

8. 2001/02 BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

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The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board funding support consideration for the Aranui Community Child Care Centres (Incorporated), in relation to E Tipu e Rea.

Project information and supporting documentation on the request is being forwarded under separate cover.

Aranui/Wainoni Community Childcare Centres (Incorporated) - E Tipu e Rea Child Care Centre

E Tipu e Rea Child Care Centre provides a Monday to Friday early childhood care and education service that has involved 40 children during the past year, including a maximum of 12 child spaces for under two's. One of their objectives is to provide childcare at a low cost, and to this end last year's fees were maintained at \$2.35 per hour and \$82.25 full time. The Pre-school conducts parenting courses and invites guest speakers in at regular intervals to address staff and parents on a variety of health and parenting issues. E Tipu e Rea also has a library of books dealing with parenting, and the Centre sees this as an important part of its parent support programme. The Centre Supervisor also has established close networks with local community groups, including primary schools and other early childhood community groups.

The Pre-school has to complete health and safety building work in the nappy changing area/storage areas soon as possible, so as to comply with health and educational operational requirements. The work has not been scheduled in the Pre-school's current budget and to complete such work will place a pressure on their current financial year. The Pre-school's audited accounts last year show Operating Expenses totalled \$296,942, with an Operating Surplus before Capital Expenditure totalling \$20,159 (compared to a deficit of \$15,622 the previous year), with investments equal to four months' operating expenditure. In the last financial year the Centre spent \$5,225 of its own money on capital works, on both maintenance and updating its furnishings in the sleep-room/play room areas.

Aranui High School owns the Centre's building. The Christchurch City Council pays the 'annual rental' costs met by the Council's annual budget provision for early childhood education services. Last year this totalled \$22,575. A Trustee has confirmed that their contract with Aranui High School specifies that internal maintenance and alterations are to be met by the Centre, whilst exterior maintenance is to be met by the school; therefore because of these contract provisions Aranui High School has not been approached for funding.

E Tipu e Rea made an application to the Community Board's February 2002 Project Funding round for a grant for the above alterations. This application was turned down. The reason given was pressure on funds. It was recommended by staff that the Trust put in another request to the Boards' Discretionary funding pool.

Recommendation: That E Tipu e Rea be allocated \$1,705 from the Community Board's Discretionary Fund in 2001/02 for the building code work and that any allocation be subject to written approval for the building work by Aranui High School.

Chairperson's Recommendation: For discussion.