

11. PIONEER LEISURE CENTRE: FUNDING REQUEST

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Corporate Plan Output: Recreation, Promotion and Programmes	

The purpose of this report is to recommend the Board allocate \$2000 from it's 2000/2001 Discretionary funds towards the basketball refereeing programme at Pioneer Leisure Centre.

Pioneer Leisure Centre staff members Charmaine Robinson and Linda van Oosten presented information on this programme to the Community Affairs Committee on 20 June. A summary of this information is outlined below.

Pioneer Leisure Centre currently runs a Junior Basketball competition for intermediate and primary schools on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. This is a hugely popular competition with 54 teams of 540 children entered from local schools.

This competition provides an excellent opportunity for children in the Spreydon/Heathcote area to play basketball, as there is an apparent lack of venues to play organised competitions.

We are, however, struggling to find qualified referees for this competition and wish to set up a refereeing programming for junior referees. Junior referees are high school students from many Christchurch schools such as Cashmere, Lincoln, Hillmorton, Christchurch Girls and Christchurch Boys High.

We have a senior referee who is willing to run this programme in conjunction with the Pioneer Junior basketball programme.

The programme would consist of:

- A referees clinic (4 hours)
- Practical refereeing sessions at the competition with tutoring from the senior qualified referee
- T-shirts for identification in the competition
- Referees manual
- Meetings with Canterbury Basketball Association

The Pioneer Basketball Club was established at the beginning of this year and therefore is still in its infancy and unable to start up this programme. This means that in the future the Pioneer Basketball Club will run and support the Refereeing Programme.

We are also eager to get parents and coaches involved and participating in the programme. As a result we are hoping they will feel a sense of ownership of the programme, which can only benefit this refereeing programme even more.

As we are a Christchurch City Council facility we are unable to apply for Hillary Commission Funding and therefore the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board is an option.

This project not only meets objectives outlined in the Council policies for Children, Youth, and Sport and Recreation, but also meets a number of Board objectives:

6.1 Identify, liase with and promote co-ordination between community initiatives, which seek to enhance the physical and mental well-being of local people of all ages.

6.2 Seek to enhance accessibility to and support such initiatives as:

- Local recreation programmes
- Out of school programmes
- Youth and elderly recreation facilities

8.1 Identify, liase with and support individuals and groups who serve and build the community.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$2000 from it's 2000/2001 Discretionary Funds towards the basketball refereeing programme at Pioneer Leisure Centre.