

## 11. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF 23 APRIL 2001

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on Monday 23 April 2001.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing (Chairperson), Mary Corbett, Alison Wilkie and Mike Mora.

An apology for absence was received from Paddy Austin.

Martin Maguire, Penelope Goldstone, Jane Mulholland and Janice Huddy were also in attendance.

### 1. GLOBE

Jane Mulholland, Community Recreation Adviser, showed a video taken of the GLOBE event.

GLOBE was a celebration of the cultural diversity of the community held at Ray Blank Park on Saturday 10 March with over 2,000 people attending. The event brought many people from a plethora of ethnicities together to celebrate their culture. GLOBE also gave these people an opportunity to demonstrate what was unique about them and educate the wider community.

This event was a partnership between the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board with Riccarton/Wigram contributing \$7,000 towards the staging of this event.

- Recommendations:**
1. That GLOBE be held as an annual event at Ray Blank Park in conjunction with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board.
  2. That GLOBE be staged between mid December and mid February to take advantage of the warmer mid summer weather.
  3. That the GLOBE Planning Committee also have two community representatives.
  4. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board thank the staff involved for their work on the GLOBE project.

### 2. GARDEN GALA

The Community Recreation Adviser reported that the Garden Gala was staged on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Riccarton House. It targeted older adults in the Riccarton/Wigram Community. With over ten local community groups promoting their various activities, this event offered the chance to try new activities and learn more about groups/activities in the area. By staging this event at Riccarton House it also promoted one of Christchurch's most historic building and surroundings. An estimated 400 older adults attended this event.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board provided \$3,000 for this event with the Leisure Unit contributing \$1,500.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Garden Gala be held as an annual event at Riccarton.
  2. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board thank the staff involved for their work on the Garden Gala Project.

### 3. AVONHEAD KINDERGARTEN FUNDING REQUEST

A request had been received from the Avonhead Kindergarten for funding assistance for the following projects:

1. Plants and grass to complete the new playground development currently in progress (\$1,500).



2. A water tap at the adjacent park to deter general public from using their premises. (A water fountain is to be installed within the next two weeks).
3. A suitable heating system (\$15,000).
4. A new locker room.

The Community Development Adviser informed the Committee that all kindergartens have access through the Kindergarten Association to the Ministry of Education Discretionary Grants for funding assistance for any building matters. The staff at the kindergarten were encouraged to follow up their request with the Ministry. Funding for landscaping could be sought through the Community Development Funding Scheme.

**Recommendation:** That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board decline the Avonhead Kindergarten's application for funding assistance.

#### **4. EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

It was reported that a large number of applications had been received for grants from the Community Development Scheme from the early childhood services sector.

The total funding requests from all groups to the Scheme for the current round was \$118,666 with only \$42,499 being available for distribution to groups.

**Recommendation:** That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve a top up of \$10,000 to the Community Development Scheme from current surplus Project funds.

#### **5. SCAP FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

The Community Development Adviser informed the Committee that \$5,000 was available for reallocation from 1999/2000 SCAP fund.

The following programmes were outlined as being a suitable use of these funds as they were all priorities of the original SCAP Plan.

##### **Follow-up for Parents**

The group of parents who attended the Parenting with Confidence Seminar were interested in continued contact and support for parenting. A follow-up course of evenings has been arranged called "Parentwise", facilitated by Beverley McNabb a Community and Social Worker with Methodist Child and Family Services. This programme will allow parents to build on the skills and information gained from the seminar and help contribute to their local network of parents for support and friendship.

It is being co-ordinated by Grant Harris at a cost of \$500.

##### **Opportunity for Children**

Grant Harris has also identified a programme "Warrior Kids" to assist children to develop self-esteem, social skills, confidence, discipline, courage, fun and fitness.

It is a ten week programme based at a school and run by trained facilitators from Child and Family Services of Christchurch Methodist Mission.

The cost of a ten week programme is \$1,500 and it is designed to complement parents attending parenting programmes at the same time.

##### **Domestic Violence Support**

At a recent Riccarton Liaison meeting, a representative from the West Christchurch Women's Refuge informed the group of a new programme they were setting up to assist women who were experiencing domestic violence/abuse who chose to remain in their homes rather than move to the refuge. The refuge has recently employed a Community Outreach Worker whose role is to go out into the community and provide support and services to these families. It is planned that this worker will speak at community groups in the Riccarton/Wigram ward so that they are aware of the new programme and can refer where appropriate.



One of the Sockburn Advocacy Team members approached the Women's Refuge to ascertain what kind of assistance was required to make this programme known to residents in the Riccarton/Wigram ward. After some discussion it was decided that the distribution of flyers and advertising would help get the message out there into the community. The cost of brochures, flyers and signs comes to \$3,000. This amount includes transport costs for the Community Outreach Worker and other volunteers who are involved with this new project.

**Recommendation:** That the remainder of SCAP Funding be allocated to:

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| • Parentwise  | \$500   |
| • Warrior Kids  | \$1,500 |
| • Domestic Violence Support (subject to further information being available to the Community Board meeting) | \$3,000 |

## 6. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN

It was reported by the Community Development Adviser that the following outcomes were achieved from the Strengthening Communities Action Plan, which was a one off planning document. The SCAP project for Riccarton/Wigram has been replaced by the Social Planning Matrix that the Advocacy Team and Community Board use to establish priorities and allocate resources.

SCAP Funding and Achievements	Funds	
Sockburn OSCAR programme established end 1999	20,000	2000/01
Halswell Liaison Group established 1999		
Meeting for Broomfield, Youth and Halswell Liaison Groups	1,500	1999/2000
Residents Group Assistance Fund	5,000	1999/2000
Hornby Youth Worker (Part) Salary for 2001/02	10,000	2000/01
Neighbourhood Support Groups Assistance	1,500	1999/2000
Parenting with Confidence Seminar (August 2000)	1,500	1999/2000
Parentwise Follow-up <sup>(1)</sup> (May 2001)	500	1999/2000
Warrior Kids Programme <sup>(1)</sup> (2001)	1,500	1999/2000
Domestic Violence Promotion <sup>(1)</sup> (2001)	3,000	1999/2000
11-13 year old Activity Programme (Hornby)	5,000	1999/2000

<sup>(1)</sup> These three programmes are subject to an earlier recommendation in this agenda.

Many of the other actions in the Plan were funded by other sources and have become priorities within the Social Planning Matrix.

The information was **received**.

## 7. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

This scheme is to provide financial assistance for the development of young people. The following applications were received:

- Sharron Pearce seeking funding towards the costs associated with competitions for the 2001 aerobic season (Christchurch, Auckland and the World Aerobic competition in Morocco).
- Catherine Wall seeking funding towards the costs associated with her attendance at the World Triathlon Championships in Edmonton as a member of the New Zealand Triathlon Team.

**Recommendation:** That grants of \$300 each be awarded to Sharron Pearce and Catherine Wall from the Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme.



**8. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR 2000/2001**

It was **decided** that the Community Advocate would report back to the next meeting with suggestions for the update of the current Committee objectives and performance indicators.

**9. ITEMS FOR ONGOING CONSIDERATION**

- Residents Groups – Monthly feedback from Community Board Representatives
- Meeting with Local Members of Parliament
- Communication Plan
- Events/Neighbourhood Committee – Neighbourhood Week
- Community Board Mid Winter Dinner Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Date/Time/Venue to be confirmed)

**10. NEXT MEETING DATES**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July **(Note change of date)**

**Chairman's**

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