

4. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 19 OCTOBER 2000**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on Thursday 19 October 2000.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing (Chairperson), Mary Corbett, Alison Wilkie, Mike Mora, Paddy Austin, Lesley Keast, Ishwar Ganda and Neville Bennett.

Also in attendance were Martin Maguire (Community Advocate), Penelope Goldstone (Community Development Adviser), Roger Cave (Community Secretary), and Janice Huddy (Community Advocacy Assistant).

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Trevor Melind, recipient of a grant from the Riccarton/Wigram Youth Award Scheme to assist with the costs associated with participation in the 2000 International Development Pacific Judo Squad Tour to Australia thanked Board members for their support.

2. WANAANGA INTERMEDIATE (STAGE II)

A request was received from the Community Development Worker for Maori, Wene Hepi, for funding towards costs related to the provision of food and other services needed for the running of a five day live-in hui for young people in the Hornby area.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board support in principal the funding of kai and other resources related to the running of Wanaanga Intermediate (Stage II) subject to further information being available to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board meeting to be held on Wednesday 1 November 2000.

3. 2000/01 PROJECT FUNDS ALLOCATIONS

It was reported that the total Board project funds available to the Community Affairs Committee was \$93,947 (including \$30,000 SCAP funding).

The Sockburn Advocacy Team had spent considerable time identifying eligible projects, current commitments, new projects (received through the Annual Plan public consultative process), and other issues that had come before the Advocacy team.

The Committee received a schedule of priority works based on the approved matrix as endorsed by the Finance and Policy Committee.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve a grant of \$50,000 (made up of \$20,000 Youth Initiatives, \$20,000 Community Initiatives, \$10,000 SCAP) to Community Development Network Hornby Youth Worker for 2001/02 year.
 2. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve a grant of \$20,000 (from the SCAP fund) to the Sockburn School After School Programme.
 3. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve a grant of \$4,000 (from the Youth Initiatives) for the Riccarton High School Youth Worker.
 4. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve a grant (from the Youth Initiatives Fund) to the Wanaanga subject to further information.

5. That the balance of funds be retained for consideration of the following items at a subsequent meeting
 - CDN female youth worker
 - Wigram feasibility study
 - Extra costs on any of the above projects/or held for allocation consideration of identified new projects.
6. That the Community Affairs Committee meet with local members of parliament to discuss issues relating to central funding and that the Community Services Committee be asked to organise a similar meeting.

4. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Mary Richardson, Policy Analyst, assisted members with their consideration of the "People with Disabilities Policy" development.

The Committee raised the following points which were noted by Mary:

- Employment policy as a policy goal
- Housing - Council and Private
- Transportation - "Bus Passes"
- Internal processes across all units (Council's responsibility to have "own house" in order)
- Agencies – support and network
- Consultation processes – information on the Internet for all (Signing for Hearing Disabilities)
- "Kids Advocates"

Mary advised that the draft policy would be presented to the 15th November Community Services Seminar and then would be reported back to Community Boards for further consideration.

5. DEANS AVENUE PRECINCT SOCIETY

A letter was received from the Deans Avenue Precinct Society requesting a grant of \$300 to enable the Society to hold a community barbecue in South Hagley Park on Sunday 29th October 2000 during Neighbourhood Week.

Recommendation: That a grant of \$300 be made to the Deans Avenue Precinct Society for a community barbecue to be held on Sunday 29th October 2000 from the \$2,500 available in the Neighbourhood Week fund.

6. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

An application was received from the Christchurch Children's Holiday Camps Trust seeking sponsorship of local children to holiday camps. The basic cost of sending a child to camp is \$18.75 per day - \$131.25 per week.

Recommendation: That a grant of \$525 (four children) be made towards the cost of sending local children to holiday camps from the Youth Development Scheme funds.

7. CANTERBURY 150TH ANNIVERSARY

An application was received from the Hornby Presbyterian Church seeking funding to assist with the costs of holding an event – "in celebration of the Canterbury Anniversary in Hornby, and also to have some fun at Christmas".

It will be an afternoon/evening event taking place on Sunday December 17th possibly in Denton Park. The event will consist of children's entertainment, music from different community groups in Hornby with perhaps something in the evening for youth (organised by the youth) in conjunction with Hornby High. The event will also have a Carols in the park component as well as food and market stalls.

Recommendation: That a grant of \$500 be made available to the Hornby Presbyterian Church from the “Canterbury 150th Anniversary Fund”.

8. AVONHEAD SPORT, RECREATION AND ARTS STUDY

Information was received from the Avonhead Project Steering Committee on implementation of the key recommendations of the Avonhead Sport, Recreation and Arts Study. The report contained suggestions on how to implement the recommendations; progress to date with implementation and existing budget provision within appropriate unit budgets.

It was **agreed** that the information be received and that the Board’s congratulations be passed on to the Avonhead Project Steering Committee for a job well done.

9. CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER CENTRE

A letter was received from the Canterbury Volunteer Centre advising that on Friday 1 December the Centre will have an advertising supplement in the Entertainment Guide of the “Press” to mark the launch of International Year of Volunteers. It was an opportunity for organisations to publicly thank volunteers for the work they do.

The Board was invited to take out an advertisement.

It was **decided** that a letter be sent to the Canterbury Volunteer Centre advising that the Board would not take up the opportunity to place an advertisement in the supplement but would rather support an advertisement in the local paper seeking volunteers for the Centre.

10. COMMUNITY FACILITIES ANNUAL USE 1999/2000

It was reported that usage had declined by 3% at both the Riccarton Community Centre and Waimairi Community Centre with Hei Hei Community Centre remaining the same as the previous year.

The Riccarton Community Centre has had an extension carried out to improve the accommodation of the Riccarton Volunteer Library. The extension involved adding the area of the little used kitchenette, off the main foyer, into the library area.

The additional space has added around one third as much again to the whole area, to the delight of the librarians and their customers.

Concern was expressed at the declining usage of the three community facilities.

The Committee **agreed** to receive the information and to hold discussions with the Leisure Unit with a view to having a Recreation Worker attached to the Hei Hei Community Centre for one year.

Chairperson’s

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