

### 13. SPREYDON-HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD PROJECT & DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - 6 MONTH REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to update Board members on the progress of projects which received Board funding in the 1999/2000 financial year.

#### PROJECT FUNDS

##### **Local Community Gathering Events: \$6,000**

(i) *Barrington Park Community Day*

Planning is well under way for this event, being co-ordinated by Manuka Cottage and a Committee of local community group representatives. The date has been set for Saturday 20 February 2000.

(ii) *Hoon Hay Community Day*

Planning has just started for this event, which is very likely to be staged in late March 2000. A third year Polytech student, James Stephens, will undertake most of the co-ordination work with this event, in conjunction with Beckenham Service Centre staff and a committee of local community group representatives.

These projects contribute to Policy outcomes by enhancing participation and a sense of belonging in communities, and developing local community identities and pride.

##### **Rowley Resource Centre: \$8,500 (operating grant)**

This funding was allocated to cover operating expenses of the Resource Centre including rent, rates etc. The Resource Centre provides a wide range of services, including:

- Hosting of local community forums, including Hoon Hay Network
- Drop in centre - open 10am to 3pm daily, providing information, phone, photocopying, clothes recycling, library and kids playroom
- Vegetable co-operative
- Adult education courses - focusing on self esteem and self development skills
- Community outings.

A recent change in staffing has lead the Management Committee to review the strategic direction of the Resource Centre. Beckenham Service Centre staff have been closely involved with this process, which is ongoing.

This project contributes to Policy outcomes by improving the position of the least advantaged, providing equitable access to opportunities and community resources.

### **Children & Youth Out of School Programmes**

(i) *Rowley Kidsfun - \$5,000*

This afterschool programme, operating one day per week on a Thursday afternoon, continues to operate successfully. Enrolments range between 35-40 children each week, and the programme is well received by both children and parents.

(ii) *Recent Holiday Programme & After School Programme Allocations*

The remaining \$20,000 in this fund was allocated by the Board in October to a number of community organisations running Out of School Programmes, including PAAS, SHARP, Manuka Cottage, and Waltham Cottage. This funding has allowed these organisations to continue running a variety of high quality programmes for children and families in the Spreydon-Heathcote area through to June 2000.

These programmes contribute to Policy outcomes by improving the position of the least advantaged, providing equitable access to opportunities and community resources, and developing local community identities and pride.

### **Manuka Cottage – Family and Community Development Worker**

At the June meeting the Board allocated \$30,000 from the 1999/2000 Community Project and Development Fund and \$2,000 from the 99/00 Discretionary fund for the continuation of the Children at Risk Community Development programme, housed under the umbrella of Manuka Cottage.

Jan Rogers and Kay Gardner are reporting verbally to the Board's Children at Risk Sub-Committee on Wednesday 24 November. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed to the Board. A further six monthly written report will be submitted to the March Board meeting outlining achievements to date.

This project continues to work towards many of the goals of the Community Development and Social Well-Being Policy as well as Board Objectives including promoting community safety from crime, promoting a healthy community, promoting community education and promoting social cohesion.

## **Manuka Cottage – Youth, Family and Employment Worker**

At the June Board meeting the Board allocated \$20,000 from 1999/00 Project Funds to Manuka Cottage for the Youth, Family and Employment Worker salary. Manuka Cottage has provided a base and administration support for this position.

The following will outline what has been achieved in the past four months and the associated benefits.

