



5. INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OLDER PERSON EVENT

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The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Community Affairs Committee on the event held at Riccarton House on Friday 3 December from 1pm – 4.00pm to celebrate International Year of the Older Person.

SUMMARY

The theme of this event was a Garden Party, with an emphasis on ‘Have fun in the Garden’. It targeted older persons in the Riccarton/Wigram community and was a celebration of age. There were over ten local community groups present on the day each with a stall promoting their various activities.

Entertainment was provided throughout the afternoon. This event offered the community a chance to try new activities and to learn more about groups/activities in their area. By staging this event at Riccarton House it also promoted one of Christchurch’s most historic building and surroundings. An estimated 300 people attended the event.

EVENT OUTLINE

Throughout the course of the afternoon community groups demonstrated their activities and offered the opportunity for people to participate. Riccarton High School drama students were also involved in this celebration and dressed up in old costumes and mingled with the older participants. There were regular tours of the house, led by Graham Hemming of the Riccarton Bush Trust, which provided the opportunity for visitors to learn about the history of Riccarton House. A cup of tea and a scone with jam and cream were available at a cost of \$2 throughout the day.

The programme for the afternoon was as follows:

- 1.10pm Fiddle and Flute Players
- 1.40pm Irish Dancers
- 2.10pm Melody Duo
- 2.40pm Line Dancers
- 3.15pm Jazz Music

Community Groups demonstrating activities were the Hornby Spinners and Weavers, Holmes Park Croquet Club, Canterbury Herb Society, Canterbury Cake Decorators Guild, Church Corner Creative Leisure Club, Christchurch Petanque Club, United Bridge Club, New Zealand Stamp Collectors Club, and the Waimairi Road Indoor Games Club. The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand also had a number of old cars on display.

BUDGET

Expenses

Promotion	\$1203.04
Riccarton House, Catering	614.00
Sound Equipment	250.00
Stage	40.00
Leopard Coachlines	<u>80.00</u>

TOTAL \$2187.40

Income

Riccarton/Wigram
Community Board \$2190.00

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The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board funded this event.

PROMOTION

The event was well promoted in the local community. Flyers were distributed to all older adults community groups, residents groups, resthomes and retirement villages. Advertisements were placed in three community newspapers leading up to the event and a large banner was put up at Riccarton House. Canterbury Television and the West City Times came to the event on the day.

CONCLUSION

An event specifically for older adults certainly has its place in this community. It was fantastic to have the support of Riccarton Bush Trust to provide such an event. There were many supportive comments following the conclusion of the event from people who attended plus valuable recommendations for future events.

Locally based events such as these provide older adults with a sense of belonging and a pride in their local community and encourage other age groups to value the presence and experience of this age group.

This event helped to celebrate a particular component of our local community as well as facilitating a meeting of the older and younger generations. It also helped to promote one of the area's most notable historic buildings and grounds. And it gave older residents an opportunity to try the many activities available in their local community. There is definite value in providing an **annual event** showcasing activities for older adults in the Riccarton/Wigram community.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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