

## 16. SPREYDON HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD PROJECT & DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – YEARLY REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to update Board members on the progress of projects, which received Board funding in the 1999/2000 financial year.

### NOVEMBER BOARD REPORT

A six monthly review was included in the November 1999 Board agenda and reported back on the following 1999/2000 project and discretionary fund allocations:

- Local Community Gathering Events \$6,000
- Rowley Resource Centre - (operating grant) \$8,500
- Children and Youth Out Of School Programmes \$25,000
- Manuka Cottage – Family and Community Development Worker \$35,000
- Youth Worker – Manuka Cottage \$20,000
- Addington School Community Hall \$10,000
- Hoon Hay Skateboard bowl \$20,000
- Hoon Hay Youth Centre operating grant \$10,000
- Kingdom Resources \$20,000
- Christchurch South Community Watch \$2,000
- St Martins Youth Group - pilot \$1,500
- St Martins Community Library \$400
- Cashmere Youth Ministries – Trolley Derby \$1,140
- Addington Community Gardening Project \$2,290
- What's the Big Idea? \$1,137

A copy of this report is included in the attachments.

### PROJECT FUNDS

#### **Employment Funds - \$5,000 Employment Resource Co-ordinator at Te Whare Roopu O Oterepa/Waltham Community Cottage**

This funding was allocated to bridge the funding gap for the Employment Resource Co-ordinator at Te Whare Roopu O Oterepa/Waltham Community Cottage. This has enabled the position to continue and assist people seeking work to become job ready. This position facilitates basic computer lessons, help with C.V's and job applications, car learner's licence workshops, speakers and information regarding courses for further education and updating skills.

In supporting this position the Board has addressed the following objectives and performance indicators:

- *promoting community education* by working in consultation with community groups such as community cottages
- *promoting a healthy community*
- *promoting social cohesion in the Spreydon-Heathcote Community* by supporting groups who serve and build the community and promoting the economic well-being of the community.

The following Community Development and Social Well-Being Policy outcomes have been addressed:

- equitable access to opportunities
- improving the position of the least advantaged
- self-determination and empowerment.

### **Polytechnic Recreation Transport - \$1,000**

This funding has been used for transportation costs to and from Rowley and Waltham Schools, Polytechnic and the various recreation/education venues. This funding has enabled:

- students from the above schools to have recreation/education experiences they may not normally get
- Polytechnic students to gain valuable teaching/instructional experience with a range of clients.

Gareth Wheeler Polytechnic Tutor stated:

*“From a Polytech perspective, the major plus is that our students get the opportunity to work with real clients and get feedback from the children, tutors, teachers, parents and Council staff as to their efforts and progress. The quality of their teaching and instruction has improved dramatically.”*

Board objectives that have been addressed include:

- *promoting a healthy community*, by supporting local recreation programmes
- *promoting community education.*

Supporting this joint venture also contributes to achieving outcomes from the Recreation and Sport Policy.

## **Rowley Primary School Transport - \$2,000**

These project funds have enabled the school to give their children experiences they would not otherwise have. Experiences have included trips to the beach, hill walking, going to the pool, climbing, making a bivouac, attending a concert and going to Orana Park. As written in the accountability form, Graeme Farrant, Rowley Primary School Principal, stated:

*“Teaching assumes a base or core amount/quantity of experiences that are able to be talked/read/written about. Because of the nature of the background of many of our children – many do not have these experiences.*

*The results are hard to quantify quickly, but they will have deep and long lasting effects into the future.”*

In funding this activity the Board has worked towards achieving their objective of ***promoting a healthy community*** by enhancing accessibility and supporting initiatives such as local recreation programmes. Outcomes from the Recreation and Sport policy have also been addressed.

## **DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

### **Selwyn Street Kindergarten - \$1,881 May 2000 Board meeting**

The funding was allocated for the purchase of a sturdy swing frame and to upgrade the puzzle collection. The benefits of purchasing the swing frame which has four detachable swings and the puzzle collection includes:

- Providing a changing stimulating environment
- More children able to use the swing equipment than before
- Providing hand/eye co-ordination
- Providing intellectual stimulation
- Promoting co-operative play.

