

8. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 6 NOVEMBER 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 November 2002.

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

1. RICCARTON BAPTIST CHURCH – FUNDING REQUEST

A request was received for funding assistance by the Riccarton Baptist Church to hold a Christmas Party.

Paul Young, Riccarton Baptist Church, was in attendance to answer members questions.

This free event is to be held at Harrington Park on Saturday 7th December from 11am – 2pm. Children will receive a Christmas gift presented by Santa. Included with the gift will be an information pack for parents/caregivers giving details of services that the Riccarton Baptist Church have available for the community, eg Weekly free lunch, play group, Friday After School Programme.

The Christmas Party will target Wharenui, St Theresa and Riccarton Primary Schools along with Lady May and McKenzie Kindergartens. It is expected that 300 children would take part this year with the inclusion of Lady May and McKenzie Kindergartens.

The Church's vision for the event is to bring joy to children, help take some of the burden from families and to unite the community as a way to alleviate loneliness, form support systems and create a greater community spirit.

The Church requested a grant of \$3,000 towards this event.

Projected Budget

Purchase of Gifts	\$3,000
Hire of Equipment	\$502
Donations for Services	\$65
Purchases – Food etc	<u>\$728</u>
	<u>\$4,295</u>

The Church has raised \$1,000 towards the project with other sponsorship being sought from local businesses and church members.

The Sockburn Advocacy Team considered that this project was in line with Council Policies (Social Wellbeing and Community), and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objective 2.1 "Work with local communities and community organisations to increase the capacity of communities". Wharenui and Riccarton Primary Schools have a low decile ranking of 2 and 4 respectively. St Theresa's Primary School has a ranking of 6.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 11 of this report.

It was also **agreed** that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board banner be displayed at the Riccarton Baptist Church Christmas Party.

2. SALVATION ARMY – FUNDING REQUEST

A request was received for funding assistance by the salvation Army, Community and Family Services - Hornby, for a grant of \$11,000 for improvements to the Hornby Community Foodbank.

It was reported that for a number of years the Community and Family Services Centre has operated a Foodbank to assist people in need. At present 60 substantial food parcels are being provided to local families and individuals each month. These clients are interviewed to establish need, assisted with applying for any unpaid benefit entitlements if applicable and offered free budgeting advice from accredited advisers if required.

Increased usage over the last year has necessitated an expansion of the storage and distribution area. This has been carried out but large capacity shelving units to store the food stocks are required. At present food stocks are stored on tables or stacked on the floor, which is a poor use of available space and a potential occupational safety and health risk. Foodbank clients represent a broad cross section of age diverse, multi-cultured Riccarton, Ilam, Sockburn, Wigram, Hornby, Halswell, Russley, Islington, Hei Hei and Broomfield communities. Clients are often in a situation of desperation.

A designated area for assessing clients' entitlement to food assistance is required. At present, no sound-private spaces are available to conduct interviews, needs assessments, budgeting sessions or counselling sessions, so the staff are unable to assure clients of confidentiality, or protect their dignity.

With an increased requirement for secure after-hours storage of Foodbank supplies and client records, there is a need for a monitored security alarm system for the Centre.

Budget

3 Offices	2,513.79
Shelving	1,053.09
Decorating	100.00
Electrical	184.56
Labour	3,660.00
Security System	<u>520.00</u>
	\$8,031.44
+ GST	<u>\$1,003.93</u>
	\$9,035.37
+ Fittings (Incl GST)	<u>\$1,964.63</u>
	<u>\$11,000.00</u>

It was noted that the Centre only employs 1 staff member; the rest of the team consists of approximately 30 local unpaid volunteers. The Centre runs on a tight budget and has no funds available to put towards this urgent project.

The Sockburn Advocacy Team considered that this project was in line with Council Policies (Social Wellbeing, and Community) and Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives 2.1 "Work with local communities and community organisations to increase the capacity of communities" and 2.2 "Operate Council Community funding schemes in ways which maximise their value to the community".

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 11 of this report.

It was also **agreed** that the Salvation Army be asked to display signage acknowledging the support of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board.

3. FIRST LOVE MINISTRIES – FUNDING REQUEST

First Love Ministries sought funding assistance towards registration of a Touch Rugby Team at Prebbleton Domain and purchase of printed tops. Sharon Walker was present to answer member's questions.

It was reported that First Love Ministries was a Community Outreach Group whose purpose is to promote family unity and to strengthen bonds of family relationships.

First Love Ministries had recently started up a new Touch Rugby Team called "JC KRU", involving 16 young people between 13 and 20 years of age who live in the areas of Hornby, Islington and Hei Hei.

The aim of this project is to build up the young people's confidence, develop self control, work as part of a team and learn game strategy. Nutrition, health and regular exercise would also be emphasised as part of the game plan.

