

22. COMMUNITY CENTRES – HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD

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The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the operation of the community centres in the Board's area for the 2000/2001 year

The Council through the Community Relations Unit administers thirteen facilities within the Hagley/Ferryhead Wards. All of the facilities are managed by 'Management Committees,' who are responsible for the day to day running of the facilities. Major building repairs and alterations are dealt with by the Council's Property Unit, while the Community Relations Unit through the Linwood Advocacy Team maintain a small budget for internal maintenance.

The following information about the facilities is provided in part by the facility management groups. Where minor maintenance is identified as been carried out, it refers to broken windows, graffiti removal and small repairs. Major repairs or maintenance is shown in the text.

AVEBURY HOUSE

This facility is presently under development

BROMLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Bromley Community Centre is situated at the corner of Bromley and Maces Roads. The Management Committee is made up from representatives of the user groups, one of whom handles the hiring of the facility. The year has seen six permanent organisations using this facility on a regular basis and 21 casual or social hires. This includes an after schools programme four days per week. The facility is also used as a base by the Recreation Unit for the local holiday programme during the school holidays.

Major maintenance for the year included sanding and re-urethaning the main hall floor, re-painting the kitchen and foyer area and replacing the oven and refrigerator. This centre is quite old, being the former Bromley School, and the need for a major upgrade, including purpose built meeting rooms, has been raised by the committee. Polytechnic students recently did an exercise on usage of the facility which in part will be used by Council staff to evaluate the needs of the centre.

The management committee reports that after careful budgeting they are financially solid for the year.

Current user charges are

<i>Community Groups Hourly Rate</i>	\$5.00
<i>Casual Hire Hourly Rate</i>	\$15.00
<i>Social Function</i>	\$100.00

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Heathcote Community Centre is situated on the Bridle Path Road frontage of the Heathcote Domain. The centre has one main user, one regular user and one semi regular user although other casual users do use the facility from time to time. The main user is the Heathcote Valley Playcentre who use the premises four mornings per week and whose members make up the Management Committee.

Maintenance has generally been of a minor nature during the year although the Leisure Club undertook some painting of the kitchen area and upgrading of the toilets is planned for the future.

The management committee reports that there was a \$600.00 deficit in this year's accounts. The main cause of this appears to be the transfer by the Council of its power supplier and the difficulty of the Management committee to obtain accounts from that company.

The committee states that there are a range of user charges based on who the user is and/or what the facility is being used for.

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year. The centre is also subject to conditions as set out by the Education Review Office.

LINWOOD COMMUNITY ART CENTRE

The Linwood Community Arts Centre is situated at the corner of Worcester Street and Stanmore Road. The Centre is the former Linwood Library and is listed as a 'Heritage Building'. The Arts Centre is managed by Te Whare Roimata and has an on site manager.

Over the past year, the centre was used seven days a week. The gallery was in use every day and most evenings, the workshop, four days and two evenings a week and the studio had a resident sculptor for the year. The office was used regularly as a meeting room for small groups and the car park used once a month for a craft market. The centre had twelve regular groups using the facility.

Lack of space is a major concern at the centre with some requests for use having to be turned down because of this. Because the building is a listed heritage building additions or alterations are unable to be made to the buildings structure. Other alternatives are at present being investigated, including the use of a temporary storage facility in the car park. This in the form of a converted shipping container and the Centre Management is presently in the process of applying to the Council for the appropriate permits and consents.

Maintenance has generally been of a minor nature during the year although the gallery walls were repaired and repainted in March.

The management group reports a small financial loss for the year 2000 was the result of tutor fees not being processed until the 2001 financial year.

Current user charges are

<i>Gallery and workshop</i>	<i>Per week:</i> \$60.00	<i>Per hour:</i> \$5.00
<i>Darkroom hourly rate</i>	\$2.00	
<i>All classes run by the centre</i>	<i>Per class:</i> \$2.00	
<i>Craft market per table</i>	\$4.00	

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

TE WHARE TAONGA O NGA IWI KATOA LINWOOD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

The Linwood Community Resource Center is situated at 332 Linwood Avenue. The centre operates on a community development model to encourage local initiatives and community development. Community development workers at the centre offer support and advise to a variety of groups and individuals. It is also utilised as a 'drop in centre' where anyone off the street is welcome to visit. The centre is managed by a Trust Board who employ two staff while Anglican Care also provide a community development position which is funded by the City Council.

