

28. FUNDING FOR THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER

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Corporate Plan Output: Community Services, Advocacy and Funding	

The purpose of this report is ask the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to allocate some funding for the Year of the Volunteer.

The recommendation in this report is in line with -:

Community Board Objectives:

Enhance Social Well-being and Strengthen Communities.

And performance measures 17, 19.

- Acknowledge value of volunteer input by..... the allocation of resources
- Provide resources to assist community initiatives.

Social Well Being Policy priorities:

- Reduce barriers to access services and resources
- Reduce disparity between and reduce multi-disadvantage

Community Policy Points:

- 1.1 Work with local communities and organisations to increase the capacity of communities.
- 1.2.10 Support community initiatives aimed at developing the skills needed for self-evaluation of projects and programmes.

The Board, in the past, has expressed a wish to know in advance of days and years that have been designated for particular groups. 2001 is the Year of the Volunteer.

Volunteering is an important and integral part of the way our communities work. It is acknowledged that volunteering is beneficial to the organisations that encourage volunteering and to the volunteers as individuals.

The more an organisation acknowledges its volunteers the healthier the organisation and the more rewarding it is for the volunteer. Volunteers sometimes lack a particular skill that would enhance the work they are doing within an organisation and are willing to do training but the resources for training are limited. Many volunteers are on low incomes and are unable to participate in the way they would wish to because they are unable to meet training costs, transport costs and other volunteer expenses. It is also important that organisations take this chance to let their volunteers know that they are valued and offer recognition to them.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocate \$5,000 from the Strengthening Community Fund for the Year of the Volunteer for volunteer expenses, training and recognition.
 2. That the Working Party (Bob Todd, Linda Rutland, Aaron O'Brien, Derek McCullough, and Community Advocate) established to administer the Response Fund develop a process for allocation of this funding and report back to the Board.

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Recommendation: That the officer's recommendations be adopted.