

10. SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board on expenditure of the \$12,000 Holiday Programme vote funded from the Board's 2000/01 project funds.

Introduction

School holiday programmes provide quality, safe recreation experiences for children and above all a chance to relax and enjoy themselves after the long school term. In the longer term, school holiday programmes teach children good, lifelong leisure habits and help them to learn about the activities and groups operating in their local communities.

Holiday programmes are also an important community service for Christchurch families, particularly working or training parents who require care for their children.

Background

Members will recall that \$12,000 from the Board's 2000/01 project funds was allocated for the provision of holiday programmes in Fendalton/Waimairi. At the time this funding was allocated it was anticipated a new holiday programme would be established at Bishopdale Primary School in the July 2000, September 2000 and April 2001 holidays. It was initially proposed that this holiday programme could be delivered by ODC (Oscar Development in Christchurch) and run alongside the ODC After School Programme that had not long been established at Bishopdale Primary School.

Two changes occurred last winter that impacted on the original proposal. The after school programme at Bishopdale Primary School was placed under review and subsequently became part of the Bishopdale Community Development Project. Secondly, the YMCA transferred their two holiday programmes traditionally based from Bishopdale Community Centre to Bishopdale Primary School in July 2000. The YMCA holiday programmes are subsidised from the Christchurch City Council Leisure operational budget.

A report was submitted to the August 17 2000 Community Services Committee regarding the above and the following revised expenditure plan was adopted:

- (a) That **\$6,000** from the holiday programme vote be dedicated to developing a 'tweenager' holiday programme in the Bryndwr/Aorangi community in partnership with the YMCA.
- (b) That **\$4,000** from the holiday programme vote be dedicated to resourcing existing, and establishing new, holiday programmes in the Avonhead community.
- (c) That **\$2,000** of the holiday programme vote be dedicated to the provision of KidsFest activities in the Fendalton/Waimairi community during next year's KidsFest Festival.

Progress Report

Live Wires Holiday Workshops \$6,000

'Live Wires' was established as a complimentary holiday programme to the successful existing term time programme for tweenagers called 'Let's Go'. Both programmes have been set up as a result of identified needs from the 'The Bryndwr Consultation' (March 1998).

As is the case with 'Let's Go', the 'Live Wires' programme is contracted to the YMCA and operates from the Bryndwr facility. The programme targets young people aged 10–13 years residing in the Bishopdale, Bryndwr and Aorangi communities. Since the pilot programme in the September/October 2000 holidays the programme has received good community support. "Live Wires" takes the format of a series of 6 workshops over the holiday period rather than the traditional 9am – 5pm daily programme. This less structured workshop approach is certainly more successful with the "tweenager" age bracket, who resist being too "organised"!

Workshops have been varied, including print making, introduction to aerobics, basketball, rock-climbing, drama activities and a Lyttleton harbour Cruise to name a few. The aim of the programme is primarily leisure education, that is, exposing participants to the local leisure opportunities available to them. The programme is 'spiced up' with the occasional day trip such as the Lyttleton Cruise.

Over the course of the 2000/01 financial year 238 local young people participated in 'Live Wires'. This includes the September/October, summer and April school holidays.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board has allocated \$8,000 from 2001/02 Project Funding to ensure that 'Live Wires' continues until April 2002. The challenge with this programme will be to keep the content interesting, varied and inviting to the 10 – 13 year age group 'Live Wires' targets.

Holiday Programmes – Avonhead Community \$4,000

\$4,000 of the fund was set aside for the resourcing of existing, and establishing new, holiday programmes in the Avonhead community. A reduced amount of \$1929.11 was used for this purpose. Local community organisations were reasonably well resourced for the holidays in question and did not require the full amount. Christchurch City Council Leisure offered support in other areas such as advisory services and inviting local volunteers to attend our training courses for holiday programme staff.

The \$1919.11 was allocated as follows:

Avonhead Baptist Church	\$1111.11 (April holiday programme)
St Christopher's	\$818.00 (July holiday programme)

The remaining funds were granted to:

Kendall School OSCAR	\$1,500	(establishment of new holiday programme)
CDN Trust	\$480	(sponsorship of places on holiday camps for young people from Bryndwr)

KidsFest \$2,000

\$2,000 was allocated for the increased provision of community-based KidsFest activities in Fendalton/Waimairi. The KidsFest festival was staged over the July 2001 school holiday period. 'Creative Kidz' was a roadshow staged at seven venues around the city and proved to be hugely popular. The festivities included circus acts, bouncy castle, face painting, pavement art, clowning and balloon animals. The 'Creative Kidz' Road show was funded by the KidsFest Trust and provided **one 'Creative Kidz' event per Community Board area**.

The additional funding provided by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board **enabled the 'Creative Kidz' roadshow to be extended to two venues** in Fendalton/Waimairi. This assisted greatly in catering for the huge local demand for KidsFest activities. A 'Creative Kidz' event was staged at Fendalton Hall attracting approximately 500 people. A second event was staged at Bishopdale Community Centre and attracted approximately 750 people.

'Magical Books' was a mystical event staged at Fendalton Library and Bishopdale Library. The event consisted of a magic show and story telling by a mystical wizard. Like 'Creative Kidz' this event was very popular. 400 people turned out for the event at Fendalton Library and 170 at Bishopdale Library Magical Books.

This was the first time Christchurch City Council Leisure has been responsible for provision to this scale in Fendalton/Waimairi. The feedback from parents was very positive and the support of the events speaks for itself.

Conclusion

The Holiday programme fund was instrumental to the development of several new holiday initiatives in the Fendalton/Waimairi community over the past 12 months. The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board was a catalyst for many local activities through the provision of this fund.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.