

27. 'GET WELL BAGS' – PAPANUI LIBRARY

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding for a project initiated at the Papanui Library.

Redwood Library was provided with funding for their ten get 'Get Well Bags' from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board last year. It is because of the success of these bags that Papanui Library also now wishes to provide these bags. Due to the larger size of Papanui Library and the expected demand for the bags, especially for younger children, we are requesting fifteen bags.

Papanui Library would like to provide fifteen 'Get Well Bags' to be divided into four age groups:

- 2-4 years, 5-6years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years.

Each bag will contain a selection of four to five books, a video, a story tape and various games and puzzles.

The 'Get Well Bags' will be available for borrowing for one week specifically for children who are unwell. They are intended to make a visit to the library by a caregiver of a sick child quick and easy while also providing the child entertaining literature and games.

The cost for contents of each bag is estimated, on average, between \$150.00 and \$160.00 plus the additional cost of canvas bags, which is \$20.00 each. This will total for the fifteen bags at \$2,700.

'Get Well Bags' have proven to be very popular at the libraries where they are available. This includes Shirley, New Brighton, Central Children's and Redwood. Most bags will be out on loan at any given time.

The Papanui Library is visited by a large number of children and their parents, so 'Get Well Bags' will be a valuable addition to our services.

Recommendation: That the Board approve a grant of \$2,700 from the 2000/2001 Discretionary Funds for the purchase of 15 'Get Well Bags' for the Papanui Library.

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Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.