

7. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 10 JULY 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2002.

The meeting was attended by Peter Laloli (Chairperson), Bob Shearing, Ishwar Ganda and Mike Mora.

An apology was received from Lesley Keast.

1. TEENAGE RAGE CAMPS

Dave de Roles from the Community Development Network Trust was present to give members an overview of the work of the Community Development Network Trust.

It was reported that CDN provide a number of services for youth living in Christchurch and a large majority of the children they deal with come from the Riccarton/Wigram wards. The services offered to youth include:

KidsCamps
Holiday Camps
InterAge Rage and Interkids Camps
Teenage Rage and Hornby Teenz Weekend Camps
Family Fun Days

Over the past two years the Riccarton Wigram Community Board have provided \$5,000 per year to support the Teenage Rage Camps. The Teenage Rage Camps take teenagers into an action packed, positive environment. The first Teenage Rage camp took place in 1996. The camps take teenagers as far afield as Kaikoura and the West Coast and include activities as diverse as whale watching to camping in fridge boxes. The age groups catered for are from 13 to 17 years old, both guys and girls. There were 7 camps provide in 2001 with 116 teenagers attending. The programme worked with approximately 60 different teenagers in 2001. Some of the camps, which were held in 2001, included visits to farms, the snow, Dolphin watching, and Hanmer Springs.

50-60% of the children who attend this programme live within the Riccarton/Wigram wards and are referred to the programme via Child, Youth and Family services, School counsellors, School Principals, Presbyterian Support and parents who aren't coping. The remaining number of children who attend the programme are scattered from across Christchurch and are referred in the same manner.

In February 2002 the Community Board agreed to continue their financial support of \$5,000 for this programme for the 2002/03 financial year.

The information was **received**.

2. CULTURE GALORE – MULTI CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Community Recreation Adviser informed members that a planning group was being established to oversee the general planning aspects related to the staging of Culture Galore, a multi-cultural community event to be held in summer 2003 and sought the nomination of two Riccarton/Wigram Community Board members to become part of the planning group.

The Committee recommendation is listed in clause 9 of this report.

Mike Mora left the meeting at 12.45pm.

3. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

Geoff Parfitt, Community Watch Riccarton

Geoff presented the Committee with the statistics for the Watch for the past year and spoke of the work of the group.

A function was to be held on Monday 22nd July at 10am at Westfield Mall to mark the handing over of a new vehicle to the group.

4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME

It was reported that a grant of \$300 had been made to Sharron Pearce towards costs associated with competing at the World Aerobics Competition in South France in July 2002.

It was noted that the balance of the 2001/2002 Youth Development Grant Scheme (\$1,470) had been transferred into the Community Development Funding Scheme and tagged for Youth as a way of retaining the funding and would be allocated at the next meeting of the Funding Committee on the 23 July.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

The Committee were informed that the Neighbourhood Support New Zealand Conference was being held in Christchurch during 13 and 14 September 2002 and that the conference was open to all Neighbourhood Support co-ordinators. Registration was \$50 per person.

It was suggested that the Board could fund the registration of co-ordinators in the Riccarton/Wigram wards and that the co-ordinators could be identified by the Community Constables and the Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinators and targeted at those most likely to find it difficult to meet the \$50 cost.

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6. COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUNDING REVIEW

In April 2002 the Council requested a review of community funding to identify and recommend an overall approach for distribution of community funding as well as priorities and mechanisms which were consistent with policy objectives and good practice guidelines.

As part of this review the Community Advocate sought feedback from the Committee about ways in which Council funding streams could be better co-ordinated and made more accessible.

The Committee responded as follows:

“What are the Strengths of the Council's current funding processes?”

- Identifies needs in the community
- **Supposed** to be tied to policies
- An opportunity for organisations to access funding that they wouldn't be able to get elsewhere
- Have an ability to meet local needs
- There is money available!
- Development of clear criteria in some areas
- Development of partnership funding

What are the Weaknesses of the Council's current funding processes?

- Lack of clarity of Councils vision for Christchurch
- **No** uniformity of process/planning/co-ordination/evaluation
- Lack of strategy and budget to go with Policies
- Limited ability to fund beyond one year which limits most organisations with what they can achieve
- Are we a purchasing body or a funding body? (If purchaser, have to be tougher!)

How would you like Council's funding delivery to change?

- Have to tie in to policies and objectives
- Has to reflect a vision for Christchurch
- Has to be uniform (process/planning/co-ordination/evaluation)
- Ability to fund longer where appropriate
- Purchasing body to achieve policy outcomes?
- Must have a full report done on any funding request that ties in with Policies

- Need to ask the question who are the most appropriate people to make funding decisions? Politicians/Staff? Politicians set policies/strategies and criteria. Staff deliver.”

7. ONGOING ISSUES

- Community Facilities

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday 14th August 2002

9. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- That Peter Laloli and Ishwar Ganda be the Board’s representatives on the planning group for the 2003 Culture Galore multi-cultural event.
- That up to \$1,000 be provided from the 2002/2003 Discretionary fund to meet the registration cost of up to 20 co-ordinators from within Riccarton/Wigram to attend the Neighbourhood Support New Zealand Conference in Christchurch, 13 and 14 September, the co-ordinators to be selected by the Community Constables and the Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinators for the two wards.

Chairperson’s

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received.
 2. That the Committee’s recommendations be adopted.
 3. That the Board pay registration fee for any member who wishes to attend the Neighbourhood Support New Zealand Conference.