

3. OLDER ADULTS FUNDING REPORT 2001-2002

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Board of the outcomes of the Older Adults funding grants that were distributed to community groups and organisations in the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board area during the 2001-2002 financial year.

SUMMARY OF PROCESS

Community Board Project Funds provided \$5,000 toward local programmes and providers to support/enhance existing programmes for older adults in the Spreydon/Heathcote area during the 2001-2002 financial year. Letters were sent to a database of over 80 local providers requesting that they apply for funding for a specific project involving older adults in leisure activities. Distributing funding in this way is an efficient way both to assist several local community groups which work with older adults and to reach a large number of local older residents.

Recipients of funding were:

Sacred Heart Friendship Group	\$1,300
Waltham Cottage	\$1,150
St Mary's Church Craft Group	\$80
Community Chaplaincy Services Trust	\$500
Nazareth House	\$450
St Martins Friendship Club	\$500
Opawa Baptist Church Craft Group	\$400
Special Needs Toy Library	\$350
Beckenham Friendship Club	\$270
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Sacred Heart Friendship Group

1. This group was assisted with \$400 to initiate a new weekly Gentle Exercise Class. Attendees pay \$2 per session for a one-hour session of exercise to music and chair exercises led by a qualified instructor. The funding provided covers the shortfall between income and cost. This class regularly has ten attendees from the Addington area.
2. The group was also assisted with \$900 to subsidise the costs of their annual bus outing. The trip to Kaiapoi for 45 people included a trip on the Tuhoi and lunch at the Workingmen's Club.

Waltham Cottage

1. This group was assisted with \$400 to initiate a new weekly Gentle Exercise Class. The group was unable to begin this class within the time period required, yet did not furnish a report to this effect until after the conclusion of the funding year. In effect their funding has been carried over into the 2002-2003 financial year. They have a plan in place to begin this class early in 2003.
2. The group was also assisted with \$750 toward the costs of the "Golden Oldies" programme. The programme involves speakers, outings and entertainment, is held fortnightly, and caters for 10 to 15 adults each session.

St Mary's Craft Group

The funding provided assisted the group to purchase assorted craft materials. Thirteen older adults aged over 80 years attend this group regularly.

Community Chaplaincy Services Trust

The funding enabled fortnightly recreational outings to be subsidised for a group of ten women from the Spreydon area. This was a new programme, catering for those who are mentally and physically unwell, isolated and lonely.

Nazareth House

The funding subsidised the purchase of two outdoor tables and chairs. These have enhanced the environment and encouraged the residents to enjoy afternoon teas and barbeques out-of-doors.

St. Martins Friendship Group

Four bus trips/afternoon tea outings were subsidised by the funding provided to this group. Each outing had 30 or more members attending.

Opawa Baptist Church Craft Group

Two trestle tables were purchased with the funding provided to this group for their weekly craft classes. Seventy people attend this group most weeks, with the majority of attendees being older adults.

Special Needs Toy Library

Therapeutic toys and games for older adults were purchased with the funding provided to this organisation, based in Huxley Street. Games and equipment for activities particularly suitable for people with Alzheimer's disease were purchased, e.g. large piece jigsaw puzzles and low-level strategy games. Local nursing homes and retirement villages, as well as families of older adults, have been making use of this equipment.

Beckenham Friendship Group

Some of the regular leisure activities of older adults attending this group were subsidised by the funding provided. Each month this group organises three activities – a social afternoon that caters for 50-60 people, a bus trip that caters for 30-35 people, and a popular Housie afternoon. In addition, there are bi-annual dinners catering for 85 people.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.