6. 2004/05 ALLOCATION OF PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

The Community Board has \$390,000 available, being made up of \$330,000 Project Funds and \$60,000 Discretionary Funds.

The Annual Plan Process requires the Board to allocate **all** of its Project Funds (\$330,000) by the required date of Thursday 19 February 2004.

The Sockburn Advocacy Team, together with the Community Recreation Adviser and Area Parks and Waterways Advocate, have identified community commitments and projects. These are **all** aligned to the Board Objectives, and have been scrutinised through established Board/Advocate processes (eg the Matrix).

The following projects are all accorded to be of high priority and are accompanied by supporting text.

Community Advocate Project Proposals	Amount
After School Programmes	\$10,000
Broomfield Hei Hei Community Development	\$15,000
Canterbury Fijian Social Services Trust - Rental	\$8,000
Community Development Worker - Maori	\$15,000
Community Initiatives Fund	\$25,000
Community Development Funding Scheme Top up	\$10,000
Community/Youth Service Awards – Youth Development Scheme	\$7,500
Neighbourhood Week Grants	\$4,000
Resident Group Fund	\$2,000
Riccarton Youth Worker Salary Subsidies	\$20,000
Youth Initiatives Fund	\$35,000
Parka and Watarwaya Project Propagala	
Parks and Waterways Project Proposals Wycola Park – ongoing development	¢00.000
	\$20,000
Racecourse Road waterway reserve – design work	\$3,000
Street trees – planting in Board area	\$5,000
Carmen/Peebles/Showgate – corridor pathway/cycleway	\$5,000
Steadman Road – landscape plan	\$5,000
Wigram Village Green – irrigation	\$5,000
Upper Riccarton Domain – continue plan	\$15,000
Auburn Reserve – plan for opening frontage onto Riccarton Road	\$2,000
Hillary/Roche – reserve extension	\$15,000
Ilam Stream – base flow restoration	\$10,000
Community Recreation Adviser Project Proposals	
Teenage Rage Camps	\$5,000
Youth Recreation Holiday Programmes	\$5,000
Community Events	\$23,000
Holiday Programmes	\$24,500
Elder Recreation Programmes	\$10,000
Environment Committee	\$40,000
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Transport and Roading Committee	\$15,000
Discretionary Fund	\$31,000
Total	\$390,000

Recommendation:

That the Committee give consideration to this schedule of project works to be funded from the Community Board's Project Fund 2004/05.

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE PROJECT PROPOSALS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES (\$10,000)

The amount requested for After School Programmes has been reduced from last year. Government funding is available but uncertainty still remains as to the exact extent of this.

The request for this year is only \$10,000 for a top-up fund for our after-school programmes. This fund would be available to assist our targeted programmes (Hornby, Wharenui, Fiji Social Services, Sockburn and Gilberthorpes), if they don't receive adequate funding from the Ministry of Social Development. Rather than allocate funds specifically, which could affect the groups access to the government funding, it is recommended this top up fund be established and a review of funding for the programmes be carried out towards the end of 2004, as it was in 2003.

The importance of council support for after-school programmes is emphasised in the latest research by Dr Lesley MacGibbon entitled "Out of School Programmes: investing in the next generation", completed for the Christchurch City Council in December 2003.

One of her recommendations is that the Christchurch City Council financially supports after-school programmes until such time as they are able to source adequate ongoing funding from central government. "By supporting after-school programmes, the Christchurch City Council makes a real difference in many families. Compared to the amount of resources the Christchurch City Council puts into the programmes the benefit to the community is huge".

BROOMFIELD/HEI HEI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (\$15,000)

Project top-up (\$7,500)

The Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project is a partnership between the Christchurch City Council, the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care. The project was the outcome from findings identified in a community needs analysis of the Broomfield area in 1997.

The financial resourcing of this project has in the past been provided through the Sockburn Service Centre Budget and was accessed via the Council 'pink page process'. This funding came to an end in June 2002. In February of 2002 Family and Community was able to access \$30,000, per annum for the next three years from the Council's Social Initiatives funding scheme. However the amount allocated does not fully cover the total cost of the programme.

