

10. WANAANGA INTERMEDIATE (STAGE II)

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to request that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board underwrite any “shortfall” of costs not met by organisations and groups where funding has been sought to a maximum of \$4,900, towards the running of a five day residential hui for young people from Hornby.

BACKGROUND

Wanaanga (Stage I)

The Community Development Worker for Maori, Wene Hepi, identified a lack of cultural activities for Maori youth as a major issue in the Hornby area. In order to address this gap a wanaanga was held at Port Levy marae in June 2000. An invitation was extended to the Hornby High School Maori Department to be involved and sixty young people attended a five day live-in hui. The kaupapa (purpose) of the wanaanga was “to provide an alternative Maori initiative which encourages self motivation and determination”. The art of Mau Rakau was taught “to enhance self esteem and confidence, discipline, identity, wairua and mana”. The aim of the Wanaanga was, that through the latter teaching, rangatahi would learn respect for their heritage, land and preservation of all things pertaining to these. Thus the community would benefit by participation and sharing awareness of our cultures, heightening a joint understanding of our environment. The cost of the programme was met by a number of funding sources (Hillary Commission, Creative Communities, Christchurch City Council Community Development Fund, fees and donations).

The event was a huge success as seen by the evaluation letters written by the young people as well as some of those who have seen the ‘difference’ the wanaanga has made already in the lives of those who attended (see attached).

At a follow up performance at Hornby High, the principal Gerald Edmonds described the youth as “role models” for others at the school. Attached to this report are letters written by the young people who attended, relating their experience and what it meant to them. Included are also some letters written by people who have seen the difference this programme has made in the lives of the young people.

Wanaanga (Stage II)

Due to the success of the first wanaanga, a second or intermediate programme has been developed which is an extension of Stage I. This kaupapa is a specialist piece of work and will enable participants to attend other wanaanga of this kind which will eventually enable them to become kaiako (tutor).

Objectives

1. To learn basic foot movements of a taiaha warrior.
2. To learn the bas mau (drills) of the taiaha.
3. To learn associated rites and lore of the taiaha.
4. To ensure the wellbeing of all taura (students), kaiako (students), and any/all others.
5. To assess the student for further training and promotion.
6. To promote a positive attitude, and enhance confidence, self esteem, and self discipline within each other.
7. To promote continual preservation and nurturing of the taiaha.

Aims

1. To improve the students self esteem, self control, and self discipline.
2. To improve the students knowledge, his level of ability, and promote leadership.
3. To demonstrate to the student that boundaries and guidelines are important to ensure the development, well being and safety of everyone.
4. To enhance the level of attainment of the students participation in the kaupapa.
5. To demonstrate that this kaupapa can be positively promoted, implemented, and translated into the self disciplines of everyday life.

- Attendance – 80 young people, 12 volunteers
- Venue – Port Levy Marae
- Date – 4th – 8th December 2000

COST OF WANAANGA STAGE II

The estimated cost of running this programme is \$16,294 including voluntary effort estimated at \$4,800 (480 hours @ \$10).

Expenditure

Volunteer Effort	@ \$10.00/hour	\$4,800.00
Admin	Transport, Tohu, Photocopying	\$1,230.00
Tuition Fees	10 Tutors	\$4,800.00
Venue		\$1,300.00
Kai	Powhiri mea Haraki	\$2,342.00
Materials	30 x Broom Handles	\$115.35
Marques	2	\$300.00
Portloos	6	\$625.00
Gas Burners	1 (Double Burner)	\$50.00
Gas Bottles	3	\$45.00
Mattresses	60	\$300.00
Chiller		\$387.50
	Total	\$16,294.85

Income

Volunteer Effort		\$4,800.00
Fees	Attendees	\$1,000.00
Fundraising		\$800.00
Hillary Commission	Subsidy	\$4,815.00
	Total	\$11,415.00
	Shortfall	\$4,879.00

Funding Options

A variety of funding sources have been approached for assistance. As responses are received the Community Development Adviser will be advised and the income budget updated.

