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Corporate Plan Output: Recreation Programmes and Promotion	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Board of the current plans for the Kidsfun Recreation Programme delivery in the Shirley/Papanui wards.

## INTRODUCTION

Kidsfun is a Leisure Unit managed programme that provides a safe, fun and free recreation programme in lower socio-economic areas, one afternoon per week, during the school term. The Kidsfun Recreation Programme was first trialed for a 10 week period in the eastern suburbs during 1996, catering for ages 5 – 10. This was in response to a lack of afterschool activities for children of this age in the city.

Activities vary from art and craft, sport, outdoor fun and cooking sessions to top team games. A team of staff that has been specifically trained in leadership, first aid, working with children and cultural awareness, delivers the Kidsfun programme in nine different venues throughout the city.

## THE BIGGER PICTURE

The Kidsfun Programme has received good support from schools and local communities over the last three years. The programme has met an identified need in the community over this time for children and their families. The programmes citywide have highlighted the need for the establishment of after school programmes (ASPs) in local communities which provide after school recreation and supervision for **more than one** afternoon per week. As such the Kidsfun programme has been “holding” in some areas, pending the establishment of ASPs which run more than one afternoon per week.

ASPs are currently being planned, or have been established, in many of the communities where Kidsfun programmes are running. With the introduction of these ASPs and the more recently identified need for programming catering to the 11 – 14 year age group, it is timely that the Leisure Unit review the provision of Kidsfun Programmes beyond Term 4, 1999. The medium to long term funding of Kidsfun citywide is not secure, with a decreasing funding pool. This is because funding has been sourced from Community Board Project/Discretionary funds and as such has not always been secured, or secured to the same amount as previously funded, from year to year. After a thorough examination of the development of ASPs citywide, it has become clear that is not going to be necessary, efficient or feasible, to operate Kidsfun in conjunction with other ASPs. Also, the economies of scale gained by managing nine Kidsfun programmes will be lost as programmes are withdrawn. It is therefore envisaged that Kidsfun will be withdrawn from all nine venues by June 2000.

## SHIRLEY/PAPANUI PROVISION

Three Kidsfun Programmes are currently being delivered in Shirley/Papanui based at Belfast, Redwood and Hammersley Park Schools. The presence of these programmes has highlighted the need in these areas for low-cost out of school care for children. This is also reinforced by research outcomes, particularly in the Northcote area (*Casebrook/Northcote/Styx Mill/Redwood Community Needs Analysis, October 1998*).

Since the establishment of Redwood Kidsfun, several smaller after school programmes are now operating in the area and supported by the Community Board. During Term 4 these are listed as follows:

- Tuesday – Dynamite Bay (7 – 11 years)
- Wednesday – Kidsfun, Te Roopu Tamahine (girls 8 – 11 years)
- Thursday – Dynamite Bay (5 & 6 years), Te Roopu Tamaiti (boys 8 – 11 years)

The establishment of a permanent ASP in the Northcote area is currently being planned. It is envisaged it will be up and running by Term 1, 2000.

## FUNDING

Kidsfun is a relatively expensive programme to fund. All Kidsfun programmes citywide rely on community board funding. The trend citywide has been for a reduced level of funding to be available from the project and discretionary fund allocations, as demands on these funds have been increasing. The cumulative shortfall citywide is in excess of \$20,000 for the 1999/2000 year, which will be met by the Leisure Unit.

With the development of new ASPs, the Recreation and Arts Team would like to cease running this programme so that funding can be used to satisfy areas of unmet need, such as programmes for the 10-14 year age group.

The cost of delivering Kidsfun in the Papanui/Shirley area for 1999/2000 is summarised as follows:

<i>Belfast</i>	\$ 8,944	<i>Board Funding</i>	\$16,400
<i>Redwood</i>	\$ 9,974		
<i>Hammersley</i>	\$ 8,944		
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b><u>\$27,862</u></b>	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$11,462</b>

With the disestablishment of Redwood Kidsfun at the end of Term 4, 1999 (i.e rather than continuing to run it until 30 June, 2000), the total deficit would be \$1,488, which would be funded by the Leisure Unit.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMMING**

Rather than Kidsfun Programme funding, the Recreation and Arts team will be approaching the Community Board for 2000/2001 Project Funding support, specifically for the development of recreation and holiday programmes targeting the 10 – 14 year age group. Programming will build on the structured holiday programmes, such as the new “NORTH ZONE” in the Northcote area, and the varied “YOUTH ZONE” activities programme in the St Albans area. The development of more specialised workshop style activities is also envisaged, such as the Skateboarding Workshop, across the Shirley/Papanui wards.

Budget estimates for these are as follows:

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The North Zone	8,000
The Youth Zone	8,000
Workshops	6,000
<b>Total funding</b>	<b><u>\$22,000</u></b>

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board support the disestablishment of the Redwood Kidsfun programme at the conclusion of Term 4 1999.
  2. That the Board support the disestablishment of the Belfast and Hammersley Park Kidsfun Programmes, by 30 June 2000.
  3. That when allocating 2000/2001 Project Funding, the Board consider providing a sum of \$22,000, for new programming development for the 10 – 14 year age group.

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received and the Board endorse and support future programming for recreation and holiday programmes.