This project has provided a range of services and activities for residents in the North Hornby area. It provides a major community focus, which has taken five years to develop. Local issues and needs continue to be identified, and ways to address these are still being developed by the community worker, Tracey Bunk. An annual report is given to the Community Services Committee by the Community Worker outlining progress of current groups and the initiation of new programmes/groups, which have been established as the result of identified needs in the area.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board has made a commitment to this project for the last five years in recognition of the Community Board's objectives and Council Policies. It has been given a high priority on the Community Board's Community and Social plan matrix.

Project programme costs (7,500)

The Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project has now been operating for four years and is managed by the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care. The Christchurch City Council has committed three years of funding to the project to cover the cost of salaries and organisational administration.

In 2003/04 the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board set side \$5,000 from Project Funds for costs related to the initiation of new programmes and maintenance of old programmes. Without this funding being available the community worker would not have been able to establish and resource community initiatives as quickly, and as effectively, as most funding sources are limited to specific time frames and criteria.

Funding for 2004/05 is required so that these programmes can continue to make a difference by providing opportunities for residents in the local area to get together, develop skills and overall strengthen community relationships and break down social isolation. North Hornby has been identified as an area where many of its residents are experiencing high levels of hardship and poverty. Often issues related to isolation are more evident in communities that are disadvantaged because residents do not have the financial means to access programmes and services outside of their own locality. It is therefore very important to have resources available that are not only local but also affordable. The latter also needs to be part of a community development process where residents are identifying their own needs and are participating in the development and establishment of appropriate groups.

Having access to funds for the development of new programmes and the maintenance of successful "old" programmes enables the community worker to plan and respond quickly and effectively.

This project as previously stated meets the Community Board objectives, relevant Council Policies and has also been given a high priority on the Community Board Community Plan Matrix.

CANTERBURY FIJIAN SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST – RENTAL (\$8,000)

In 1999 the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agreed to assist the Canterbury Fijian Social Services Trust with rental for the house owned by Community Housing at 40 Hillary Crescent. The Trust uses this venue as a base for the services and programmes they have developed to meet the needs of local residents. This is considered a high priority and was a result of the Upper Riccarton Community Needs Research 1998.

The Community Board had a Working Party which considered the outcomes of that research and in particular the need for a larger community facility for local residents. The Working Party was unsuccessful in the short term but managed to secure the new greenspace through to Roche Ave with the long term plan of buying more land/property as it became available and developing a community facility on it. Progress has been made in regards to the relocation to Roche Ave and it is hoped this will be complete by mid year 2004. At present the Property Unit at the Christchurch City Council and Housing New Zealand are identifying specific land options to relocate the tenants at 26 Roche Ave. Once this is complete discussions with the owner at 28 Roche Ave can proceed and building plans can commence for the new premises. 40 Hillary Crescent (FSST House) is the community facility and of course they continue to deliver important programmes and services for local residents and cultural groups.

FSST continues to take up space at Te Whare O Nga Whetu and they continue to provide the following programmes:

- 1. Out of School Programme, five afternoons.
- 2. Oaken Spirit Programme for the elderly.
- 3. Holiday programme. Four programmes per year, attended by 30 young people between the ages of 5 and 17, eighty per cent are from the local area.
- 4. Computer classes for local residents, form six as well as adults.
- 5. Out of School Programme at Hei Hei Community Centre.
- 6. After School Tutoring for secondary school pupils.

It is essential that these services remain in the local area as highlighted by the needs analysis. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board decided to enable the Fiji Social Services to remain in the area by providing them with financial assistance towards accommodation costs until a suitable community facility could be established. The \$8,000 allows a small weekly contribution for the space used at Te Whare O Nga Whetu.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER - MAORI (\$15,000)

Operational Costs (\$7,500)

In 2002 the position of community worker for Maori was transferred from the Family and Community Division of Anglican to Te Whare O Nga Whetu Trust. In August 2002 Nikora Nitro accepted the position and has been working with young Maori and their families through the provision of a range of activities, from developing their natural talents to increasing their academic skills in order for them to continue their education A culture (kapa haka) group addresses the need of the Maori Community to express their own cultural identity along with other culturally appropriate activities. In November 2003 Nikora Nitro resigned from this position in November 2003. Te Whare O Nga Whetu Trust is currently looking at contracting individual tutors to continue with the major projects established by Nikora such as Kapa Haka and a dance group as well as employing a community worker for Maori whose focus will be on the whole community, rather than specifically youth, which was the focus of the last year.

