

## 6. PAPANUI PLUNKET

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Board to enable Papanui Plunket to improve their facility.

### BACKGROUND

Papanui Plunket rooms are located in Bellvue Avenue beside the railway line. They service one of the largest areas in Christchurch with 300 under one year olds attending.

### NEEDS FOR UPGRADE

The present building comprises a waiting room, nurse's office, a kitchen and toilet. Two main issues regarding the present building layout are that:

1. Access to the toilet is via the nurse's office. Thus, access for mothers with young children whilst the nurse is busy with a client is difficult.
2. The waiting area is too small for the numbers attending clinics.

### BUILDING EXTENSIONS

Papanui Plunket has had plans for extensions drawn up enabling a larger waiting area, toilet access and slightly larger nurses office to be added (see attached plans).

As a bonus to this extension, Papanui Plunket will be in a position to hire out their rooms when not in use, thus providing them with an income to help pay for maintenance<sup>1</sup>.

Along with the extension there is the requirement to provide adequate disabled access. Their present ramp is inadequate for this purpose.

### BUDGET

The total cost for this project is \$47, 700 made up of:

- Extension to existing building \$41,400
- Upgrading of existing ramp \$6,300

The Papanui Plunket has been undertaking fundraising over the past 18 months and has presently raised approximately \$25,000 towards the project. The Committee intends applying to Community Trust later in the year. As they are part of a national organisation they are unable to apply to Lottery for funding. Any such application must be channelled through the national body, which prioritises such requests with other needs throughout the country.

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<sup>1</sup> The Papanui facility research has shown that, although there are many such small facilities in the area, there is always a need for more.

**Recommendation:** That the Board allocate \$4,000 from 2000/2001 Discretionary Funds to the Papanui Plunket for its building extension.

**Chairperson's**

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