

## 22. YOUTH WAKA AMA PROJECT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of a request from Mangamaunu ki Waitaha Trust. The request seeks funding support for its waka ama project that will involve young people on an eight-week programme.

### BACKGROUND

In March 2000 the Trust lodged an application with the Council's Hillary Commission funding round. Due to some administration procedures the application was not considered in this year's round. The Community Development Adviser from the Shirley/Papanui Advocacy Team, in consultation with the Trust, invited Community Board members and Advocacy Team staff from the six Community Board areas to a hui on 29 June 2000 to meet with the Trust.

Shirley/Papanui, Spreydon/Heathcote and Burwood/Pegasus staff attended along with Jason Roberts from Mangamaunu ki Waitaha and Norm Dewes from Nga Maata Waka.

The Trust represents a hapu of Mangamaunu (Kaikoura) iwi living in Otautahi Christchurch.

It was explained to the hui that the Trust is proposing to establish a development/confidence building programme for eight young people, that runs for two hours per week over eight weeks. The programme is based around a waka ama (large canoe) and incorporates aspects of tikanga Maori that includes te reo (language), whakapapa (genealogy), karakia (prayer), mana (authority, power), marae kawa (protocol), wairua (spirit), waiata (song), haka (action dance), karanga (call of welcome), whanaungatanga (family relationship), turangawaewae (home base), korero (speak), whaikorero (speech-making), taonga (of value, a treasure). The programme will also explore team building; individual commitment and responsibility; water safety; challenge opportunities and taking risks; respect for one another and the environment within the contexts of history, today and the future; discipline.

The programmes will be "available" to whanau, school, community, youth groups/agencies. The programme will require the Trust to purchase/construct a waka ama.

Norm Dewes spoke about the involvement of Nga Maata Waka in the construction of waka ama. Through their education and work training programmes of building waka ama, Nga Maata Waka incorporate similar core goals/objectives/meanings of the proposed waka ama programme into the building of waka ama.

### THE NEXT STEP(S)

Board members who attended the hui requested that staff prepare reports for their respective Board meetings in September.

Community Development Advisers Bruce Meder, Ollie Clifton and Michael McNabb met again on 6 July and proposed to split the waka ama project into the following funding stream applications:

1. Each Community Board consider the eight-week programme cost when projects specific to their Board areas are lodged. The Trust has been requested to provide full project budgets, confirmation of community support, “indications of interest” from groups/agencies wishing to participate in the programme, evaluations/outcomes from other waka ama projects that have been undertaken both locally and nationally.
2. The appropriate Metropolitan Unit(s) consider the construction costs of a waka ama for this programme.
3. The Hillary Commission for equipment and leadership training costs.

A meeting with Metropolitan and Service Centre Advocacy staff was held on 28 July 2000 to explore this project further. This meeting confirmed staff support for the Trust’s project and confirmed the funding request process as outlined above.

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Development Adviser met with the Trust on 11 August 2000 to assist in the gathering and preparing of the support documentation.

At the time of writing this report for the September Community Board meeting the supporting documentation requested from the Trust to assist in the Board’s decision making has not been received.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the completed report be tabled once the supporting documentation has been received.

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:** That the aforementioned recommendations be adopted.