The salary of the Community Worker for Maori is part of the Service Centre budget. However there is still a shortfall to cover the operational costs associated with the administration of this position.

The Community Worker for Maori is a vital role in the Hornby community, especially given the high percentage of Maori residents in the area. The position exemplifies the Community Board's commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi in that it acknowledges the need for affordable and accessible services and programmes for Maori.

Programme Cost (\$7,500)

Similar to the Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project there are costs associated with running programmes/activities initiated and facilitated by the Community Worker for Maori. In 2003/04 the Community Board allocated \$5000 to be used for costs associated with the delivery of services and programmes by the Community Worker for Maori. So far the monies has helped to pay the cost of the following:

- 1. Community end of year celebration, pool hire and kai.
- 2. Leadership wananga
- 3. Audio/visual resources/musical resources
- 4. Dance Tutor fees
- 5. Taiaha fees

The Community Worker for Maori, Nikora Nitro, submitted a report to the Community Services Committee in November 2003 outlining in detail how programme monies had been spent to date and the outcomes of specific activities and programmes.

The availability of the above programme funds from the Community Board Project Funds, allows the Community Worker for Maori to respond immediately as well as to plan, knowing that there are funds available and not having to rely on the "possibility" of acquiring funds for programmes, which at times involves a lengthy waiting procedure.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND (\$25,000)

This fund is the continuation of the monies set aside for the Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP), which the Board administered over the passed couple of years.

SCAP was a "one-off" planning document, and has grown into our Social Planning Matrix, which is used by the Advocacy Team and Board (to establish priorities and allocate resources).

The Board has allocated funds to:

Parent Expo at Hei Hei Community Centre Community Watch, Riccarton Templeton Mural Various small grants to community based projects

This Community Initiatives Fund is in line with Community Board Objectives, the Community and Social Plan Matrix, and Council Policies.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME TOP UP (\$10,000)

Every year funding requests from community organisations to this scheme exceed the available amount. Last year funding of \$51,493 was available and allocated, made up of \$41,493 allocated from the Christchurch City Council Community Development Fund, and a \$10,000 top up from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. Funding requests from groups totalled \$67,133.

Without the support of the top up grant from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board it would be difficult for the funding committee to support the ongoing needs of community organisations in a worthwhile manner. Too often projects have to be cut back because of insufficient funding being available.

COMMUNITY/YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (\$7,500)

Community/Youth Service Awards were set up to encourage and acknowledge the work of volunteers in the local community. Nominations are sought from the community and endorsed by the Community Board. A function is held to present awards. (\$2,800)

The Youth Development Scheme was set up to provide financial assistance for the development of young people and to help young people achieve personal goals. This fund is administered by the Community Services Committee on a monthly basis. On average 10 - 12 grants are made per year. Activities cover a wide range - local children attending holiday camps, sporting representation, A F S Exchange trips, leadership training courses etc. (\$4,700)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK GRANTS (\$4,000)

Each year the Christchurch City Council celebrates "Neighbourhood Week" to encourage people to meet their neighbours, promote informal contact with other people and foster a stronger safer community. This fund enables the community to access funding to support neighbourhood get-togethers such as barbecues, street parties, picnics, street plantings etc. It also covers the cost of local advertising of the scheme.

RESIDENT GROUP FUND (\$2,000)

During 1999 the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board developed a "Strengthening Communities Action Plan". The "Strengthening Communities" project was originally developed to address the following aims –

- To improve people's sense of belonging to and being part of the community
- To enhance safety from crime
- To support people, communities and neighbourhoods to take ownership of achieving the above aims and act themselves.

One of the issues raised during consultation with Residents Groups was that there was no budget to support activities of individual groups. One of the strategic actions to come out of the Plan was that a fund was set up to assist Residents Groups with activities and administration costs.

