

6. SUMMER EVENTS REPORT 2002

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Board of the summer events delivered by the Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team in the Spreydon/Heathcote Board area over the period January-April 2002.

BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events bring residents together in a safe environment for a free, enjoyable experience. Events can create a sense of belonging to and celebration of the local community, and may develop a sense of pride in the community. Local community groups often have an opportunity to promote themselves, and local residents who attend these events learn more about their local community.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMES

Four events were delivered by the Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team in conjunction with local community groups. All of these were funded primarily by Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Project Funds 2001-2002. A total of approximately 5000 people attended the events.

The events were:

Barrington Fun Day– Sunday 24 February – Barrington Park

St Martins River Day – Saturday 2 March – Hansen Park

Waltham Community Fun Day – Saturday 9 March – Waltham School

Hoon Hay Community Day – Saturday 23 March - Hoon Hay Park

Barrington Fun Day

Manuka Cottage were very involved in the organisation of this popular annual event. Entertainment and activities were largely provided from within the local community, including Cashmere High School. Over 30 stalls were organised by local groups as fundraising and promotional activities, resulting in a variety of food, craft and information being available. Other activities such as bouncy castles, a rock climbing wall, donkey rides and sumo wrestling were popular with people of all ages. An estimated 2,000 people attended.

Community Board Project funds provided \$,3500 for this event.

St Martins River Day

The St Martins Youth Centre worked with the Community Recreation Advisor to organise this event which had proved so popular as a new event the previous year. Activities and entertainment took place both on and off the river, which included a raft race, inflatable play equipment and musical entertainment. An estimated 1,200 people attended.

Community Board Project Funds provided \$1,000 toward the costs of this event.

Waltham Community Fun Day

This biennial event was once again organised in conjunction with Waltham Cottage. Entertainment on the stage, stalls and a magic show were enjoyed by approximately 1,000 people.

Community Board Project Funds contributed \$1,500 toward the event costs.

Hoon Hay Community Day

A small group representing the Hoon Hay community worked with the Community Recreation Adviser to plan this event. Entertainment by local groups, music, stalls and activities for children were enjoyed by over 600 people. Unfortunately, the event was marred by several incidents involving an activity that was organised by a local community group. This has now been addressed and will not happen in future events.

Board project funds contributed \$2,700 toward this event.

Recommendation: That the information be received.