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Corporate Plan Output: Community Facilities	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcomes associated with the hosting of the Art & Craft Fiesta at the Avice Hill Art & Craft Centre.

The objectives of the event were:

- (i) To provide an opportunity for all people to enjoy and participate in artistic and cultural activity.
- (ii) To be used as a vehicle to create community awareness about the unique qualities of Avice Hill Art and Craft Centre and public reserve.
- (iii) To promote the profile of local artists residing in the north-west area.
- (iv) To give local residents (families) an opportunity to experience a sense of belonging, not only to their family group but also in a broader context of the wider community

The Arts & Craft Fiesta held on Sunday 14 February 1999, was extremely successful. Attendance on the day was estimated between 3500–4000 people. The objective of raising the Art & Craft Centre’s profile and activities was certainly achieved. The event also encouraged many people to join the term classes offered at the centre and in some cases class participant numbers have doubled.

The aim of the event was to offer a wide range of have a go activities, which included Oamaru stone carving, weaving, herbal crafts, papier mache, embroidery, wood cut printing, clay modeling, and patchwork quilting. Demonstrations on the day included raku firing, bonsai, and pastel drawings to name a few.

The feedback from participants, tutors, and community has been very positive. We have had an overwhelming response from the community wanting to take part in Centre’s term activities.

Recommendation: That the report be received and that an Art & Craft Fiesta at the Avice Hill Art & Craft Centre be repeated in the future.

Chairman’s Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.