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The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board an option for allocation of unspent Project Funds for 1998/99. As outlined in a report to the Community Affairs Committee in February 1999, \$1,500 remains unspent for “Local Community Gathering Events” in the Waltham area (see attached).

At the February Community Affairs Committee meeting the Committee recommended that staff and volunteers of Waltham Community Cottage report back to the Committee with a more detailed proposal on the official opening of the new Cottage. This report provides more detail on plans for this official opening, and a separate proposal from the Christchurch Polytech regarding the staging of a Waltham Community Fun Day.

Waltham Community Cottage Official Opening

In March 1999 the Council purchased a property for the Waltham Community Cottage at 201 Hastings Street East. Building alterations are currently being carried out at the new premises, including extending the outside deck and installing a new skyline garage incorporating a disabled toilet, storage area and toy library, thanks to a successful funding application to the Lotteries Commission. Once these alterations are complete, it is appropriate the “new Cottage” be officially opened, to recognise the efforts made by many people, from a range of organisations. The date of Saturday 17 July has been set for the opening.

The official opening recognises the beginning of a unique partnership between the Waltham Community, Anglican Care and the Christchurch City Council. The partnership agreement between these three organisations will be signed off by their respective representatives at the opening. Tahu Stirling has agreed to perform a blessing of the Cottage on behalf of local iwi, providing an important historical link. Tahu was involved in setting up the first Waltham Community Cottage in 1993, and it was Tahu’s father Waha Stirling who performed the blessing then.

It is envisaged a significant number of young children will accompany local parents to the opening, hence it is planned to provide children’s entertainment. The afternoon tea to be provided will reflect the cultural diversity of the Waltham area - expenses incurred by the local community will be reimbursed. Catered food provided by a commercial firm will complement this. A draft budget is detailed below:

	\$
Children's entertainer	150
Catered food	150
Koha to local community	350
Marquee hire	110
Miscellaneous	<u>40</u>
Total	<u><u>\$800</u></u>

Waltham Community Fun Day

The Christchurch Polytechnic has proposed that a group of Applied Recreation students take on the task of organising a Community Fun Day in the Waltham area as part of their community recreation studies (see attached).

This partnership opportunity would provide a valuable practical learning experience for the Applied Recreation students, and give many local community groups and residents in the Waltham area an exciting, fun and educational community event.

Overall supervision of this project would be the responsibility of Beckenham Service Centre staff.

A budget of \$700 has been planned as outlined below:

	\$
Children's entertainer	150
Marquee hire	110
Band	150
Advertising	200
Miscellaneous	<u>90</u>
Total	<u><u>\$700</u></u>

Representatives from the Christchurch Polytech Community Recreation Class will be present to answer questions.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocate \$800 of its 1998/99 Project Funds to the official opening of Waltham Community Cottage.
 2. That the Board allocate \$700 of its 1998/99 Project Funds to the Christchurch Polytechnic to stage a Waltham Community Fun Day