

28. COMMUNITY CENTRES – SHIRLEY/PAPANUI

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The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the operation of community centres in the Board's area for the 2000/2001 year.

ABBERLEY PARK HALL

The year saw a decrease from seven to five organisations utilising the hall on a regular basis. A long time user of the Hall, Mr Jimmy Dickson, who used the hall for up to three times a week to teach boxing, died recently. During the year the hall was used for 18 social functions including wedding celebrations and birthday parties (for young and old) as well as by 25 one-time users and five "casual" users who hired the hall on more than one occasion. This is an increase in other than regular users on last year.

Current user charges are:

<i>Hourly Rate</i>	\$6.00
<i>Half Day</i>	\$25.00
<i>Social Function</i>	\$140.00

These are the same as last year.

Regular maintenance was carried out during the year. The interior of the hall, including the floor, is starting to look "tired" and is in need of redecoration to make it more attractive to users. No Health and Safety issues arose.

OURUHIA HALL

This year the Hall Committee reported a decrease in the use of the Hall particularly for twenty-first parties and wedding receptions. These are the major revenue earners for the hall. There is one regular monthly user (Bowls Club) and approximately four or five other semi-regular users during the year including the school and local residents group.

Current charges are:

<i>21st Birthdays</i>	\$175.00
<i>Weddings</i>	\$190.00

This is the same as last year. The charges include use of the hall the night before the function for decorating purposes. Other uses are charged on a negotiated basis.

Minor exterior building maintenance requirements have been forwarded to the Property Unit for action. The Hall Committee advises that the Hall floor surface is reaching the end of its useful life and will need replacement. (It is suggested that any decision on this should wait on the outcomes of public consultations etc on the future of the Hall. It is intended to have a report on this to the new Board.) No Health and Safety issues arose during the year.

ST ALBANS COMMUNITY CENTRE

During this year there has again been an increase in the number of both regular and casual users of the facility. Several groups are hiring the facility on a regular basis for displays, exhibitions etc.

On average between 5 and 10 people are coming into the centre between 11am and 2pm for information daily.

Annual occupancy = 70-75 %. On most evenings the Centre is working to capacity.

On average 5 courses per term are being held in the computer room, further development of this area is being pursued with Hagley Community College.

Current charges are:

	Community Groups	Commercial
<i>Hourly Rate</i>	\$6 per hour per room	\$10 per hour per room
<i>Exhibition/long term</i>	Negotiable – Max \$40 per day.	Negotiable

These charges were introduced in May.

The Community Constable has continued with the hire of one of the rooms on a one-year contract basis.

No Health and Safety issues arose during the year.

SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Usage of the centre has increased on last year's levels with 5 "permanent tenants" (up one), 36 (up six) regular users and approximately 36 (up one) casual users during the year. Total bookings for the year, not including permanent tenants, equalled 1454.

Annual total occupancy (including permanent tenants) = 67%.

Current charges per three hour session are:

	Non-Profit	Commercial
<i>Hall Use</i>	\$35.00	\$70.00 + GST
<i>Room</i>	\$20.00	\$40.00 + GST

Off-peak and hourly rates may be available on application.

These rates are the same as last year's.

No significant maintenance works were required during the year and no Health and Safety issues arose during the year.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board give consideration to the redecoration of the Abberley Park Hall during the next financial year. This may necessitate the use of Board Project Funds if not taken up by Property Unit.

- Chairperson's Recommendation:**
1. That the officer's recommendation be adopted.
 2. That the Board look at the future use of the Hall and the possibility of it having its own management committee.
 3. That Shirley members meet with the Property Unit regarding the Hall.