RICCARTON YOUTH WORKER SALARY SUPPORT (\$20,000)

In 1996 Ray Kirk completed a report on the needs of young people in the Riccarton/Wigram ward. The major obstacles to providing services for youth identified in this report was "lack of funding, difficulties in recruitment and retention of suitable experienced staff, affordability of caregivers/supervisors, lack of transport to and from programmes, and inadequate facilities and equipment".

Over the last four years the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board has allocated \$20,000 towards the salary of two youth workers in the Riccarton Ward. The two organisations that receive this funding are Community Development Network Trust and Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust. Funding from key organisations such as Lottery and Community Trust is limited due to the increasing number of groups applying for resources. Support from the Community Board is necessary to ensure that the youth workers can continue developing their programmes as well as relationships with young people.

The needs of young people in the Riccarton Ward are a priority. This funding support meets with the Community Board's objectives, Council Policies and the Riccarton Wigram Community and Social plan matrix and compliments the Hornby Youth Worker Project in the Wigram Ward.

YOUTH INITIATIVES FUND (\$35,000)

The basis for this request is to provide funds to meet applications which address the lack of services, programmes, and/or activities to meet the specific needs of youth in our community.

The strategy for this fund, is, therefore the accessing of funding resources by those community providers who focus on youth.

The Board, through its Project Fund, has put monies into this scheme over the past four years, to good effect. It has allowed community groups/organisations (and the Board) to resource youth focussed needs; all applications are received, in the first instance, through the Sockburn Advocacy Team and the Matrix, then promoted to the Board (during the year) for consideration and decision.

The Board has so far allocated funds to Hornby High School 24/7 Project (Presbyterian Trust) and the Zebedees Trust young person's entertainment venue in Blenheim Road.

Applications/projects currently under consideration, by the Advocacy Team (which will be brought to the Community Services Committee shortly) include:

Hornby High School 24/7 Project Mau Taiaha Project Mobile Kids Bus Project

This Youth Initiatives Fund is in line with Community Board Objectives, the Community and Social Plan Matrix, and Council Policies.

WYCOLA PARK - ONGOING DEVELOPMENT (\$20,000)

Following the extensive community consultation, the Area Parks and Waterways Advocate has been promoting the redevelopment on this park through the Environment Committee. Some funding has been provided to enable footpathing to be undertaken and this complements the monies put in by the Parks Unit.

This request is to allow a continuation of the redevelopment stages into 2004/05.

RACECOURSE ROAD WATERWAY RESERVE – DESIGN WORK (\$3,000)

This site was visited on a recent Environment Committee tour and it involves the enhancement of a watercourse behind the Racecourse Hotel similar to the waterway enhancement work undertaken in Showgate Reserve.

These funds will enable design work to be undertaken.

STREET TREES – PLANTING IN BOARD AREA (\$5,000)

A small amount of funds is sought to enable the Parks Unit to identify streets for planting, of which there are many, especially within the Wigram Ward.

CARMEN/PEEBLES/SHOWGATE – CORRIDOR PATHWAY/CYCLEWAY (\$5,000)

A small amount of funds is sought to initiate work on the formation of a pathway along the Transpower corridor providing access and neighbourhood linkages.

STEADMAN ROAD – LANDSCAPE PLAN (\$5,000)

A recent meeting with the residents concerning the untidy state of the roadway where it joins the Jockey Club property has led to the idea of landscaping work to be undertaken to tie these together and to enhance the streetscape.

These funds will enable a landscape design concept to be initiated.

WIGRAM VILLAGE GREEN IRRIGATION (\$5,000)

With the increase in residential development and the increasing usage of the Harvard Lounge and gymnasium, this large green open space will attract more usage. Irrigation is seen as essential to its ongoing development. These funds will provide a mains water connection to enable the use of a mobile irrigator.

UPPER RICCARTON DOMAIN – CONTINUE PLAN (\$15,000)

With the relocation of the Winter Bowling Club, the Environment Committee is to receive plans from a group of local residents who have been interrupting the community feedback comments in respect of redeveloping the Yaldhurst Road frontage.