Budget

Registration	\$300
Printed Tops	<u>\$396</u>
	<u>\$696</u>

Shorts will be purchased by team members. The group will be doing fundraising towards this.

The Sockburn Advocacy Team considered that this project was in line with Council Policies (Social Wellbeing, Community, Youth and Recreation) and Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives 2.1 "Work with local communities and community organisations to increase the capacity of communities" and 2.2 "Operate Council Community funding schemes in ways which maximise their value to the community".

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 11 of this report.

4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

It was noted that two grants had been approved after circulation to the Committee last month (the monthly meeting of the Committee having been cancelled because of lack of business). They were -

- Avonhead Baptist Church, \$75 to send six young people to a Myers Briggs Leadership Course
- Anita Komen, \$500 towards costs associated with attendance as a member of the Teen Missions 2002-2003 Malaysia Work Team.

The following three applications were considered by the Committee and the recommendations are listed under clause 11 of this report.

1. Michael Wylie, 49 Muir Avenue, who is taking part in an exchange trip with A.F.S. Intercultural Programmes for six months in the United States.
2. Amos Dowle, 403 Halswell Road, who is taking part in an exchange trip with A.F.S. Intercultural Programmes for 1 year in Brazil.
3. Richie Edwards, 71 Tauwi Crescent, who has been called up as a member of the N Z Under 14 Boy's Basketball Team to travel to Australia.

5. RICcarton/WIGRAM PROJECT PROPOSAL/AGREEMENT MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Committee **endorsed** the Riccarton/Wigram Project Proposal/Agreement Monitoring and Evaluation form which would be used by staff to assess, monitor and evaluate project proposals that come to the Committee. The form has been used for the Salvation Army Funding Request and is **attached** for member's information.

6. TE WHARE O NGA WHETU MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

The Community Development Adviser updated the Committee on the development of Te Whare O Nga Whetu Multicultural Centre since its opening in May 2001.

The Centre has been open for approximately 18 months and during this time has grown rapidly with nearly 10,000 people having been through the building during that time. There is a good number of groups and services that are using the centre as their base, with two full time organisations operating from the centre as well as the Community Development Worker for Maori and the Co-ordinator of Te Whare O Nga Whetu.

The Centre continues to develop its profile in the local community and citywide through the hard work of Trust members, staff and volunteers.

In **receiving** the information, the Committee expressed their thanks and congratulations to all those involved with the development of the Multicultural Centre.

7. YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Community Board at its 30th October meeting gave the Committee "power to act" in making decisions on the Youth Community Service Award nominations.

Hornby High School nominated Evelyn Tait, an ex student, who coached the Girls Hockey Team. She also took the team to a National Secondary School tournament in Nelson.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 11 of this report.

8. 2002/2003 PROJECT FUNDS UPDATE

The following is a summary of the balances of Project Funds which were aligned to the Community Services Committee.

Youth Initiatives Fund	\$40,000
Community Initiatives Fund	\$24,876
Neighbourhood Week Fund	\$3,183
Community Service/Youth Dev	\$4,475

The Committee **received** the information.

9. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

Xade Halbert-Pete, who received a grant from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board from the Youth Development Grant Scheme, was present to speak of his attendance at the indigenous development seminar in Hawaii.

Key findings for Xade were –

- Overall the Hawaiian people are trying to find their cultural identity.
- They have no Treaty, religion, language, tribal structure or customs.
- Totally American Culture
- How lucky we are in New Zealand.
- To appreciate and value our own culture.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be decided.

11. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- That a grant of \$1,295 be made to the Riccarton Baptist Church to hold a Christmas Party from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Community Initiatives Fund 2002/2003.
- That a grant of \$11,000 be made to the Salvation Army, Community and Family Service – Hornby, to make improvements to the Hornby Community Foodbank from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Community Initiatives Fund 2002/2003.
- That a grant of \$696 be made to First Love Ministries Touch Rugby Team to cover set up costs from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Youth Initiatives Fund 2002/2003.
- That Board approve the following grants made from the Youth Development Fund:
 1. Michael Wylie, Exchange trip with A.F.S. to United States \$400
 2. Amos Dowle, Exchange trip with A.F.S. to Brazil \$400
 3. Richie Edwards, N Z Under 14 Boy's Basketball Team Trip \$400
- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board endorse the nomination of Evelyn Tait for a Youth Community Service Award.

Chairperson's**Recommendations:**

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Committee's recommendations be adopted with the exception of that relating to the Salvation Army, Community and Family Service – Hornby; further consideration of this specific recommendation is sought by members.

(The Committee Chairperson and Board Chairperson would like to discuss other options/opportunities in respect of the Salvation Army request.)