- Co-facilitating community involvement in the Barrington Community Fun Day to be held on 20 February 2000 and assisted in organising the Addington Community Church Fair held in October
- Ran a 1 week holiday programme at Waltham Cottage in the September holidays
- Planning three weeks of holiday programmes at Manuka Cottage over the Christmas holidays
- Laid the foundation for a recreation based after school programme (1 day a week) at Christchurch South Intermediate which is addressing some of the needs of tweenagers
- Assisting with the St Martins Youth Pilot Programme held at St Anne's Church
- Planned a youth focussed activity day at Addington Mall in conjunction with Chris Martin from 4YP for Sunday 5 December
- Developing contact with local youth
- Employment initiatives in conjunction with local Addington businesses for young people in Addington eg youth delivering leaflets for local real estate agents. This project has been slow to develop because of local businesses struggling.
- Participated in the Big View and is part of the subsequent Employment Issue Working Group participating with a youth focus
- Advocating for youth within the immediate community and throughout wider Christchurch
- Member of the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective
- Participated in the South Christchurch Youth Strategy Working Party acting as the link to the original South Christchurch Youth Summit as a principal organiser
- Continuing to be involved in the Manuka Cottage Out and About programme and facilitating the process of formulating the Cottage newsletter.

### *Benefits*

The benefits of the above work include ensuring local events include youth friendly activities and giving youth and children the opportunities to do activities that they may not otherwise be able to do. Local community links are being developed which strengthens communities. Furthermore, developing contact with local youth enables role modelling to take place.

Participation in The South Christchurch Youth Strategy and the Youth Workers Collective is working towards processes/activities becoming youth friendly, youth accessing services easily and ensuring youth views are heard.

The work that is being done links with the Council's Children's and Youth Policy and the following Board Objectives:

- promoting community safety from crime
- promoting a healthy community
- promoting social cohesion in the Spreydon Heathcote community.

### **Addington School Community Hall**

At the July meeting the Board resolved to allocate \$10,000 from the 1999/00 Community Development and Project Fund and set aside \$20,000 from the 2000/01 Project Fund for the Addington Community School Hall, subject to three conditions. The attached letter outlines how the Addington School Board of Trustees addresses these conditions.

The application to the Ministry of Education for the remaining 70% of the cost of the Hall has been successful. Building is expected to commence early in the new year.

Construction of a new school/community hall addresses needs identified in the Addington Needs Research report, in addition to empowering and developing the community, and ensuring equitable access to community resources, which are priorities in the Community Development and Social Well-Being Policy. Board Objectives of promoting a healthy community and community education are also met.

### **Hoon Hay Skateboard Bowl**

The Board allocated \$20,000 from 99/00 Youth Recreation project fund for upgrading the Hoon Hay Park Skateboard Bowl. Staff were successful in securing \$15,000 from the Parks Unit to go towards the project.

The second round of consultation is complete with summarised feedback being fed back to City Design. An amended plan will be produced and available for Board comment. Upon approval of the plan City Design will oversee the contract.

This project addresses outcomes in the Recreation and Sport Policy, the Community Development and Social Well-Being Policy in addition to the Youth Policy. It addresses Board objectives such as promoting community safety from crime and promoting a healthy community.

### **Kingdom Resources**

The Board allocated \$20,000 from 1999/00 Board Project funds to Kingdom resources. Barbara Arnold and John Exton made a deputation to the June Community Affairs Committee meeting outlining their progress to date. A further written report will be included in the February Board agenda.

Recently a Womens' Finders Keepers Course was held in the Board Room at the Beckenham Service Centre which was very successful. Barbara Arnold is also involved in the Employment Working Party which arose from The Big View.

In supporting this project the Board is working towards ensuring people's basic needs are met, there is equitable access to opportunities, improving self esteem, self determination and empowerment. Promoting a healthy community is the key Board Objective being addressed.

### **Hoon Hay Youth Centre (\$10,000 Operating Grant)**

This funding covers the operating expenses of the Youth Centre, including rent, rates etc.

The Youth Centre continues to provide an invaluable community service, and provides the following activities/programmes for local youth:

- Boys and girls clubs focusing on high priority "youth at risk"
- Touch rugby and basketball modules
- Learning Centre - open 25 hours per week, has established "satellite school" relationship with Hillmorton High School
- Drop in centre
- Day outings - once per week
- Outreach Youth work - intensive one-on-one work with high risk youth.

Without this grant the Hoon Hay Youth Centre would have no base.

Hoon Hay Youth Centre contributes towards outcomes in the Community Development and Social Well-Being Policy, Youth Policy, Sport and Recreation Policy. This project also addresses Board objectives such as promoting a healthy community and community safety from crime.