Funds sought will complement the Capital Works money from the Parks Unit and this is being done in conjunction with the extensive tree replacement programme for this neighbourhood reserve.

AUBURN AVENUE - PLAN FOR OPENING UP FRONTAGE ON TO RICCARTON ROAD (\$2,000)

This reserve suffers from a lack of street frontage access and the Parks Unit has acknowledged this issue and is setting aside property purchase funds. This request will enable some design work to be undertaken, as the opening up of the Riccarton Road access is seen of paramount importance to the increasing usage of this under-utilised reserve.

HILLARY/ROCHE - RESERVE EXTENSION (\$15,000)

Members will be aware that the Property Unit and Parks Unit, in conjunction with the Community Advocate, are looking to expand the existing Hillary Crescent reserve into Roche Avenue by the property exchange and property purchase with NZHC.

Arising from the Upper Riccarton community report, a community focused facility at this site is top priority and the enlarged reserve area will require enhancement.

ILAM STREAM – BASE FLOW RESTORATION (\$10,000)

Following the successful trial of pumping water into this dry streambed, the Parks and Waterways Unit is seeking permission from the Selwyn District Council to pipe water from the Ryans Road rural water supply scheme into the upper reaches of the Ilam Stream.

The Parks Unit and the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board are looking to contribute a similar amount of funds.

TEENAGE RAGE CAMPS (\$5,000)

For the last 4 years the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board has granted money to the Community Development Network Trust as a contribution towards the cost of running "Teenage Rage" Camps. This funding helps provide recreation camps for teenagers from local high schools, in particular Hornby High and Riccarton High Schools. These camps have proved to be very successful in providing recreational opportunities for youth who may not have had access to these experiences before.

YOUTH RECREATION HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES (\$5,000)

This is the continuation of the adventure based holiday programme for 11-13 year olds hosted by Branston Intermediate and run by the YMCA. This programme will apply for the Ministry of Social Development funding in April 2004, therefore the programme duration will be expanded to meet the need for more programmes for this age group. Research across the city has indicated a gap in recreation provision for this age group, who are too old to be included in activities for the 5-9 year age group but not yet old enough to participate in activities for young adults. While this group are a difficult one to provide for in that they resist being "organised", past programme trials have found that unstructured activities revolving around popular sports such as skateboarding or outdoor adventure programmes provide enough excitement to warrant taking part.

COMMUNITY EVENTS (\$23,000)

Community events create a sense of belonging and pride in local communities. They bring local residents together and provide an opportunity for them to learn about the activities and services available in their area. They are a solution to concerns expressed in research carried out in Riccarton/Wigram that many residents are not familiar with their local community and that community days are run in the area as a means of achieving this.

Funding for 2004/05 is requested to run community events in the Riccarton/Wigram wards. The Culture Galore! Event continue to increase in popularity with cultural groups and the local community. The success of this event with the groups participating and the crowds attending has proved that future multi-cultural events will be well supported.

Support for local community events continues to provide local residents with opportunities to celebrate their own talents and diversity, strengthening links in local communities. Demand for local community events is growing, with existing events aiming to increase in size in future years. This will require Board Project funding for this area to be increased, or prioritised, to support this growth. Both anecdotal evidence and social research show the value of localised community events as a tool for bringing people together, building communities, and creating social capital.

A proportion of this funding will be used to support groups seeking grants to fund community events days and Christmas celebrations. Localised and target group specific events utilise musical talent from local bands, schools, churches and community groups. The events foster community pride and involvement, providing a positive focus for families and an opportunity for local musical groups to showcase their talent.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES (\$24,500)

Implementation/Recommendations 2001-04 (from Riccarton Wigram Out-of-School programme Strategy)

• The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board continue to support out-of-school programmes (This refers to both Holiday and after-school programmes) in the following key target areas within Riccarton/Wigram for the next three years, or until Central Government provides adequate resources.

Continued Board funding requested for children/youth holiday programmes requested for next three years.

• The Council and Community Board continue to make funding for out of school programmes that are affordable for low income families a high priority.

