



7. COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to inform Members of community events that have been delivered and are currently being planned by the Recreation and Arts Team in the Shirley/Papanui Wards during 1999/2000.

KIDSFEST – PAVEMENT ART

This event was part of Kidsfest and delivered at a community level in conjunction with the Events Team and Recreation and Arts Team. Pavement Art was based at the Shirley Community Centre, 9 July 1999 and incorporated stilt walkers, bouncy castles, celebrity appearances, crazy balloons, and ultimately some amazing pavement art which covered the entire basketball court! There were also fundraising stalls from community organisations. Over 250 people attended, with a wonderful mix of all ages bringing children to chalk art. This event is one of the few that is offered at no charge and encourages community participation at a local level in the Kidsfest programme.

EDGEWARE POOL PARTY

This event was held on 18 December and was a combined effort by the Edgeware Swimming Club, St Albans Youth Worker and Community Recreation Adviser. Poolside spot and splash competitions, BBQ, sumo wrestling and horizontal bungy with a water element and appearance from Father Christmas, had a good appeal to all ages. Over 150 people attended the pool party which is an ideal event to build upon for future St Albans Christmas Programmes.

KIDSPLAY

Kidsplay is also delivered at a local level, in conjunction with the Events Team and Recreation and Arts Team. It is promoted as a Summertime Event and was held in St Albans Park on 15 January 2000. Over 320 children and their families enjoyed a fun day out. Kidsplay continues to grow in popularity with local communities. The event features a colourful two hour game segment by the Amazing Mr Moon and his team followed by the cushion theatre production of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears”.

BROOKLANDS COMMUNITY DAY

This huge day was staged 29 January 2000 at the Brooklands Domain. The day was attended by over 700 people, even with horrible weather! It was a wonderful example of a combined effort, with an organising team with residents from Kainga, Brooklands, Spencerville and Riverlea Estates, the Community Recreation Adviser and a Board member. The concept for the day was decided by local residents and turned into a huge gala, culminating with a community BBQ tea and Outdoor Movie.

Many local groups and businesses donated their time and services for the day. The community support was outstanding in this respect. The day incorporated over 20 stalls, live entertainment on a main stage, a magic show, face painting, bouncy castles, country races, vintage car displays, a free sausage sizzle, model fire engine rides, huge

water dunking, a horizontal bungy and pipe bands. The day had something for all ages, and the novelty of a movie is something that the local fire brigade may investigate for further showings.

The success of this day has to be attributed to the enormous energy of the local community and it was a pleasure to work with them.

SAY IT – TILT

This new event is being staged as a concert promoting youth issues in St Albans Park on 12 April. It is creating a lot of energy among an organising group of young people from St Albans and Shirley. This local event is being incorporated as part of TILT – a huge 2000 Youth Festival during the April school holidays. Several meetings were held to establish an event concept and a committed organising team. SAY IT (St Albans Youth Influencing Teenagers) is an enormous time commitment for all involved with lots of learning opportunities from event management to team work. This has combined funding support from the St Albans Resource Centre and Papanui/Shirley Community Board, with the St Albans Youth Worker, Community Recreation Adviser and music specialists acting in an advisory capacity for the group.

SKATEJAM

Skatejam is a free skateboarding and in line skating extravaganza featuring fire dancing and tribal drumming, live music, DJ, breakdancing and a skate area set up in the Northlands car park. Skatejam is a great visual event for people who do not want to actually skate and we hope to encourage families along as well. Board members are encouraged to attend this event, scheduled for Friday 31 March, based at Northlands Mall car park. The programme is being delivered by the Recreation and Arts Team and is funded by the Papanui/Shirley Community Board.

ST ALBANS DAY

A small mid-winter cultural celebration is currently being planned to centre around the shortest day, 22 June, which is the traditional St Albans Day. A community photographic competition and exhibition and historical play are two feature projects for this celebration.

SUMMARY

A more varied selection of targeted events has been and is planned to be staged in the Shirley/Papanui area with plenty of scope for new developments, particularly in the Shirley area and for older adults. Combined with the plans for youth activities, these are a good step toward provision of community events which meet the needs of all age groups and communities in the Shirley/Papanui area.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and the Board's thanks be conveyed to all the organisers of the Brooklands event.