

9. 2001/02 BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

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The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board consideration on the funding support requests from the New Brighton Parenting with Confidence Seminar Committee, Queenspark Out of School Care Society, Parklands Baptist Community Church, Agape Street Ministries Trust, Te Ora Hou East Club, Tamariki o Te Atua Aranui and the South Brighton Playcentre.

Project information and supporting documentation on each request has been circulated separately to Board members.

NEW BRIGHTON PARENTING WITH CONFIDENCE SEMINAR COMMITTEE

The committee was formed by members of the Seaview Christian Centre, Youth Alive Trust and the principals of three local primary schools to provide local parents and caregivers with opportunities to further improve and develop their parenting skills. A Parenting with Confidence weekend seminar will be held in New Brighton during the weekend of 24/25 October 2001 and will build on the various parent and family seminars and presentations being held in Christchurch during September. The idea of hosting a specific New Brighton Parenting with Confidence seminar was developed by New Brighton people who attended a citywide Parenting with Confidence seminar held at Majestic House in April.

The Seminar Committee is making a very proactive promotion that aims to encourage and invite parents of various cultures and life situations to attend. Approximately 350 people are expected to participate over the weekend. Parents and caregivers attending the seminar are also encouraged to form cluster groupings that will continue meeting as a support group.

The seminar has an estimated expenditure budget of \$8,400 with a fundraising/sponsorship requirement of \$6,000. The committee is seeking a \$2-3,000 contribution from the Board. The Board's former Strengthening Communities Committee gave strong support for parenting programmes and allocated between \$500 and \$1,000. Such parenting programmes were commonly a six-week, two hour session for ten to 15 people.

These Parenting with Confidence seminars have been held with great success in Christchurch for over five years. Information gained from the Council's Children's Advocate and from two Community Development Advisers give high praise for the seminars. Their comments include:

- Huge benefit to parents/caregivers
- All seminars/workshops are fully booked
- The presenters are experts in their fields
- The seminars provide/make available a vast range of resources
- Information and learning being offered is of a high quality.

This application meets:

- Community Board Objectives 2.6
- Principles and priorities of the Council's Children's Policy
- Principles and priorities of the Community Board's Safer Communities Action Plan.

QUEENSPARK OUT OF SCHOOL CARE SOCIETY

The Queenspark Out of School Care Society (QOSCAR) seeks short term funding support for supervisor wages during its current six-month establishment period. QOSCAR began its before and after school hours Monday to Friday programme in the first week of June 2001 and is based at Queenspark School. The programme is based on 12 months' research that involved consultation with local families, neighbourhood, Parklands OSCAR, Queenspark School and the OSCAR Network. All of QOSCAR's programmes and operational procedures meet the standards of the OSCAR Network. As a contribution to this establishment period the Queenspark School is providing free of charge all electricity use and use of the School hall, library, grounds and sports/recreation facilities and equipment. Local high school students are providing volunteer time as activity assistants and group leaders.

Though numbers on the programme are slowly increasing, the current attendance level is still below enrolment projections and the resulting income therefore is below the required level to "self-fund" the cost of employing the necessary two supervisors. QOSCAR is seeking further Board support of up to \$2,000 to meet this wage cost for the end of the 2001 year. QOSCAR's annual operating expenditure, based on 25 children per session, is estimated at \$55,000.

Through its Community Development Scheme and Out of School Project funds the Board has made two \$1,000 grants towards equipment costs.

QOSCAR, like all out of school programmes, is not eligible for any Lottery Youth salary funding until it has been operational for at least 12 months. Out of school funding support through the Council's Social Initiatives has been fully expended for this financial year. The Parklands OSCAR out of school and holiday programmes are currently running at their maximum numbers.

Queenspark School has a Ministry of Education Decile 7 rating. The 1,467 0 –14 age population of Parklands (1996) represents 25.5% of the Parklands total population.

This application meets:

- Community Board Objectives 2.3, 2.5, 2.6 and 5.1
- Principles and priorities of the Council's Children's Policy and the Out of School Policy
- Priorities 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 of the Council's Social Wellbeing Policy.

PARKLANDS BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Church is putting forward a proposal to construct a Community Pottery Room facility alongside the Church's already existing Community Craft Group programme on the Queenspark Drive site. The proposal includes relocating to the Pottery Room all the pottery equipment formerly based at the Parklands Community Centre.

The Community Craft Group is in its third year of operation with a membership of over 100 people. During this winter period the Group has a programme of 12 crafts with between 70 and 80 people attending weekly.

In working with the Church's proposal the Burwood/Pegasus Community Recreation and Community Development advisers have explored a number of locations in Parklands for the suitable siting of the pottery equipment that was previously located in the Parklands Community Centre. The two primary school halls, the former Parklands Baptist Church building, the redesigned Parklands Community Centre, the Ascot Community Centre and the QEII sports facility have been considered.

