

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Board with a summary of outcomes resulting from Neighbourhood Week.

BACKGROUND AND ADVERTISING

Neighbourhood Week was a city-wide celebration. A number of events took place between 28 October and 3 November 2000 in the Burwood/Pegasus Wards.

The community was notified of this event by Pegasus Post advertisement, City Scene, all schools were contacted, all Elderly Persons Units received a letterbox drop and all Residents' Associations were written to and invited to take part.

FUNDING

The Community Board allocated a budget of \$1,500 for this project.

Total expenditure for the project was \$1177.90.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

It is worth noting that in all events there was a high involvement of children, particularly with Children's Day falling on 29 October 2000.

COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS

In most cases community groups were allocated \$50 towards their expenses. A typical example was the street party where residents made contributions in kind and where Council funds were used to subsidise sausages, balloons and lolly scrambles. However there were a range of activities:

New Brighton Residents Assn - Family Fun Day - Street closure

Aranui High School - senior students reading to Aranui primary pupils. 84 students volunteered, only 15 could go. This may become a regular event. Mufti day to raise funds for a graffiti paint out. Press photograph

Netherby Lane - lunch, no funds requested but they later requested support to buy 2 camellias for the street

Wattle Drive - street BBQ

St Andrews House Friendship - vouchers distributed to advertise their community support services

Estuary - pines BBQ in the park

Rue de la Mere - street party

Bromley Support Group - garage sale and pot luck tea

Leonie Place - neighbourhood party

Sponsored Walk

Blue Gum Place - street party

Ardrossan Street - afternoon tea

Parklands Baptist Church - morning tea, meet your street, free car wash, set up a support group, learn about coping with vandalism and graffiti.

Travis Country - street BBQ in the local playground.

Nevis Support Group - BBQ and neighbourhood fireworks

Salvation Army - neighbourhood picnic tea in the park

Kingslea School - neighbourhood afternoon tea.

Sample written comments from the community:

"...just to let you know the BBQ in Blue Gum Place was a huge success...thank you"

"...a fun evening was had by all, another get together is planned before Christmas" - Wattle Drive

“...it was an excellent event with about 60 people attending. Neighbours took the opportunity to mingle and meet with others in the street. It was wonderful to hear the conversations from the various people meeting. Topics ranged from stopping thefts and burglaries to politics.”

“The kids all played in the park and really look forward to when the playground is going to be built.”

“Is there any way we can get further information on the park planning process and timetable? Ours is a very motivated street with a lot of people who are keen to help. We would like to know what the plans are and if we can have any input into the planning” - Rue de la Mere

The following poem was composed by one resident for the occasion and widely distributed:

“Hello Fred and Mabel,
I live there in your street,
But, sometimes we’re so busy,
We hardly ever meet!

So, come on now, let’s really try,
To get to know each other,
And make our street so grand and safe,
For our sister and our brother!”

Ed Wood – Pines Estuary Group

Recommendation: For information.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the Board note the success of Neighbourhood Week this year and acknowledge the Neighbourhood Week 2000 Working Party, in particular Glenda Burt and Paul Stewart, for the efforts made in promoting this project.