New funding requested to subsidise places on holiday programmes for children with disabilities. This funding would assist to either fund the hire or purchase of resources, and any caregiver costs including training and wages.

Funding Requested Summary 2002-05 (reference to OSP Strategy)

Programme	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Children/youth holiday programmes Hornby/Hei Hei, Sockburn, Riccarton and Wharenui	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
New funding support – holiday programmes for children with disabilities	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sockburn holiday programme extension	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$0
Total	\$29,000	\$31,500	* \$24,000

* revised due to the implementation of the Ministry of Social Development funding scheme

- Holiday programme funding levels committed by Community Board and Christchurch City Council Leisure provide programmes in following areas:
 - Hornby/Hei Hei
 - Upper Riccarton/Hillary Crescent
 - Sockburn
 - Halswell/Oaklands
 - Wharenui/Riccarton

Holiday Programme Subsidies for Children with Disabilities (\$5,000)

Holiday programmes provide important opportunities for children to experience different areas of leisure and recreation. They also provide safe care for children with working parents.

It is proposed to use the remaining funds be used to assist children with disabilities to access recreation programmes. A pilot has been run in the Riccarton/Wigram January 2004 holidays and a similar pilots has been run in the Shirley/Papanui ward for the past 2 years. It is estimated that 20% of the total Christchurch population have a disability. Thirteen percent of people with disabilities are children (Background Report for Draft Policy on Equity and Access for People with Disabilities – CCC 2001).

Funding is required to provide dedicated staff member at holiday programmes in the Riccarton/Wigram ward area. These staff will work with the children with disabilities to ensure they are fully involved in the programme, similar to a teacher aide in the classroom setting. Some disability specific training for the staff may be necessary, as well as meeting with the children and families prior to the programme. The staff to children ratio at holiday programmes is frequently 1:10, whereas a ratio of 1:3 is often necessary in order for children with multiple needs to be involved in a programme, in some circumstance the ratios needs to be 1:1.

ELDER RECREATION PROGRAMMES (\$10,000)

Demographic trends indicate that the 65 + age group will become an increasingly significant portion of the NZ population in future years. This has repercussions for a whole range of services, including older adults recreation programmes.

The purpose of this funding is to ensure adequate delivery of older adults leisure programmes through development and support of existing and future older adults leisure providers based in the Riccarton Wigram area.

At both Council and Community Board level policy commitments have been made to the support of older adults recreation in Christchurch. The Older Persons policy (1998) outlines a range of roles for Council including:

- Providing services (in particular housing, recreation and other services which are both outreach and neighbourhood based)
- Resourcing, supporting and collaborating with other organisations working with older people in the city

With these and other leisure options in the Riccarton/Wigram wards being well attended this will demand further Board support in future years as population demographics change and the need for further leisure opportunities is increased.

Provision of other Council older adults recreation programmes in the Riccarton Wigram ward include the Hei Hei Leisure Club, Lite Pace Aerobics and the Bus Trip programme. The funding commitment of Christchurch City Council Leisure towards these programmes totals \$15,126.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FUND (\$40,000)

This fund is to enable the Environment Committee to undertake projects/consultation on matters under its jurisdiction.

The Board will note the significant capital works and maintenance programmes, which are administered and funded by the Parks and Waterways Unit.

Some Board funds will enable advancement of works, or to be able to respond to community requests, to initiate/fund community consultation, or facilitate on community issues, or to provide funds for "environment" schemes/awards.

In the current (2003/04) financial year, the Committee has supported the allocation of project monies to:

Heritage Week Lincoln – ECan – Isaac Awards Crosbie Park, landscaping Washbourne House relocation Kyle Park BMX track upgrade Brigadoon Place street tree replacement

TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE FUND (\$15,000)

This fund is to enable the Transport and Roading Committee to undertake projects/consultation on matters under its jurisdiction.

A glance at the City Streets Unit capital works programme, plus an extensive maintenance programme shows a massive investment into the infrastructure within our Board area.

Some Board funds will enable **small** projects to be initiated, or advanced.

In the current (2003/04) financial year, the Committee has supported the allocation of project monies to:

• Speed trailer annual cost