreation, or other community service fields.

The guidelines provide for an award to be given –

- by a resident or group based in Riccarton/Wigram who performs a community service within the Riccarton/Wigram community, or
- a person or group, not Riccarton/Wigram resident, who performs a community service within the community, or
- a person or group who resides in Riccarton/Wigram but performs their community service outside the Riccarton/Wigram community.

No award is made without the nominee's consent.

A Board-hosted presentation is held; with the 'power to act' request this would be scheduled for mid-August 1999.

2. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

This scheme is to provide financial assistance for the development of young people.

The criteria includes the requirements that applicants must be between 15 and 25 years of age, reside in either of our two wards; the need for assistance must be proven. A subsidy is provided but is dependent on the cost of the activity and the needs of the applicant.

Examples of successful applicants include participation on Outward Bound, leadership seminars, cultural exchanges, or age-group participation/selection to national or international events.

Recommendation:	That the Community Affairs Committee be granted power to act for its 14 July 1999 meeting to make decisions on applications received for the Community Service Award and Youth Development Scheme.
Chairperson's Recommendation:	That the officer's recommendation be adopted.