

## 5. PAPANUI COMMUNITY FACILITY

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The purpose of this report is to familiarise Board members with planning for a feasibility study for a community/recreation facility in Papanui and to appoint two Board members to an Advisory Group.

### BACKGROUND

Members will recall that past research (in particular, the Northcote/Redwood/Casebrook/Styx Mill Community Needs Survey) has indicated a need for a community/recreation facility in the northern part of the city. Furthermore, the Board has had approaches from three organisations (Papanui Baptist Church, St Bedes College and the Adventist School) outlining plans for construction of such facilities. In the absence of more detailed research it has been difficult for the Board to gauge the level of support for these proposals or to advocate through Council for funding for a capital works programme.

In the 1999/2000 Project Funds the Board set aside funding to enable a feasibility study to be completed looking into the need for such a facility in more detail.

### THE STUDY

A researcher, Ray Sleeman, has been contracted to undertake the feasibility study. Ray has been involved with similar studies previously and has also been the Director of the Christchurch Arts Centre and General Manager at the Christchurch Town Hall. A copy of Ray's proposal is attached for information.

In meetings with Ray a number of issues have been identified and a timeline adopted. It is planned that a final report be presented to the Board at its 31 May meeting.

It is suggested that an Advisory Group be established to work alongside Ray so as to provide information, advice and to monitor progress. The Advisory Group is to comprise two Community Board members, one staff member from each of the Property and Leisure Units and the Community Development Adviser and Community Recreation Adviser.

### FUNDING

The Board has already set aside \$10,000 for this project. However, total costs are expected to be between \$9,000 and \$14,000. A further \$4,000 is sought in order to allow for the higher costs. This could be set aside with approval for any extra funding above \$10,000 being delegated to the Advisory Group.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That an Advisory Group comprising the Community Board Chairperson and Graham Condon with Sally Thompson as an alternative, plus one staff member from each of the Property and Leisure Units, the Community Development Adviser and Community Recreation Adviser be set up.
  3. That up to an extra \$4,000 be allocated towards this project from Discretionary Funds. The Advisory Group to be delegated power to confirm the final amount.

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