By supporting the Selwyn Street Kindergarten the Board has addressed their objective of ***promoting community education*** in addition to meeting the following outcomes from the Early Childhood Education Policy:

- improved services for children and their families/whanau through increased opportunities and choices for children and their families/whanau
- enhanced child well-being and development
- improving the position of the least advantaged.

**Boon's Neighbourhood Action Group  
- \$700 May 2000 Board meeting**

This funding was made to enable Boon's Neighbourhood Action Group ("BNAG") to further their activities associated with the appeal of the decision granting the Resource Consent to construct and operate a large Countdown Supermarket on the Boon's Bakery site in Colombo Street. The benefits of this grant have included:

- Enabling the Group to pay for professional advice on matters pertaining to the Resource Consent
- Enabling the group to incorporate as an incorporated society.
- Assistance with hall hire fees for community meetings
- Subscription fee for BNAG membership of Beckenham Business and Community Association
- Photographs and other evidence for the appeal.

BNAG has felt supported by the Board in its objectives, and feels that it has been able to act in a more credible way with professional advice and therefore has more confidence to proceed in the process of appeal.

The Board has addressed their objective of *being an advocate for the Spreydon Heathcote community* by ensuring that adequate resources are available to research and present the community's view on significant issues that affect the community.

Members of the BNAG will be present to address any questions the Board may have.

**St Martins Heathcote River Day – St Annes Anglican Church  
- \$400 February 2000 Board meeting**

The St Martins River Day was a family event, which included raft races, bike trails, tug of war, canoes and other water activities, and took place on Saturday 26 February 2000. The event enabled the local community to come together and utilise a natural community resource (ie the river), and also enabled local businesses and organisations, including the St Martins Youth Centre, to raise their profile in the community.

The Board has addressed their objective of *promoting social cohesion in the Spreydon Heathcote community* by supporting groups who serve and build the community and support neighbourhood strengthening initiatives such as the provision of and participation in community events. Outcomes from the Recreation and Sport Policy have also been addressed.

**Christchurch Alcohol Action Project  
- \$500 September 1999 Board Meeting**

The \$500 grant from the Board enabled the purchase of an additional one hundred \$5.00 taxi vouchers which were given as a refund to workplaces who faxed in safe transport plans for pre-Christmas staff functions. This grant assisted in growing the project for its third year from 1200 workplaces to 1500 workplaces. Four other community boards also granted \$500.

The prime objective addressed in granting funds to this project was *promoting community safety from crime* by supporting community safety projects.

**Huntsbury Community Centre Handrail  
- \$2,986 February 2000 Board Meeting**

This funding has enabled the installation of a new handrail at the Huntsbury Community Centre. This has benefited the elderly members of the three Probus Groups meeting at the centre and any additional elderly members of various community groups.

Through this funding the Board has *promoted a healthy community* by enhancing accessibility to youth and elderly recreation facilities/programmes.

**Addington Maori Community Development  
- \$760 February 2000 Board Meeting**

This funding was allocated for outings and activities of the Whanau, social, cultural and recreational activities programme. The benefits of this funding include:

- Ability to continue to facilitate a process of empowerment of Whanau members to make their own decisions and to act on these decisions
- Continuing to achieve a developing sense of awareness and appreciation for things Maori
- Facilitating a process whereby Whanau members are able to gain knowledge and skills from each other and convey this to the children
- Continuing to achieve a developing sense of trust and self confidence amongst people accessing the organisation
- Encouraging increased participation of Whanau in Addington in the activities of the organisation.

Funding available for outings has enabled the aim of supporting and encouraging the active participation of Whanau in the planning and implementation of activities. To this end Whanau Group meetings are held approximately every two weeks to oversee the operation of Whanau programme activities.

Through this funding, the Board has *promoted community education*, and a *healthy community* by supporting community initiatives which seek to enhance the physical and mental well-being of local people of all ages. The Board has also contributed to achieving outcomes such as:

- respect for cultural diversity
- participation and sense of belonging in communities
- self determination and empowerment

from the Community Development and Social Well Being Policy.