The officers' conclusion is that this Church proposal is by far the most preferred option. This is based on:

- The pottery equipment will remain located in Parklands
- The special purpose built facility will fully meet pottery requirements
- The facility has independent access for community use as well as direct access through to the Church's community facilities such as toilets, kitchens, community rooms
- The Church's Community Craft Group will provide programme development, tutors, supervision and access to other associated craft activities
- It will be a community facility available to other groups and organisations to use
- The Board/Council will remain the "owners" of the building and the equipment
- The Church will provide the land and meet the administration, management, security and maintenance responsibilities.

Members of the Church, members of the Community Craft Group and the Parklands Residents' Association have given their full support for this proposal. A question remains, in light of such strong support, as to how/why was the pottery room facility in the Parklands Community Centre not identified as a continuing activity in the Centre's new design?

The Church has completed draft drawings with an estimated cost of \$30,000 and a current shortfall of \$25,000.

The application meets:

- Community Board Objectives 2.3, 2.5 and 2.6
- Values 1.1 and 1.2, Goals 1, 3 and 4, Objectives 1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 3.1 and 3.2 of the Council's Arts and Culture Policy
- Priorities 2, 4, 5 and 7 of the Council's Social Wellbeing Policy.

AGAPE STREET MINISTRIES TRUST ARANUI

The Trust seeks 2002 year funding support for its Monday and Tuesday after school programme for 7 to 13 year olds that is based at the Breezes Road house site. Fifteen children per day attend the programme with an ethnicity make-up of approximately 40% Pakeha, 40% Maori and 20% Pacific Peoples. The programme has annual operating expenditure of \$6,300 with the Trust having to raise the majority of these costs through grants/donations/sponsorships.

The Trust is seeking \$3,000 from the Board. The Trust is not eligible for Council Out of School funding support through the Social Initiatives Fund due to the Trust's programme not running on at least three days per week.

The Trust also provides four school holiday programmes/activities, personal and life-skill development programmes at Aranui High School and Linwood College, youth programmes at Nga Hau e Wha, Te Reo language courses for the community and whanau support services for the families whose children attend/participate in the Trust's programmes. The Trust is presently exploring a further school support programme with Chisnallwood Intermediate.

This application meets:

- Community Board Objectives 2.3, 2.6, 4.2 and 5.1
- Principles and priorities of the Council's Children's Policy and the Out of School Policy
- Priorities 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Council's Social Wellbeing Policy
- Confirms many of the health, education and employment indicators of the Quality of Life in New Zealand report
- A number of the children, education, recreation and family assistance needs/solutions being identified in the Aranui Community Renewal.

The two nearby primary schools have Ministry of Education Decile 1A ratings.

TE ORA HOU OTAUTAHU

Te Ora Hou seeks funding support for its East Club (Aranui) Mt Hutt ski camp 24/27 September. The Camp is for 20 12-18 year olds who attend the East Club's Friday after school activities.

The East Club received a \$3,000 Community Development Scheme grant as a contribution towards the Club's operating expenditure that included costs relating to camps and holiday programme activities. This Ski Camp is a new initiative and was not included in the Club's earlier application to the Community Development Scheme. Throughout the City Te Ora Hou provide weekly after school programmes, kapa haka culture groups, holiday camps and programmes, performing arts programmes and life and spiritual development programmes. All Te Ora Hou clubs and programmes are based in very low socio-economic areas.

This application meets:

- Community Board Objectives 2.3, 2.6 and 4.2
- Principles and priorities of the Council's Youth, Children's Policy and the Out of School Policy
- Priorities 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Council's Social Wellbeing Policy
- Priorities of the Community Board's Youth Recreation Needs Study
- Confirms many of the health, education and employment indicators of the Quality of Life in New Zealand report
- A number of the youth, children, education, recreation and family assistance needs/solutions being identified in the Aranui Community Renewal.

The two nearby primary schools have Ministry of Education Decile 1A ratings.

TAMARIKI O TE ATUA

Tamariki o Te Atua is a six person grouping formed by a Lyndhurst Crescent, Aranui, resident dedicated to putting something in the hands of local youth to bring about positive change and opportunities. Group leaders maintain a street presence in Aranui/Wainoni connecting with young people and meeting with their families.

Tamariki o Te Atua provide a regular two hour activity each Thursday by picking up the youth and taking them to a sport, recreational, social or cultural facility/venue that is often outside the Aranui/Wainoni area. During these two hours the young people are "given something to do/be involved with". This "fun" environment can include sport, recreation, te reo, whakapapa, cultural activities, music and meal/food.

