

8. EDGEWARE POOL REIMBURSEMENT OF 'FREE TICKET' PROJECT

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The purpose of this report is to seek reimbursement of the free tickets to Edgeware Pool provided over the summer holidays to families in the Shirley research area.

EDGEWARE SWIMMING POOL

In December 2001 the Board resolved to provide up to \$2,500 from SCAP funds for Shirley families to use Edgeware Pool during the school holidays. Tickets were distributed through local community trusts, Councillors and Board Members, Community Constables, Acheson Avenue medical practice, and the Leisure Unit holiday programmes.

Free admission tickets available were:

Child Ticket	\$ 1.50
Family Pass	\$ 6.00 (generally includes 2 adults and up to 3 children,)
Concession Ticket	\$10.00 (entitled the holder to 12 swims)

Tickets were available from the week prior to Christmas and valid to 28 February.

Tickets to the distributors were:

Child Ticket	400
Family	150
Concession	45 (12 swim passes)

Additional tickets were available for distribution, but not all were requested.

Edgeware Swimming Pool Committee has advised that the following "Free Admission Tickets" were received.

• 119 Child (concession ticket) passes	@ \$1.20 per pass	\$142.80
• 19 Family passes	@ \$6.00 per pass	\$114.00
• 75 Child Tickets	@ \$1.50 per pass	\$112.50
	Total	<u>\$369.30</u>

SUMMARY

The purpose of the provision of free tickets to the pool for families in the Shirley area was to compensate for there being no swimming facility close to the area covered by the Shirley Research. At the time there was also the situation with some school swimming pools close by not being able to open over the holidays due to a number of factors, including new regulations and Health and Safety requirements. Also for many families even the cost of accessing school pools through key systems was not viable. The free tickets project to Edgeware was worthwhile, and if considered as a future option, wider and better distribution of tickets would need to be looked at.

Recommendation: That Edgeware Swimming Pool Committee be reimbursed \$369.30 from 2001/2002 SCAP Funds for the free swim tickets.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.