

5. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 15 FEBRUARY 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 February 2001.

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

Also in attendance were Jane Mulholland (Community Recreation Adviser) and Janice Huddy (Community Advocacy Assistant).

Apologies were received from Martin Maguire (Community Advocate) and Roger Cave (Community Secretary).

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 Darryl Tempero, Hornby Presbyterian Church

Darryl thanked the Community Board for the grant received from the 150th Canterbury Anniversary fund towards the "Westside Party in the Park". The aim of the event was to have fun – celebrate life on the Westside.

It is planned to hold a similar event on Sunday 16th December 2001, with planning to start earlier and a larger budget made available for the marketing of the event.

A meeting of people interested in being involved in the planning of the event is to be held within the next few weeks.

The Committee congratulated Darryl on the running of the event.

1.2 Sue Sutherland, Libraries Manager and Hilary Renfree, Area Librarian

Sue explained that as a result of restructuring Hilary Renfree is the Area Librarian for the Riccarton/Wigram – Spreydon/Heathcote – Hagley/Ferrymead community board areas. Nicki Moen is Area Librarian for the Fendalton/Waimairi – Papanui/Shirley – Burwood/Pegasus community board areas.

Sue gave background information on the progress to date of the proposed library.

A review is to be carried out before the end of the financial year of the proposed Riccarton/Avonhead library and Parklands library to ascertain what facilities are appropriate for the needs of the area, how these needs can be met and the best locations for these libraries.

At the moment a library for the Riccarton/Avonhead area is in the 2005/6 budget spread over two financial years.

Sue asked members for their ideas on the perceived needs for the Riccarton area and possible sites.

- Because of the diverse ethnicity of the area, library needs to make provision for catering for these special needs
- On a public transport route
- Homework/Study areas
- Information Technology Suite
- Consumer Health Information

Various sites were identified which Sue will follow up.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board advise the Property Unit of its wish to seek out and secure land in an appropriate location (i.e. Upper Riccarton) for a library/service centre with urgency.
 2. That the Community Board prepares a submission to the Annual Plan regarding the provision of a library in the Riccarton area.

2. ACCESS AND EQUITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

In May 2000 the Christchurch City Council endorsed a proposal to develop a disability policy. Since then a number of meetings and focus groups were conducted with people from the disability community, Council staff, elected members and Community Boards. Based on the feedback from this consultation a draft Policy has been developed

The Committee consider the updated policy and the following feedback was noted –

- Size of document too large – abbreviated form if possible.
- The Background Report – 6. Policy Development Process – should include statistics regarding whom the responses were from, numbers, statistics etc.

It was also **agreed** that a letter be written to the Community Services Committee requesting that Community Board members be invited to any seminars held by that Committee.

3. RESIDENTS GROUPS

It was reported that a new residents group was being formed within the residential area of Wigram Airbase and also in the Avonhead/Ilam area.

It was **decided** to identify further gaps where Residents Groups are not established in the Riccarton/Wigram Wards at the next meeting.

4. 2000/2001 PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

It was **decided** to write to Residents Groups to remind them funds were still available under the Neighbourhood Week fund for use for community events.

5. SUMMER EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES

A report was presented by Jane Mulholland (Community Recreation Adviser) on four summer events and programmes run in the Riccarton/Wigram Ward area. These were:

Kidsplay Teddy Bears Picnic held at Warren Park on Tuesday 9 January

KidsPlay featured as part of the SummerTimes Festival linking Amazing Games and the Court Jesters Cushion Theatre Production of 'Rumpelstiltskin'. This event provided a day out at six local parks for children aged 5 – 12 years and their families. Approximately 180 children attended.

The Big SK8 Out held in January and April 2000 and January 2001 school holidays

The aim was to provide introductory level skaters, ages 10 – 14 years, with the skills and expertise to confidently and safely skate Christchurch skate parks. A specific workshop was also held for female skaters. The workshops were very successful and created a lot of interest and energy amongst Christchurch skaters.

Some concern was expressed at the lack of drinking facilities at some of the skate parks. The Committee **agreed** to write to the Parks Manager to promote ready access to water in all public areas.

Holiday Programme Report

Three programmes were run –

Riccarton Ripers at Riccarton Primary School was a one week programme catering for a total of 42 children aged 5 – 10 years.

Hei Hei Hawks at Hei Hei Community Centre, a one week programme catering for 52 children aged 5 – 10 years.

Sockburn Supersonics was a one week programme for children aged 5 – 10 years. This programme is normally held at the Sockburn Primary School however due to low enrolments (15) it was combined with the Northcote Holiday Programme. A bus was hired to transport children to and from Sockburn each morning and afternoon.

Sockburn Christmas Pool Party held at Sockburn Pool on Sunday 17 December

Christmas Pool Parties were another feature of this year's SummerTimes Festival. The events provided Christmas fun for the whole family at Halswell Aquatic Centre, Waltham Pool and Sockburn Pool. All events were co-ordinated by Kylie Crabbe, Facilities Recreation Co-ordinator for Christchurch City Council Leisure.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board contributed money towards additional attractions for youth at the Sockburn Pool Party. This focussed on activities for the older children such as Karaoke Carols, Nintendo Games and Air Hockey.

The Committee **received** the report and commended the officers for their wonderful work.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

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