Tamariki o Te Atua has a commitment to assist families in building a strong family structure. Group leaders meet with the parents and whanau/family members to assist in developing the bond between parent, child and family. They also connect family/parents with other parents/whanau to build up a sense of community.

Tamariki o Te Atua is currently establishing a group structure, administration and management systems, programme and service delivery procedures and protocols. Tamariki o Te Atua members have had former and/or present associations with the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective, Agape Street Ministries, Te Ora Hou, Te Kupenga o Aranui, Maori Evangelical Church and the City Assembly of God.

Tamariki o Te Atua is seeking \$4,000 from the Board to assist with transport costs, recreation activity fees and material/equipment costs.

This application meets:

- Community Board Objectives 2.3, 2.6 and 4.2
- Principles and priorities of the Council's Youth and Children's policies
- Priorities 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Council's Social Wellbeing Policy
- Priorities of the Community Board's Youth Recreation Needs Study
- Confirms many of the health, education and employment indicators of the Quality of Life in New Zealand report
- A number of the youth, children, education, recreation and family assistance needs/solutions being identified in the Aranui Community Renewal.

The three local primary schools have Ministry of Education Decile ratings of 1 and 1A.

SOUTH BRIGHTON PLAYCENTRE

The Board deferred the Playcentre's request for funding support on their playground upgrade project for further information regarding the current project shortfall. The Playcentre also presented their playground project at the Board's 6 August 2001 Key Issues and Project Proposals public meeting.

The Playcentre will provide information regarding costs for a staged development of the project and progress on applications to other community funders. There is currently a \$18,000 shortfall on the project's costs of \$24,000. The project aims to replace the existing 20 year old playground area and structure with new climbing and challenge frames, sandpits and water play area, play hut, fencing and gates, plants/shrubs and garden areas. Playcentre committee members state that the new play area will be a community facility and will remain open after Playcentre hours.

This application meets:

- Community Board Objectives 2.6
- Principles and priorities of the Council's Children's Policy and Early Childcare Policy
- Priorities 2, 5, 7 and 9 of the Council's Social Wellbeing Policy
- Priorities of the Community Board's Youth Recreation Needs Study
- Confirms many of the education indicators of the Quality of Life in New Zealand report.

The local primary school has a Ministry of Education Decile 6 rating.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the New Brighton Parenting with Confidence Seminar be funded \$2,000 from the Board's Discretionary Fund.
 2.
 - (a) That Queenspark OSCAR be allocated \$1,000 from the Board's Discretionary Fund.
 - (b) That the Board approve a change of purpose for the 2001/02 Project allocation of \$1,000 to Queenspark OSCAR from equipment costs to supervisory salary costs.
 3. That the following options be considered for the Parklands Baptist Community Church:
 - (a) That \$5,000 be allocated from the Board's Community Development Initiatives Fund and \$5,000 from the Board's Discretionary Fund. This \$10,000 will enable the Church to be eligible to apply to the Lottery Grants Board.
 - (b) That the Board defer this request and reconsider it at the Board's February 2002 Project Allocation meeting for 2002/03 grants.
 - (c) That the Board renegotiate with the Parklands Community Centre for the re-siting of the Pottery Room in the Centre.
 - (d) That the Board defer a funding decision until further information is obtained regarding the relocation of Mairehau High School and the proposed new Parklands Community Library.
 - (e) That the Board offer the existing Parklands Pottery facility/equipment to another group or site outside the Parklands or Burwood/Pegasus area.
 4.
 - (a) That Agape Street Ministries Trust be allocated \$1,000 from the Board's Discretionary Fund as a contribution to the January - June 2002 programme costs.
 - (b) That the full year costs of the programme be considered at the Board's February 2002 Project Allocation meeting for 2002/03 grants to out of school programmes.
 5. That Te Ora Hou be allocated \$1,500 from the Board's Discretionary Fund.
 6. That the request from Tamariki o Te Atua, as a new organisation, be declined and then reconsidered at the Board's February 2002 Project Allocation meeting alongside all other applications from the Aranui area.
 7.
 - (a) That the South Brighton Playcentre be allocated a grant from the Board's Discretionary Fund so as to complete the project's first two stages.
 - (b) That the Board reconsider the remainder of the project at the Board's February 2002 Project Allocation meeting for 2002/03 year grants.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the abovementioned recommendations 1, 2(a) and (b), 3(a), 4(a) and (b) and 6 be adopted.
 2.
 - (a) That South Brighton Playcentre be allocated \$2,000 from the Board's Discretionary Fund as a contribution to the playground upgrade project.
 - (b) That the Board reconsider the remainder of the project at the Board's February 2002 Project Allocation meeting for 2002/03 year grants.