

11. SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS - 2000/01

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of participation in Council recreation programmes/events delivered by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Recreation Advisers, Christchurch City Council Leisure, over the summer period (November 2000 to April 2001).

These recreation programmes/events were offered to local residents (in particular children, youth and families) and took place at local parks and community facilities. While some of the programmes and events are managed 'hands on' by the Community Recreation Advisers, several are contracted to or run in partnership with community groups.

Most of the funding for these community events and a significant percentage of holiday programme funding is allocated from Board Project Funding. The Board is a significant supporter of local recreation programmes and events.

Note that the participation statistics below do not include the Community Recreation Advisers' ongoing activities (for example, weekly youth activities such as the Parklands Energisers youth programme, etc), which are run throughout the year.

BENEFITS

The community events run by the Community Recreation Advisers create a sense of local community spirit, ensuring that people come together and become more aware of what their community has to offer. They also provide opportunities for local groups to promote themselves, gain new members and fundraise for projects.

Overall these events complement and extend the Council's 'SummerTimes' festival, bringing smaller events to local communities.

Holiday programmes staged around the Christmas period can provide significant relief for working parents, particularly before Christmas. They are also a great way of providing fun, cooperative and creative recreation for children towards the end of the long school holiday period. The demand for programmes pre-Christmas has increased significantly

PARTICIPATION STATISTICS (SUMMER 2000/01)

Holiday Programmes

These focussed on recreational activities such as trips to local attractions, art and crafts and outdoor adventure activities on local parks. Included in these statistics is the SK8 workshop provided for teenagers interested in skating/rollerblading.



A local child enjoys an art and craft activity at a holiday programme based at Parklands Community Centre.

Attendance

206
203
175
(584 total)

Burwood/Pegasus Events

Parklands Pandemonium
Wainoni/Aranui Funnybones
North New Brighton Holiday Programme
Please note that during January these programmes are staged for one week only.

Sunrise New Brighton
Sunrise South New Brighton
Sunrise North New Brighton
Please note that these programmes are not staged during January holidays.

Community Events

These events provided residents with an opportunity to participate in local recreation

Attendance

1,150 (total)

Burwood/Pegasus Events

Carols in the Community
(5 events)

activities and foster a sense of belonging within communities.

- Parklands Reserve
- Wainoni Park
- South Brighton Domain
- New Brighton Main Street
- Horseshoe Lake Reserve

65	Kids 'N Action (Tweenager event)
81	Beach Tri
500	Family Fishing Day
450	Seaside Sounds
350	Skate Jam Thomson Park

Community Events



Families enjoy parachute games at Kidsplay Amazing Games, Jellie Park.

Attendance

Burwood/Pegasus Events

	Citywide events held in the Burwood/Pegasus Ward area, and managed by Recreation and Arts Team
400	Bottle Lake Family Orienteering Day (run in conjunction with Peninsula and Plains Orienteers)
-	Kids Play - Burwood Park. Please note this event was cancelled due to bad weather.

PROMOTION

Events were promoted through school newsletters, community newspaper advertisements, posters, media releases, community radio and through the SummerTimes Events Calendar.

COMMENTS

Once again holiday programmes for the 5-12 year age group proved to be extremely popular with the community. Over the summer period the Recreation and Arts Team worked with other organisations to provide superior activities, which also develop sound life and leisure skills for this age group. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Recreation Advisers are continuing to identify and work with community groups in the local area to provide holiday programmes. This approach recognises and reinforces the important work of organisations such as the Youth Alive Trust and North New Brighton Out of School Care Trust.

There has been a marked increase in the number of events/programmes that have been organised in conjunction with community groups. This partnership empowers local community groups to become involved in delivering local events and programmes, with advisory support from the Community Recreation Advisers. Partnerships over the summer have included Powerhouse Youth Ministries with the Family Fishing Day, and the New Brighton and Horseshoe Lake Residents' Associations on the Carols in the Community events.

Evaluations of these programmes/events show people have a sense of "ownership" of what is happening in their local areas. They enjoy socialising with members of their own communities. By staging these events locally there are no transport barriers to participation. A new event this year for the Burwood/Pegasus wards was 'Seaside Sounds'. This is a new concept with a focus specifically on the 'arts', providing opportunities for the community, particularly young people, to 'have a go'. Opportunities offered included Oamaru stone carving, hair braiding, body art, and pavement chalk art, with music playing continually throughout the event. It is envisaged that this event will become more community owned, with community groups picking up and running individual activities.

SUMMARY

Community events provide an opportunity for children, youth and families to participate in activities at their local parks, malls, and facilities and to learn more about available local activities. Holiday programmes provide a safe environment for the children of working families, and enable children to develop social and leisure skills. Promoting a healthy, happy community is a top priority for the Recreation and Arts Team.

These events and programmes are managed either “hands on” by the Community Recreation Advisers, or by community groups with advisory assistance from the Community Recreation Advisers. Either way, the success of these events relies on partnerships with community groups.

However, the amount of work involved in the planning, delivery and evaluation of events has seen some community groups withdraw from a management role. Part of the ongoing role of the Community Recreation Advisers will be to support, resource and train groups keen to deliver events and programmes in their local areas. Christchurch City Council Leisure has recently produced a booklet for community groups who are involved in staging programmes or events. This booklet covers health and safety, funding options, promotion of the programme/event, etc, and is available to all community groups at a cost of \$5 to cover production costs.

These events and programmes would also not be possible without the significant support received from the Board. The Recreation and Arts Team would like to thank the Board for its ongoing support.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That future reports on recreation programmes and events include an indication of staff/volunteer input.