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The purpose of this report is to advise the Community Board of the proposed programme for Community Events in the Papanui/Shirley Community Board area for the current financial year.

INTRODUCTION

Community Events bring people together and create a sense of belonging. This assists with community cohesion for a local community. They also enable local community groups' involvement in the delivery of events, which encourages joint initiatives and promotes awareness of the groups and facilities within the community.

Board members will recall that \$12,000 has been allocated from 1999/2000 Project Funds for the provision of "two Community Fun Days in each ward". Historically these have taken the format of a general family appeal and scheduled over the summer period.

Taking into consideration current community needs and research outcomes, it is suggested a more targeted approach to community events is planned and scheduled beyond the traditional January/February timeframe.

The following schedule outlines current plans for this financial year.

PROPOSED EVENTS SCHEDULE

St Albans – (Mixed focus)

Timing: Year Round

A Community Events Forum was recently held in conjunction with the St Albans Resource Centre to discuss events in this area. The outcomes of this forum created some fresh visions and a small community events team was established to work towards the development of some new events. Ideas were categorised into four areas as follows:

- Cultural Celebrations (Easter)
- St Albans Historical Week (June)
- Youth Event (Timeframe to be confirmed)
- Co-ordinated Christmas Programme (December)

Given the limited funding, financial support would have to be prioritised towards one or two events. Support for Youth activities, for example, is highlighted by research in this area.

Papanui (Youth focus)**Timing: March 2000**

Last year the inaugural "Skatejam" series were successfully staged in three shopping mall venues throughout the city over summer. The event is a skating and inline skating extravaganza, with bands, DJ, fire dancing, tribal drumming and a skate area. Northlands Mall, which hosted "Skatejam" in this area, has been approached and is keen to host the event again during March 2000. Research indicates the need for organised local youth events, which is also reinforced by current community groups with young people.

Kainga/Brooklands (Family focus) Timing: February 2000

Last year a successful family day with a country flavour was held at the Kainga Domain. Contact so far with the local community indicates enthusiasm for an event of this style to be staged again. Meetings with the Brooklands and Spencerville residents are scheduled in the next few weeks. The establishment of a local team to work towards the staging of an unique event for this area is currently being worked through.

Shirley (Focus – to be determined) Timing: - to be confirmed

Historically, a Family Fun Day has been based at MacFarlane Park during the month of March. Recent local issues suggest that a fresh approach be taken with this area and that the Community Recreation Adviser work in conjunction with the local community of Shirley to establish an event(s) that will achieve more positive outcomes for this area. Although establishment of a new event(s) in this area may take time, the opportunity for longer term benefits, including the empowerment of the community has been identified as high priority by current research analysis.

FUNDING

Current funding available to develop and stage these events is estimated as follows:

	\$
<i>St Albans</i>	3,000
<i>Papanui Skatejam</i>	3,500
<i>Kainga/Brooklands</i>	3,000
<i>Shirley</i>	2,500
Total	<u>\$12,000</u>

SUMMARY

It is envisaged that as further contact is made with the community and local event teams meet, the exact format, style and timing of each event will evolve into more targeted community events that best represent each community's flavour and needs.

Recommendations: That the current funding allocation of \$12,000 for Community Events be approved to develop and stage more targeted community events within the Shirley/Papanui wards as outlined above.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.