The centre was well utilised during the year and hosted numerous meetings for various groups both on a weekly and monthly basis. The centre also held a number of workshops and public meetings over the year. For seven months the Lyfe Festival Coordinator was based at the centre. This increased the usage of the centre because of organising committee and sub-committee meetings. A community garden is also operated within the grounds of the centre with an average of seven to ten local people per week being involved in its upkeep. The average number of people accessing the facility over the last twelve month period was approximately 105 per month.

Matters of concern are the heavy demands on the one telephone line, the sometimes inadequate heating system and insulation of the building.

Repairs and maintenance for the past year have included replacement of spouting, repainting the roof, replacement of a stormwater drain and the installation of a storm water capture tank.

The report from the management committee shows the group to be in a sound financial position for the past year.

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

LINWOOD COMMUNITY TOY LIBRARY

The Linwood Community Toy Library is situated at 332 Linwood Avenue. The toy library is housed in a small relocatable (garage type) building in the grounds of the Linwood Community Resource Centre. It is the only user of this building and is one of forty-two toy libraries in Christchurch. It is a member of the Toy Library Federation of New Zealand. The Management Committee and workers are all volunteers who receive their funding through the Federation and the hire of the toys. The toy library opens on two days per fortnight and at present one 110 families are using this facility.

The management committee advises that it is a sound financial position.

Lack of space to store toys is a major concern with needs outstripping the size of the building.

Maintenance issues have been of a minor nature over the year.

Current user charges are

<i>Membership joining fee</i>	\$25.00
<i>Hire of toys per fortnight</i>	50¢ - \$3.00

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

LINWOOD COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CENTRE

The Linwood Community Childcare Centre is situated at 136 Aldwins road. It is a purpose built facility, which is managed by the Supervisor with a Management Committee of eight. C.Y.P.F.A. also use the facility once per week (when the centre is closed) for supervised access. The facility is open five days per week for eleven months of the year and presently provides for eighty five families a week and 39 children daily.

The Committee report a solid financial position and sound financial policies.

The main concern is a lack of office space for staff to carry out administrative duties.

Only minor repairs and maintenance have been necessary at the centre over the past year. Facility staff supported by Board funding have had a folding canvas awning installed over the outside verandah area.

Current user charges are

<i>Child care fees per hour</i>	\$2.50
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No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

The centre is also subject to conditions as set out by the Education Review Office.

PHILLIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Phillipstown Community Centre is situated at 21A Nursery Road. The centre is a purpose designed and built community facility which was opened in 1998. The centre is operated by a management committee which is made up of local community representatives. The resident community worker employed under the Social Initiatives Scheme, also sits on the centre's management committee.

There are presently fourteen permanent user groups and four regular groups using the facilities. These include an after school programme on a daily basis and holiday programmes run during school holidays. Other casual users may use the facilities when they are not being used by the other groups.

The social worker for the Cluster of Phillipstown, Woolston and Bamford schools is also based at the centre. The committee reports that the centre is in a very sound financial condition.

As yet, no areas of concern have arisen regarding the centre. However, the size of facility vs. the growth of its use may be of future concern. As the facility is still relatively new only minor maintenance has been necessary. Enhancements include a community notice board erected at the front roadside and some grassing and landscaping at the entrance.

Current user charges are

<i>Hire of facilities hourly rate</i>	\$5.00
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No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

RICHMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD COTTAGE

The Richmond Community cottage is situated at the corner of London and Pavitt Streets. The management committee is made up of local community representatives.

The cottage has had six permanent groups regularly using the facilities over the past year. This includes a Creche and Plunket who occupy the facility four days per week. Because the facility is quite small it is not suitable for many of the type of hires that might normally be associated with some community facilities. The committee reports that the cottage is in a healthy financial position

Although most maintenance was of a minor nature there was a spate of broken windows caused by vandalism during the year. Security lights were installed. A new sink bench and microwave oven were also installed.

Current user charges are

<i>Hire of facilities hourly rate</i>	\$5.00
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Health and Safety issues reported during the year necessitated an upgrade of the playground swings and the facilities hot water temperature to comply with government regulations and E.R.O. standards.

