

5. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 17 NOVEMBER 1999 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17 November 1999.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing (Chairperson), Paddy Austin, Mary Corbett, Alison Wilkie and Mike Mora.

In attendance were Margaret Yorke (Dean Year 8 of Middleton Grange School) Lyn Campbell (Children's Advocate), Jane Mulholland (Community Recreation Adviser), Martin Maguire (Community Advocate), and Roger Cave (Community Secretary),

1. "What's The Big Idea" Projects

The Committee had three projects for consideration:

- Jobline for Tweenagers
- Youth Entertainment Support Centre *(both from Middleton Grange School)*
- Sports Co-ordinators *(Kirkwood Intermediate School)*

Margaret Yorke acknowledged the Board support, to date, for their projects. Members were keen to progress them, where possible, to seek further study/investigations.

In respect of the three projects, the Committee **decided**

- "*Jobline for Tweenagers*" to be considered, in the first instance, by the school's Board of Management.
- "*Youth Entertainment Support Centre*" to be followed through by the Leisure Unit in respect of looking to a pilot project being initiated.
Two other Community Boards had received similar projects; networking of the ideas would be undertaken.
A report would be prepared for the next meeting of this committee.
- "*Sports Co-ordinator*", to be sent to the Ministry of Education for consideration.
The project would be sent to other intermediate schools, also, and the Minister of Education.

The Committee would also receive copies of the other "What's The Big Idea" projects received by the Children's Advocate.

The suggestion that all projects received should be considered by Council business units was supported.

2. **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DRAFT STRATEGY**

In September 1998 the Council adopted the Early Childhood Education Policy.

The draft strategy was before the Committee for comment; it clarifies the Council's role in early childhood education; it aims to provide clear guidance on the decision-making process with a view to ensuring consistency and equity in dealing with applications from service providers.

The Committee, after discussion, endorsed the draft strategy.

3. **"YEAR OF THE OLDER PERSON" GRANT**

The Committee ratified a decision (request had been circulated) to make a grant to the Islington Residents Association who had held an event for older persons within their area.

A grant of \$300 was made from the Project Fund allocation.

4. **YOUTH AWARD GRANTS**

The Committee was in receipt of three applications (the fund had a balance of \$800 available).

- 4.1 *Gilberthorpes School* sought sponsorship towards the cost of children attending a four day camp at the Arthurs Pass Outdoor Education Centre.

The Committee **agreed** to a grant of \$300.

- 4.2 *Samantha Richardson*, a local student, was seeking sponsorship towards an American/Scandinavian Student Exchange programme to Canada in January next year.

The Committee **agreed** to a grant of \$300.

- 4.3 *Canterbury Fijian Social Services Trust* sought funds to pay for their school holiday programme supervisor to attend training sessions.

The Committee **agreed** to a grant of \$150.

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Recommendation: That the report be received.