

#### 4. RICHMOND OUT OF SCHOOL TIME (ROOST) HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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This report is to place before the Board a funding request referred from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board at its 3 November 1999. That Board funded two-thirds of the amount requested (\$1,715) and resolved that Shirley/Papanui Community Board be asked to consider making a grant to cover the balance of \$858 sought in the request, as some of the participants will be drawn from the Shirley area.

A letter referred to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board from Ms Marianne Hunt, on behalf of the Richmond Out of School Time (ROOST) seeking funding of \$2,573 to run a short holiday programme, read as follows:

*“Richmond Out of school Time (ROOST) are intending to run an 8 day holiday programme from 15 December through to the 24 December at Richmond School from 8.30 am – 5.30 pm.*

*We do not need any help to set-up, organise, find staff or run the programme; we are happy to volunteer our time to do so; the Treasurer of ROOST, Shona Milne and myself the funding person have already put quite a few hours into this already. What we do need, is financial help from the Community Board. We are literally unable to run the programme purely on fees charged from our families. We would need to charge at least \$25 per child (see budget below) which is of course ludicrously expensive and out of the question for families in our Inner City East area of Christchurch. We have opened up the programme to four primary schools in our close proximity (Richmond, Shirley, Christchurch East and Banks Avenue) none of which are running any sort of programme at this time themselves. We have advertised once about two weeks ago and the interest is huge with 20-30 definitely interested people, who are all in desperate need of a good quality, safe and affordable care and recreation programme for the days we are running. Many even need up to four weeks care after New Year which we cannot supply due to the enormity of the task of finding staff and finances.*

*The need in our area is definitely present; there are absolutely no other groups providing a similar service in this somewhat impoverished, overlooked and under-resourced area of town.*

*We realise that to run holiday programmes that are affordable in the years ahead will require much foresight in planning by the Treasurer and/or funding person and I am prepared to work hard (as I have for over 2 years for ROOST) to secure the necessary funds for our group to offer a programme each school holidays for the children and their families of our area of Christchurch.*

*At our last AGM (11 September – see copy of Chairperson’s report tabled) we decided to make the huge commitment to continue offering holiday programmes as a much needed service to our local community.*

*Funding assistance is requested by ROOST from the Community Board as the only way this holiday programme will eventuate. Funding from other sources received this year has all been spent or allocated to various expenditures for 1999-2000 and the funding rounds next year will not help for this Christmas holiday time.*

*I definitely intend to source funding in early 2000 for the upcoming year of three school holiday breaks from various other agencies but we desperately require help now from the Board if this December programme is to go ahead.*

*We hope we are able to report favourably to our interested families that the Board has decided to kindly assist us with this programme. Thank you everyone for your consideration.”*

**Recommendation:** That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board consider making a grant from Discretionary Funds of \$858 towards the Richmond Out of School Time holiday programme to meet the shortfall needed to run the programme.

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the officer’s recommendation be adopted.
2. That the matter of cross boundary programmes be referred to the Chairpersons Forum with a request that Boards recognise that where programmes are located close to boundaries there will be joint attendance and this should be accepted without the need to split funding.