SUMNER COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Sumner Community Centre is situated at the corner of Wakefield Avenue and Nayland Street Sumner. The building is the former Sumner Borough Council building and is a listed 'Heritage Building.' It also includes within its precinct the Sumner Museum.

The management committee of this facility is made up of local representatives most of whom are long standing members of the centre.

Over the past year the centre has been used by eight permanent groups on a regular basis. Notable of these is the Theatrical Group who have staged an annual theatrical production for some years. There have also been an unspecified number of casual hires for wedding receptions, birthdays, seminars and other events.

The management reports that the Community Centre is in a sound financial position.

Only minor maintenance was required in the last year. No upgrades were carried out as major renovations have been carried out in past recent years.

Current user charges are

<i>Main hall hire hourly rate</i>	\$8.00
<i>Meeting room hire per evening</i>	\$8.00
<i>Facility hire per day</i>	\$120.00

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

WOOLSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Woolston Community Centre is situated in Woolston Park, Ferry Road. The centre is run by a volunteer management committee and on site manager who look after the bookings and day to day activities.

Over the last year there have been seven permanent groups using the facilities with another nine using it on a regular basis and a number of casual or one off hires. A playgroup operates from the centre two days per week and a Holiday program during the school holidays.

Because the centre is very small, it is unable to house many of the functions that take place at other community centres. This probably results in a lower number of casual hires at this centre. The committee reports that the financial status of the centre is in a sound condition.

Main concerns of the centre relate to the small size of the building and lack of available storage space. Some concerns have also been raised regarding the siting of the centre in the park.

Only minor maintenance has been required over the last year although some vandalism has caused continuing problems. As upgrades, two new heaters were installed as well as a storage cupboard. The Committee have had a baby changing table installed.

Current user charges are

<i>Community Meeting</i>	No Charge
<i>Regular user hourly charge</i>	\$10.00
<i>Function for first 5 hours</i>	\$60.00
<i>Function after 5 hours per hour</i>	\$10.00
<i>Drop in & Playgroup per person</i>	\$1.00

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

WOOLSTON COMMUNITY POOL

The Woolston Community pool is situated to the rear of the Woolston Community Centre, Woolston Park. The pool is a very old facility which would need major attention to bring it up to the standard of other Council pools in Christchurch. The pool is run by a volunteer committee with the life guards wages being provided by the City Council. The pool is open from the beginning of December through to the first week of March. During the last season, 21,318 patrons made use of the facilities. The main user group is the Woolston School who use it daily, although other schools in the area use it for their swimming sports.

As well as the general community use, other uses are the school holiday programme and the after school programme. It has also been utilised for Community Fun days and Dragon Boat practice. The committee states that the pool is in a generally sound financial state. Apart from user fees the pool is subject to Council grants for maintenance.

Generally, the main concern of the pool is its age and the need to keep it to a safe standard.

Maintenance over the past year has included, new self shutting gate, new bearings in the main pump, overhaul of gate valves, new sand filter and overflow pipe, new chlorine pump and new valve balance tank and repair ball cock. As an upgrade to the amenities a sun shade area has been provided.

Current user charges are

<i>Swimmers per session</i>	\$1.00
<i>Pre-schoolers and spectators</i>	Free
<i>Private Hire (1)</i>	\$50.00
<i>(1) plus lifeguard per hour</i>	\$10.56

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

WOOLSTON COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CENTRE

The Woolston Community Child Care Centre is situated at 52 Glenroy Street. It is a purpose built facility, which is managed by the Supervisor with a Management Committee. The facility is open five days per week between the hours of 9.00am to 3.00pm and presently provides for up to 39 children daily. The centre is in a solid financial position and has sound financial policies.

The main concern is the problem with noise in the eastern end of the building which has a high skillion roof. The western end of the building had ceiling tiles installed but there appears a need for the remainder of the facility to be likewise tiled.

Only minor repairs and maintenance have been necessary at the centre over the past year. Facility staff however have had the outdoor area upgraded by installing swings, a sandpit, shading and seating. Some areas have been turned into vegetable and flower gardens for the children. They are also at their own cost having a staff room added to the main building.

Current user charges are

<i>Child care fees per 3hour session</i>	\$8.50
<i>Child care fees per day</i>	\$17.50

No Health and Safety issues were reported during the year.

The centre is also subject to conditions as set out by the Education Review Office.

Recommendation: That the information be received

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