

**14. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 15 MARCH 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 March 2001.

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

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

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 John Doyle and Peter Laloli, Hornby Police

John and Peter were invited to speak to the Committee on matters of mutual interest. Issues discussed included:

- Burnouts on local roads, burnout pad at Ruapuna and proposed by-law
- Burglaries
- Local hotels
- Neighbourhood Support Groups – gearing up to run themselves
- Speeding issues – the speed trailer is being used in the area
- Cycle helmets
- Highway Patrol

2. OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Penelope Goldstone (Community Development Adviser) spoke of the progress of two of the Out of School Programmes assisted by the Board in 2000/2001.

2.1 Wharenui OSCAR

In 1998 this OSCAR programme was in crisis with an overloaded and burnt out parent committee who could no longer continue to manage the programme. With financial assistance from the Community Board the daily management of the programme was contracted to ODC (OSCAR Development in Christchurch) and overall management was co-ordinated by the Community Development Adviser in consultation with the, by this time, very small parent advisory committee.

Over the following two years much work was done by ODC to sort out staffing difficulties, children's behaviour issues, building layout, programme policies and creating an improved relationship with the school. This was not a short term set of tasks. By the end of 2000 the programme was in a very healthy state.

The first Parent Committee meeting for the new year has been held with nine parents attending. This group will need support and probably training for a few months. For this Committee, the contracting out of the operations role to ODC, is the crucial link to their survival as a community programme.

2.2 Sockburn OSCAR

In 1998-99 a group of parents at Sockburn School tried to establish an after school programme, and unfortunately failed due to a variety of reasons. In 2000, the Sockburn Advocacy Team carried out a needs study at Sockburn and South Hornby Schools to assess the need for out of school programmes.

Both schools responded with good demand for programmes and as South Hornby children already had access to the Hornby After School Programme, and also because there was a good indication of parent support at Sockburn, it was decided to assist with the establishment of an after school programme at Sockburn.

A steering committee of parents was formed in October 2000. This programme attracted a grant of \$10,000 from Work and Income New Zealand to help establish/set up costs. This was the final grant available from a pilot project which also included 32 hours of support from the OSCAR Network to help them get up and running. Funding was also made available from SCAP (Strengthening Community Action Plan) and the Advocacy Team which has allowed this programme to get off to a flying start.

The programme opened on March 12th in the Wigram Scout den as a temporary venue. They have purchased and relocated on site a second hand building, have employed two staff and become incorporated.

The Committee **received** the information.

3. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

This scheme is to provide financial assistance for the development of young people.

Four applications had been received:

Middleton Grange Senior A Girls Touch Team – seeking funding towards the costs associated with a trip to Niue and Tonga on a sports/cultural exchange from the 31st March to 7th April. The tour is costing the girls \$1,500 each with extensive fundraising being carried out.

David Miles-Watson – seeking funding towards the costs of airfares (\$670 return) associated with sending David to a “Youth in Search” Leadership Camp in Sydney on 13th – 16th April and a second camp in July.

A second application was received (sponsored by Grant Harris) for another youth. This application was declined.

Glen Moroney, 3 Murfitt Place – seeking a grant towards the costs associated with attending the Under 19 Boy’s World Softball Championships in Sydney from 14 – 29th April 2001. Glen’s contribution to the tour is \$1,000.

Recommendation: That the following grants be made from the Youth Development Scheme Fund:

Middleton Grange Senior A Girls Touch Team	\$200
Glen Moroney	\$250
David Miles-Watson	\$400

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK – 27TH OCTOBER – 2ND NOVEMBER 2001

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Week Joint Board Committee of Tuesday 6 March 2001 were tabled for members information.

It was decided to send out flyers to Residents Groups promoting Neighbourhood Week 2001 and asking the Groups to start planning now.

Recommendation: That a Riccarton/Wigram Community Board “Events/Neighbourhood Committee” be set up, comprising Community Affairs Committee members, to administer and promote “Neighbourhood Week”.

5. RESIDENTS GROUPS

Discussion took place regarding the establishment of new residents groups in the Riccarton/Wigram Wards.

The Community Advocate to discuss with the Advocacy Team and report back to the next meeting.

Chairperson’s

Recommendations: 1. That the report be received.

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