

16. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 16 AUGUST 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on Thursday 16 August 2001.

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

An apology was received from Paddy Austin.

Martin Maguire (Community Advocate), Jacqui Leask (Community Recreation Adviser), and Janice Huddy (Assistant Community Adviser) were also in attendance.

1. MULTI CULTURAL FESTIVAL

It was reported that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board had both contributed funding towards the staging of a multi-cultural community event summer 2001/2002. Consistent with the event staged in March 2001, a planning group would be established to oversee general planning aspects related to the event.

The 2002 event would again be managed by Christchurch City Council Leisure Unit. The planning group established would oversee the formation of the event. It was recommended this group comprise:

2 Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board Representatives
2 Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Representatives
2 Community Representatives
Fendalton/Waimairi Community Recreation Adviser
Riccarton/Wigram Community Recreation Adviser

Three members expressed an interest in being a part of this planning group. It was felt it would be beneficial to have an extra representative on this planning group to ensure that if one representative was unable to attend full representation would still be achieved.

2. CIVIC AWARD NOMINATIONS - 2001

Due to a delay in the processing of the Civic Award nominations it was **agreed** to consider this item in the "Public Excluded" Section of the 5th September Riccarton/Wigram Board meeting.

3. RICCARTON BAPTIST CHURCH

A request was received for funding assistance by the Riccarton Baptist Church to hold a Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party would target Wharenui and Riccarton Primary Schools. The Church's vision for the event is to bring joy to children, help take some of the burden from families and to unite the community as a way to alleviate loneliness, form support systems and create a greater community spirit.

The free event would be held at Harrington Park. Children would receive a Christmas gift presented by Santa. Food such as sausages, bread, icecream, chips etc would be provided, with entertainment in the form of - noddy train, merry go round, bouncy castle, visits from the Canterbury Rams, Black Thunder from 92 FM and others during the event.

The Church requested a grant of \$1,000 towards hire and purchasing costs and an additional \$1,000 towards gifts.

Projected Budget

Purchase of Gifts	\$2,000
Hire of equipment	\$802
Donations	\$65
Purchases – Food etc	\$573
Total	\$3,440

The Sockburn Advocacy Team supported this application for funding as it was in line with Council Policies (Social Wellbeing and Community, and the Riccarton/Wigram Community and Social Plan Matrix). Wharenui and Riccarton Primary Schools have a low decile ranking of 2 and 4 respectively.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK – 27TH OCTOBER – 2ND NOVEMBER 2001

Information packs to be sent to Neighbourhood Support Groups, Residents Groups, Liaison Groups and Schools.

It was **agreed** to hold a meeting on Wednesday 3 October at 4pm to consider funding requests.

This would require the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board giving the Community Affairs Committee “power to act” in the distribution of funding for events to be held during Neighbourhood Week.

5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT – CATHERINE WALL

At the April Community Affairs Meeting the Committee granted Catherine \$300 towards costs associated with her attendance at the World Triathlon Championships in Edmonton on 22 July 2001 as a member of the New Zealand Triathlon Team. Catherine spoke to members of her trip.

6. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

At the 1 August 2001 Community Board meeting it was decided to review the policy and allocations in respect of the Youth Development Scheme and the Community Service Awards as a prelude to establishing a “young persons community service award scheme”.

Members agreed that the present Community Service Award and Youth Development schemes fulfilled their purpose but there was a need to recognise the voluntary contribution of young people in the community.

It was felt that this did not happen under the existing Community Service Award Scheme as when considering nominations young people often missed out on having their nomination endorsed by the Board because of the shorter duration of their service or narrowness of the field of service when compared to people with many years of service in a wider field. This was seen as a disadvantage for younger people.

It was **decided** to establish a separate Young Persons Community Service Award Scheme to be held at a different time of year from the Community Service Award Scheme.

The Advocacy Team to be asked to consider and draft criteria for this new scheme for the Committee’s consideration.

7. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

This scheme is to provide financial assistance for the development of young people. The balance of the Youth Development Fund is \$4,100. The following application was received:

- Ariana Rehu, 34 Harakeke Street, Riccarton, seeking funding assistance to accompany the 28th Maori Battalion D Company Hikoi Maumahara to Italy and Egypt in October 2001 as a bicultural representative for New Zealand.

8. ITEMS FOR ONGOING CONSIDERATION

- Communication Plan
- Young Persons Community Service Award Scheme

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday 3rd October 4.00 pm to consider Neighbourhood Week Funding requests.

Committee's

Recommendations:

1. That Ishwar Ganda, Alison Wilkie and Bob Shearing be appointed to represent the Community Board on the planning group for the February 2002 multi cultural community event.
2. That a grant of \$1,000 be made to the Riccarton Baptist Church towards costs associated with holding a Christmas Party from the Community Board's Discretionary Fund.
3. That the Board underwrite up to \$500 if required by the Riccarton Baptist Church to enable this event to go ahead.
4. That the Community Board Banner be displayed at the Riccarton Baptist Church Christmas Party.
5. That the Community Affairs Committee be granted "power to act" in the distribution of funding for events to be held during Neighbourhood Week 2001.
6. That the Board through the Youth Development Scheme grant \$300 to Ariana Rehu to assist with costs associated with accompanying the 28th Maori Battalion D Company Hikoi Maumahara to Italy and Egypt as a bicultural representative for New Zealand.

Chairperson's

Recommendation:

That the information be received and the Committee's recommendations be adopted.