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The purpose of this report is to acquaint the Board with a new Girls' Club and a pilot Boys' Club. Funding is also sought to enable the Clubs to proceed. Beryl Pettet (Girl Guides Association) will be in attendance at the Board meeting and available to answer questions.

BACKGROUND

Members will be familiar with Te Ropu Tamahine that operates at Birchgrove School. In July 1996 the Girl Guides began a pilot programme in two low decile Christchurch schools. The programme now operates in eight decile one and two schools in Christchurch. Over the past three years these programmes have proved to be very effective and beneficial to the girls, their families and their schools. Evaluations from the Birchgrove School programme have been made available to the Board previously.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Te Ropu Tamahine are planning to begin two more Girls' Clubs in the third term of 1999. One of these is to operate from Northcote School.

The Club will meet once a week, at the school, for 1½ hours. Membership will be limited to 20 girls aged 7-10 years. Invitations will be issued by the school to girls that they know will benefit most from the programme. The programme will be identical to that run at Birchgrove School. Te Ropu Tamahine staff will run the programme with assistance from three or four volunteers. A sample term's programme is attached for reference.

For some time the Girl Guides Association has been requested to provide similar clubs for boys. Two pilot Boys' Clubs are to be opened in the 4th term for boys aged 7-10 years. One of these is to be located at Northcote School. Discussions are taking place with teachers and social workers to ensure that the programme includes topics most relevant to boys. A copy of the objectives and programme topics is attached for reference.

FUNDING

The funding requirements for these two new programmes are similar to that of the Club at Birchgrove School. The request to the Board is:

Te Ropu Tamahine (Northcote) - \$7,100

Te Ropu Tamaiti (Northcote) - \$5,325

The Girls' Club is to run for the full four terms through to June 2000, whereas the Boys' Club is for three terms. This funding is consistent with that allocated by the Board to Te Ropu Tamahine (Birchgrove) in its 1999/2000 Project Funds.

Recommendation: That a grant of \$12,425 from unspent Project Funds be allocated to the Girl Guides Association to enable the setting up of a Girls' Club and a Boys' Club at Northcote School.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.