## **DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

### **Christchurch South Community Watch**

The Board allocated \$2,000 from its 1999/2000 Discretionary funds in September to meet the running costs of Christchurch South Community Watch. This group has had six new volunteers join from the St Martins area recently, and has both first aid and strategic traffic training for its volunteers scheduled for January 2000. Community Watch continues to provide a valuable service to the Spreydon-Heathcote area.

### **St Martins Youth Group**

\$1,500 was allocated by the Board in September from its 1999/2000 Discretionary fund for a pilot youth programme in St Martins. This programme, based at St Anne's Anglican Church, has arisen in response to local youth problems. The programme has attracted a small, but regular number of young people, and continues to grow. Ongoing promotion and creative programme content seem to be key factors in increasing attendance numbers. This programme operates under the umbrella of St Anne's Anglican Church, but has been initiated by a small committee of local residents. The success of this programme will be evaluated in December.

### **St Martins Community Library**

The Board allocated \$400 from its 1999/2000 Discretionary funds in August, towards the costs of a specialised stapler. The library have purchased a heavy duty stapler, which will result in keeping the paper back collection in a much improved state, for a longer length of time.

### **Cashmere Youth Ministries - Trolley Derby**

\$1,140 was allocated by the Board from its 1999/2000 Discretionary funds in July to Cashmere Youth Ministries to purchase crash helmets in a range of sizes for their biannual Trolley Derby. The most recent Trolley Derby was held on October 1999, and attracted 19 entries and approximately 200 spectators. This event continues to grow in popularity and is substantially safer with the availability of crash helmets.



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### **Faulty steering puts stop to speeding grandfather**

It was a ride back in time for Kay Edgecumbe — until the steering gear broke and he hit the ground at 20kmh. Mr Edgecumbe had taken the controls of his grandson, Asher Huber's, trolley at the Cashmere Community Youth Ministries' trolley derby in Huntsbury yesterday. He was grazed in the spill but managed to show the youngsters how to walk away with dignity.

### **Addington Community Gardening Project**

The Board allocated \$2,290 from the 99/00 Discretionary fund in September as a seeding grant for the Addington Community Garden project. The project has progressed rapidly and has made links with other agencies including the Salvation Army and Stepping Out (Bryndwr). Ten sites are currently being utilised including the site on Strickland Street.

Christine Blanch will be preparing a detailed 6 month progress report for the February Board meeting. This report will also be given to the Property Unit who will be reviewing the lease for the Strickland Street site. Board support for the project would add weight to this report.

In the interim Christine and the team would like to invite Board to the Strickland Street site for an informal lunch on **Wednesday 8 December at 12 noon** to view results of the last 3 months worth of hard work.

### **What's the Big Idea?**

At the October meeting the Board allocated \$1,137 from the 99/00 Discretionary fund to Cashmere Primary School for the printing of 1,300 voucher booklets to be distributed to all year 7 – 8 students in Spreydon Heathcote.

The booklets have been distributed. Approximately 1,000 students were informally surveyed in the classroom when the booklets were being distributed as to which vouchers they would be most likely to use. Initial responses were guarded but as the classes became more aware of what the vouchers were offering became more enthusiastic. Results were as follows

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE
Ten Pin Bowling	51%
Action Soccer	20%
Squash	20%
Skatezone	47%
Time Out	71%
Mini Golf	57%
Ice Skating	60%
Movies	77%
Science Alive	40%
Indoor Paintball	65%
McDonalds	72%

The benefits of this project for the students were described by Teacher Les Morgan as *“One of several opportunities taken this year to extend able students. The students have experienced how Local Government works, gained an insight into business and marketing, and gained confidence in public speaking. The students have developed a greater community awareness and the confidence to complete projects of this type.”*

The Cashmere Primary School team also presented their project at the Community Services Committee Seminar on Tuesday 19 October with all the schools that took part. Councillors, Community Board members, staff, teachers and parents were present.

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