**Hoon Hay Youth Centre Salary top-up for Drop in Centre Supervisor  
- \$2,990 Feb 2000 Meeting**

This funding enabled the Youth Centre to employ the Drop in Centre Supervisor for an additional six months on a WINZ subsidised scheme. Tasks fulfilled during this time included:

- coaching touch rugby teams (teams achieved first and second place in a local competition)
- taking a life skills based club for young males
- supervising recreational activities in the Drop in Centre
- supporting young people outside work hours

In supporting the Hoon Hay Youth Centre the Board *has promoted a healthy community* by supporting local youth recreation programmes and *promoted community education*.

**St Martins Youth Centre  
- \$4,570 February 2000 Board meeting**

This allocation was made to enable the pilot youth programme to continue with a paid supervisor, which has reduced pressure on the Committee and volunteers.

The programme has now been running for nine months and the supervisor has planned a variety of activities in response to the young people attending. The average number of young people attending is now over forty and up to a maximum of sixty. Contact with a total of 150 young people has been made over the three terms. The programme now has more regular volunteers, mainly young adults, who assist weekly or fortnightly. Chris Carey-Smith will be providing further written information in addition to extending an invitation to Board members to a Friday night session in the near future.

Through supporting this programme the Board is *promoting community safety from crime* by assisting the community provide 'early intervention programmes', providing positive role models, and a choice of leisure and recreation opportunities.

**Rowley Resource Centre – Community Outreach Work,  
Training, Supervision and Mileage  
- \$5,334 November 1999 Board Meeting**

This funding has allowed the Rowley Resource Centre Co-ordinator to attend community meetings representing Rowley Residents on various issues including the siting of the Library/Service Centre and employment issues, and enabled networking by visiting with local kindergartens, Plunket, and schools.

The benefits of this include developing wider networks, raising the profile of the Rowley Resource Centre, representing the local community on issues that affect them and being more informed on wider community issues. The Resource Centre is very thankful of the Board's support and recognition of the importance of networking and community outreach work.

Through supporting the Rowley Resource Centre the Board has contributed to achieving the objectives of *promoting a healthy community and promoting social cohesion in the Spreydon Heathcote Community*.

**Christchurch City Council Graffiti Control  
- \$1,000 February 2000 Board Meeting**

Originally it was envisaged this funding be used to supply residents with resources to complete several large graffiti paint-out jobs in Spreydon Heathcote, however health and safety concerns deemed the latter impractical. Since the launch of the Graffiti 0800 hotline number on 30 March 2000 the response from residents in reporting graffiti in the area has been tremendous, and in fact, these larger jobs have been referred to the 0800 hotline. A carry forward of this funding was requested, with a view to it being required during the current financial year. Several requests have now been received from residents who have run out of paint and have been actively covering graffiti on walls, railings, lamp-posts and Orion boxes. Enabling residents to remove graffiti as soon as possible is thought to decrease the likelihood of future tagging and is therefore *promoting community safety from crime*.

**Christmas Tree Decorations  
- \$5,000 1999/2000 Project Fund and  
\$500 Discretionary Fund November 1999 meeting**

A total of \$5,500 was allocated to this project. These funds enabled:

- the installation of Christmas banners in the Addington area of Lincoln Road
- provision of Christmas tree lighting for a tree in Church Square, Addington.

The Christmas banners provide a welcoming site as commuters and residents travel into the City via Lincoln Road, and combined with several event banners installed during the year, serves to *improve the natural and built neighbourhood environments in Spreydon Heathcote*.

Church Square is used as a central gathering place for the local community and their events. The Christmas tree lighting contributes to the *development of a healthy community and promoting social cohesion within the community*.

**Malthouse Theatre trust – \$1,330 99/2000 Heritage Project Fund and \$2,900 Discretionary Fund May 2000 Board meeting**

A letter recently received from the Malthouse Theatre Trust is included in the attachment and briefly outlines developments. By providing this funding the Board have encouraged the *retention and enhancement of heritage sites in the Spreydon Heathcote area*.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.