



6. SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Board members of the school holiday programmes delivered by the Recreation and Arts Team, Christchurch City Council Leisure in the Shirley/Papanui Community Board area over the summer holidays and current developments.

BENEFITS

School holiday programmes provide quality, safe recreation experiences for children and above all a chance to relax and enjoy themselves after the long school term. Longer term, school holiday programmes teach children good, life long leisure habits and help them to learn about the activities and groups in their local communities. Holiday programmes are also an important community service for Christchurch families, particularly working parents who require care for their children.

The tweenager programmes (for 10- 13 year olds) emphasizes positive role models and relationship benefits in a learning environment. Activities are more challenging, smaller group work for team building and build on good leisure opportunities and habits.

The current younger persons programmes provide opportunities for participants to be involved in the planning of the programme and events, providing additional skills in areas they are passionate about.

PROGRAMMES DELIVERED

• Children's Programmes

Two, one week programmes catering for five to ten years, located at Northcote and Belfast were fully booked, with just under 400 attendances. It was decided to run only two programmes for this age group during the summer holidays, considering previous statistics, cost efficiencies and the number of different activities available to families at this time of year. Big day outings, partnerships with the Park Rangers and Canterbury Surf Life Saving contributed greatly to the success of these programmes. Beach and ice cream themes were an enormous hit! Evaluations continue to praise the quality of the programmes, opportunities provided and value for money.

TWEENAGER PROGRAMMES

• The Big Skate Out

Refer previous report.

- **The North Zone**

The developing, “North Zone “ programme, targeting 11 – 14 years, in the Northcote area, was also run over one week, in partnership with the YMCA. There were just over 50 participants during the week, tackling a range of activities in a learning environment. The surf day was particular popular. A letter of praise was received from a parent, and together with other evaluations, emphasised the appropriateness of activities, and the “groovy” leaders, specifically catering for this age group.

YOUNG PERSONS’ PROGRAMMES

- **The Youth Zone**

The Youth Zone saw a multitude of activities scheduled, running before Christmas and throughout January. The programme was planned and resourced in conjunction with the St Albans Youth Worker, at St Albans Resource Centre. The programme also co-ordinated with the Edgeware Pool Party, where horizontal bungy was a huge success and The Big Skate Out. The summer format was an ideal trial format, particularly with cross programming of different age groups, from 11 year upwards and incorporating pick up points in Shirley. Just over 100 young people attending the various workshops, including DJing, sailing and circus arts workshop. There was a good gender and cultural mix, with many requests for future workshops.

- **New Developments**

During the April holidays, a small selection of holiday activities will be programmed for the Kainga/Brooklands/Spencerville area. This programme is being trialled as a result of the recent research outcomes. Key elements for this programme will be a local focus, with enrollments being taken by local businesses, and specific days for the 11 – 15 year age group to venture into opportunities offered by the big city. A mini Skate Out day will be offered to this age group, given the interest for the skate ramp at Brooklands Domain.

- **Observations**

Tweenager Programmes are beginning to fill a gap and will continue to be a big emphasis during 2000/2001.

With the developing network of Youth Workers in the Papanui and Shirley Wards, exciting activities and events for young people will continue to be a huge developmental priority.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the officer’s recommendation be adopted.