1. Riccarton Rotary

Hornby High School Maori Department is applying for assistance with transport and marquee.

2. Local Businesses

Tegal, Watties, Sanitarium, Deep South, Tip Top, MG Marketing, Watties have responded positively but exact contribution is not known at this stage.

3. Creative Communities

Cultural activity funding

4. Hillary Commission Community Sport Fund

Successful application as included in income budget towards tutors, venue and materials.

5. Lottery Youth

Unfortunately Lottery Youth applications close on 12 January 2001. Funding for Wanaanga I, II (2001) will be applied for on this date, as it is hoped that these courses (beginners and intermediate) will become an annual event. Funding from Community Trust would not be accessed either due to the fact that Hornby High School had already applied for assistance towards computers and the Family vs Community Division of Anglican Care of which the Broomfield/Hei Hei Project belongs is not eligible to apply to this trust until June of 2001.

FUNDING FROM THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD

One of the most difficult areas to access funding is for food and related resources. The following is a budget for what is needed to feed 100+ people for five days:

Meat	\$992
Vegetables	\$350
Groceries	\$1,000
Total	\$2,342

If response from local businesses then surplus kai monies will be returned.

Other necessities include:

Gas Burners	\$50
Gas	\$45
Port-a-loos	\$625
Bedding	\$300
Marquee	\$300
Cooler	\$387
Total	\$1,707

The actual total shortfall to date is \$4,879, so this is the maximum the Board is asked to underwrite. It is expected, but not guaranteed, that funding will be received from other sources as listed above. Therefore, the actual grant from the Community Board will likely be much less than \$4,879.

It is important to keep the fees as low as possible in order that the Wanaanga is affordable to all the young people. Therefore the 'cost' has to be met by other sources and groups who are willing to support this valuable and vital follow up of the Wanaanga I.

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL POLICIES

The Christchurch City Council has three major policies that relate to the above event and which clearly indicate the importance of a commitment to supporting the aims of the Wanaanga II. They are as follows;

1. Social Wellbeing Policy

The Christchurch City Council is committed to enhancing the social wellbeing of its citizens and communities.

- People participate in community life and have sense of belonging and identity

2. Community Policy

The Christchurch City Council will support communities to plan, organise and carry out initiatives that reflect their needs and aspirations. As community development and community governance require that issues of powerlessness and disadvantage are addressed, our first priority is empowering and enabling those who are deprived of power and resources.

3. Youth Policy

The Christchurch City Council is committed to developing, supporting and promoting initiatives which positively contribute to the social and wellbeing of young people, their families and communities.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board have also shown their commitment to the youth in their wards by allocating \$40,000 to youth initiatives.

Mate te huruhuru ka rere te manu

Only when appropriate preparation has been applied, can dreams find fruition.

All young people should have dreams and goals. Programmes that help to develop and guide those dreams need to be adequately resourced so that all young people regardless of race, gender, religion, socio-economic status, have the same opportunities.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

In response to questions asked at the Community Affairs Committee meeting 19 October 2000, the following information has been provided. Wene Hepi and some of her team will be present at the Community Board meeting to respond to any further questions.

Approximately half of the young people attending are expected to be repeat attendees and they will do Stage II. Any new attendees will do Stage I.

Regarding ongoing support for the young people attending the Wanaanga, this has been recognised as a gap in provision of services for our Maori youth in the Wigram area, and plans are being developed to address it.

Currently, pupils at Hornby High School can attend their culture group and other Maori study classes. Also available at St Aidans are Te Reo and Waiata classes.

To address the gap, a Youth Cultural Activities Co-ordinator will be employed under the ACE Scheme, by Anglican Care, as part of the St Aidans based community development project. Riki Williams is already involved with the Wanaanga and school culture group. He will have a focus on out of school activities including a Youth Drop In Centre planned for Hei Hei Community Centre.

Recommendations: That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board underwrite the cost of the Wanaanga II programme to a maximum of \$4,900 from the Youth Initiatives Fund with appropriate accountability measures to be put in place.