

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### 6.1 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING

The following letter was received from Ross Banbury, Youth Alive Trust, regarding financial assistance for two trainees to attend a team building/planning camp and training during the year:

*"The Youth Alive Trust is wanting to expand our existing programmes to cover new areas in 2000 and beyond.*

*Each year, for the last three years, the Youth Alive Trust has taken on two "trainees" to firstly assist in the delivery of our Youth Services and secondly to help develop young people into the calling of youth work.*

*These trainees have come from various parts of the country and while some have been school leavers, others have already had experience in the work force.*

*The trainees commit themselves to Youth Alive as an agency for a year while undertaking training with Youth For Christ. With Youth For Christ they study for their Certificate in Youth Work and Diploma in Urban Mission Studies, while the fieldwork component is done with the Trust here in New Brighton. The study/lecture days are Wednesday and Thursday each week at the Youth For Christ offices while Monday, Tuesday, and Friday are with the Trust.*

*Each trainee has active input from myself in youth work skills, particularly that of staying in for the long haul. One of our workers is finishing her third year while another is completing her second year this year.*

*The trainees are involved in all areas of the Trust activities which firstly fulfils a need for quality leaders, and secondly it gives them a broad base of experiences to maybe major in later on. These programmes include BASE (Brighton After School Events), Seaview Youth Group leadership, Friday Night Drop-In, Safer Streets Initiative, (Rezolution Girls Club and Champions Boys Club New for 2000), Sunrise Holiday Programmes, home visitation, concert organising and new for 2000, an in School intervention programme for years 7 and 8.*

*We meet and relate daily as a team and I have major input at the personal level, believing that areas such as commitment, discipline and hard work are the essential hoops to go through in life.*

*The trainees receive student allowance on the Course (it is NZQA certified) which runs from the beginning of February through till the end of November. They are expected to pay their own course fees of approximately \$2,500 while hopefully being able to live on their student allowance.*

*We are wanting to expand our programmes next year to have four trainees. This will consolidate our base (as we are losing all this year's team) and also provide the foundation for two new programmes, the "Champions" boys club under the Safer Streets Initiative and an in School intervention programme at Chisnallwood Intermediate School (Pending).*

*As a Trust we seek to help these trainees financially with pay from the Sunrise Holiday Programmes as well as other funding provided for through our own service delivery.*

*However there are costs, both hard and soft, incurred by the Trust in having Trainees that we are seeking funding for from the Community Board. Following is a budget covering the costs which are extra to our normal activities which are to do with having the Trainees.*

<b><i>Team Building/Planning Camp (6-10 February)</i></b>	
<i>Camp fees 4 nights at \$15.00 (\$60 x 4)</i>	\$240
<i>Food (Personal expense)</i>	
<i>Activities (Kayaking/climbing) (\$80 x 4)</i>	\$320
<i>Petrol</i>	\$100
<b><i>Team Training During the Year</i></b>	
<i>Six per year (venue, koha for speakers, materials etc) (\$60 x 6)</i>	\$360
<b><i>Independent Training/Resource Books</i></b>	
<i>This is for individualised training seminars and/or specific reading/tape material available to each trainee (\$60 x 4)</i>	\$240
<b><i>Basic Stationery and Office Needs (\$40 x 4)</i></b>	
	\$160
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b> <u><u>\$1,420</u></u>	

*We realise you will have many demands on limited resources, however we submit this application to you for your consideration, hoping you will look favourably on it."*

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Board support the training costs of this project with a contribution of \$600.

**6.2 PERIODIC DETENTION CENTRE IN HAMPSHIRE STREET**

The following letter was written to the Department of Corrections by Lianne Dalziel MP and a copy forwarded to the Board in response to a letter (*attached page 23*), regarding the establishment of the proposed periodic detention centre in Hampshire Street:

*"Thank you for your letter of 22 September 1999. Frankly, I am amazed that you can stand by your view that there is "very little material concern" and "support for establishing" the PD Centre in Hampshire Street.*

*It is unclear from your letter whether you have received any advice from Bemie Marra about the public meeting he attended on 16 September, which was attended by about 16 residents (some representing groups) and who were opposed to the measure. Even those who had come with an open mind could not see any real advantage to the community. In fact, further concerns were raised:*

- 1. The lack of public transport down Hampshire Street, contrasted to Pages Road, which is well served.*
- 2. The location next to a licensed bar, playground and park, all of which would encourage staying in the area rather than leaving as they do from Pages Road.*
- 3. Other locations being considered around the city are commercial not residential.*
- 4. Once Pages Road is closed, people who live east of the river who are serving a PD sentence will have to travel down to Linwood, so that blows the convenience of the locality argument.*

*I reiterate my argument that Pages Road is a major thoroughfare, and that brings with it openness and safety. A back street is not as safe. There is nothing to encourage them to stay in the area once they are returned to the site.*

*Aranui/Wainoni is an area in desperate need of community development - every week in the District Court offenders will be ordered to attend the PD Centre in Hampshire Street. How will that assist all of the groups who are struggling to make a real difference in this area?*

*I remain implacably opposed to the proposal, and urge you to reconsider the redevelopment of the Pages Road site, which apart from some parking complaints has produced few problems in the area.*

*Could you please advise what the process is from here, because this is not a Neighbourhood that can afford a lengthy Court battle, and I am keen that it is resolved before it gets to that.”*

#### **Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

### **6.3 PAGES ROAD - BEXLEY ROUNDABOUT TO NEW BRIGHTON BRIDGE**

The following letter was received from Michael Knight, Bexley Residents’ Association, regarding the condition of the road between Pages Road/Bexley roundabout and the New Brighton bridge:

*“At our monthly meeting earlier this week, complaints from residents concerning the above stretch of road were aired and discussed. Despite some fairly recent surface patching, severe vibrations are being experienced in adjacent properties. Indeed it is felt that the problem has worsened.*

*It was agreed by our committee that I should write to the Board on this subject and I ask that you bring this matter to the Board's notice.*

*(I will be sending a copy of this letter to Malcolm Taylor at the City Streets Unit.)  
Several logging trucks and other heavy vehicles are using this route and adding to its deterioration."*

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Area Engineer report to the Board the condition of and plans for Pages Road, from Woodham Road to the New Brighton bridge.

**6.4 KINGSLEA RESIDENCE - "THEATRE FOR CHANGE"**

The following letter was received from Fran Erickson, Kingslea Residence, regarding a 'Theatre for change' drama therapy process:

*"A-Z of Theatre Production for 'A Christmas Wish from the Kingslea Residence - somebody's daughters, somebody's son'.*

*A 'Theatre for change' drama therapy process which will involve elements of:*

- 1. drama games, exercise, that will aid the clients to work as a team, overcome barriers to communication, prepare the clients for*
- 2. disclosure in group of some past experiences that have contributed to their current status and placement:*
- 3. building towards a group objectified presentation of these experience's in a performance format that will be presented to the public from 1 to 17 December 1999.*
- 4. The entire process wrapped up in tikanga Maori, involving Karakia, kapahaka, waiata, te reo, in the 'theatre marae style' of Te Rakau as outlined in the trust document.*
- 5. Elements of group therapy, psychodrama, addiction awareness and drama as therapy, to assist the clients to make sense of where they have come from, what has happened to them, and what choices and options they can effect to influence future outcomes.*
- 6. To provide the facilitators and theatrical expertise to produce/market/create and bring safe disclosure to this process in collaboration with 'Kingslea'."*

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.