

6. 2001 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Board of school holiday programmes delivered by the Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team in the Shirley/Papanui Community Board area over the period July-December 2001.

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

School holiday programmes provide quality, safe recreation experiences for children and youth and an opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves after the long school term. Longer term, school holiday programmes teach children good leisure habits and help them to learn about the activities and groups in their local communities. Holiday programmes are also an important community service to Christchurch families, particularly working families who require care for their children.

NAMES, VENUE AND DATES OF PROGRAMMES

Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team delivered nine programmes in the July school holidays, eight programmes in the September school holidays, and two in December. Of these 19 programmes, 9 were funded by Board Project Funds (Youth and Tweenagers) with the remaining 10 programmes funded by the operational budget of the Recreation and Arts Team. Three further programmes were subsidised by a grant from the Recreation and Arts Team. Details of all programmes are as follows:

'The North Zone'

- Programmes held July and September.
- Based at Casebrook Intermediate School.
- One week adventure programme catering for 18 children aged 11-13 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Service Card (CSC)
- Funded by Community Board Project Funds.

Almost all children attending came from the local community, with the majority of children coming from Casebrook Intermediate School.

The North Zone programmes were contracted to the YMCA and subsidised by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board. The YMCA had full responsibility for the management and planning of the programme in consultation with the Community Recreation Advisor.

Total attendance: 185*

Total cost: \$5,558.42

*NB. Attendance for all programmes is the number of children in total who attended. A full programme catering for 40 children over 5 days would show an attendance of 200 for the week.

'The Youth Zone'

- Programmes held July, September and December.
- Based from St Albans Community Resource Centre, with pick-ups at Shirley Community Centre.
- Programme length varies between four and eight days, varying between 4 hours and overnight trips.
- Age range is between 11 and 16 years.
- Cost: Mostly less than \$10 per day. – varies according to activity. CSC holders subsidised.
- Funded by Community Board Project Funds.

The majority of children attending came from the local community, with the majority of children coming from Shirley Intermediate.

The Youth Zone programmes were contracted to St Albans Residents Association, and were led by the St Albans Youth Worker. The Residents Association had full responsibility for the management of the programme, which was planned by the Youth Worker in consultation with the Community Recreation Adviser.

Total attendance: 354
Total cost: \$2,515 plus December costs (yet to be advised)

'Shirley Holiday Programme' (new programme July 2001)

- Programmes held July, September/October, December.
- Based from St Stephens Church, Emmett Street, Shirley.
- A four-day programme catering for up to 40 children 11-13 years
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with CSC
- Funded by Community Board Project Funds.

Almost all children attending came from the local area, with the majority coming from Shirley Intermediate.

The Shirley Holiday Programmes were contracted to the Shirley Community Trust and were led by a Youth Worker based at St Stephens Church. The Shirley Community Trust had full responsibility for the management of the programme, which was planned by the Youth Worker in consultation with the Community Recreation Adviser.

Total Attendance: 266
Total cost: \$3,450 plus December costs (yet to be advised)

'Te Ora Hou Youth Holiday Programme'

- Programme held July 2001
- Two week holiday programme featuring a total of 13 days of workshops and a 3-day camp, catering for children 10-14 years.
- Funded by Community Board Project Funds.

The programme was contracted to Te Ora Hou and was planned and led by the Youth Worker. This programme was not funded in September due to a lack of reporting from the previous (July) programme, and the organisation's inability to meet requirements for future programme planning.

Total attendance: 320
Total cost: \$1,450

'Shirley Hot Shots'

- Programmes held July and September/October.
- Based at Shirley Primary School.
- One week programme catering for children 5-10 years.
- Programme first held in April 2001, replacing the former St Aidans Holiday Programme.
- Cost: \$10 per day, or \$5 with CSC.
- Funded by the Recreation and Arts Team.

The programmes were contracted to the YMCA, who had full responsibility for the programme management. Planning was done in consultation with the Community Recreation Advisor.

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Total Attendance: 354
Total cost: \$5,000

'Northcote Non-Stop Fun'

- Programmes held July and September.
- Based at Northcote School.
- A one week programme for 20 children aged 5 – 10 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day, or \$5 with CSC
- Funded by the Recreation and Arts Team

The programmes were contracted to OSCAR Development Christchurch (ODC) who had full responsibility for their management and planning.

Total attendance: 185

'Belfast Bonanza'

- Programmes held July and September.
- Based at Belfast School.
- A one week programme catering for up to 40 children aged 5-10 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day, or 45 with CSC
- Funded by the Recreation and Arts Team.

The programmes were planned and managed by the Recreation and Arts Team's Holiday Programme Manager, Vanessa Taylor.

Total attendance: 368

'Papanui Pirates'

- Programmes held July and September.
- Based at St Josephs School, Papanui.
- A one week programme catering for up to 40 children aged 5-10 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day, or \$5 with CSC.
- Funded by the Recreation and Arts Team.

The programmes were planned and managed by the Recreation and Arts Team Holiday Programme Manager, Vanessa Taylor.

Total attendance: 395

'Birch Grove Holiday Programme' (new programme)

- Programme held September 2001.
- Based at Birch Grove school, exclusively for Birch Grove students.
- A 4-day programme catering for 5-12 year olds.
- Cost: \$5 per day or \$2 with CSC
- Funded by the Recreation and Arts Team.

The programme was planned by the Recreation and Arts Team Holiday Programme manager, with input from the Community Recreation Advisor, the Recreation and Arts Team Leader, the Birch Grove School Principal, and Ingrid Stonhill, Councillor for Shirley.

Total Attendance: 60

Children's Holiday Programme – St Albans

- Programme held July 2001.
- Based at St Albans Baptist Church.
- A half-day, one week programme catering for up to 40 children aged 5-10 years.
- A grant of \$660 from the Recreation and Arts team was provided to assist the Baptist Church with the costs of the programme.

The St Albans Baptist Church had full responsibility for the management and planning of the programme. The Church held programmes in January and April, also supported by the Recreation and Arts Team. Unfortunately they were unable to continue to offer the programme later in the year due to lack of willing and able volunteer staff. It is hoped that this programme will re-start later in 2002.

Total Attendance: 187

St Albans OSCAR Holiday Programme

- Programme held July, September/October and December.
- Based at St Albans School.
- July and September/October programmes ran for 10 days, with the December programme running for 2 days.
- A grant of \$1500 for programmes in 2001-2002 from the Recreation and Arts team was provided to subsidise parents by \$3 per day.

Total number of subsidies provided: 214

COMMENTS FROM CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Evaluation forms were distributed to parents and children on the holiday programmes, with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Parents were very positive regarding the programme supervisors, staff, the activities provided for their children and the excellent care which their children received.

Some examples of the many comments received from parents are as follows:

"Excellent holiday programme for the children, good to see it full on!"

"As a veteran of holiday programmes I would say that this intermediate programme is simply the best"

" Fabulous service at excellent value"

"They both just rave about it! Well done and thank you!"

COMMENTS

This has been an excellent half-year, with two new programmes being established, and continued good patronage of the established programmes. There are a great variety of programmes available for all ages. There has been some demand from parents for some programmes to be held over a two-week period. This will be trialled (where resources allow) during this year.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.