

8. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT OF 18 FEBRUARY 2004 MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2004.

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

1. HORNBY YOUTH WORKER PROJECT UPDATE

Lael Schwartfeger, Michael Tan and Rachel Holmes from the Community Development Network were present during the presentation of the Community Development Adviser's report on the achievements of the Hornby Youth Worker Project.

It was reported that over the last six months 9 programmes had been run – four Intermediate Kids programmes, four Hornby Teens camps, one community teens' event with Hornby Presbyterian Trust. Other work undertaken had been the work with Spreydon Youth Community and Fusion Youth advocating for two Youth workers in Hornby High School; directing CDN's five day holiday camp September 2003 (27 Hornby kids attended); supervision of a young person doing community service work; visits to Branston Intermediate to chat with kids about issues; developing relationships within the community.

During the next 6 month period it is planned to hold 3 Hornby Teens camps, 3 Interkids programmes, with the possibility of two further programmes dependant on timing etc.

In summary, the Hornby Youth Worker Project has been running since 1997. It continues to grow, not only in the numbers of young people who are involved in the camps and programmes, but also in the relationships with community organisations.

Rachel Holmes has been appointed as Assistant Youth Worker. Rachel will be able to address the specific needs of female adolescents in the Hornby area, as well as being involved in the project as a whole.

The Committee **received** the report.

2. TAIHAHA WANANGA FUNDING REQUEST

The North Hornby Community Recreation Co-ordinator introduced Kathryn Faogali, Fieldworker in Schools, Wene Hepi, Co-ordinator of Te Whare O Nga Whetu Centre and Mahu Leach, Te Tohu O Te Trust.

A grant of \$10,000 was sought to secure 40 places for male youth at each of five wananga held over a year, run by Te Tohu O Tu Charitable Trust.

By way of background information, it was reported that in September 2003 the Fieldworker in Schools and the Co-ordinator of Te Whare O Nga Whetu identified a real need for Maori and Pacific Island children and youth to have an appropriate cultural development programme to access. The programme needed to address a number of behaviour, health, personal and social issues. Currently in Hornby there are no programmes that are accessible for children and youth that provide for development in these areas that are culturally appropriate.

Last year the Board gave a grant to the Fieldworker in Schools to send a number of high risk children to a Wananga. There were significant positive outcomes for the boys, whilst on the wananga and also when they returned home.

Mau Rakau Wananga (Maori Weaponry Programmes) has been run in Christchurch for the last twenty years. Two years ago a charitable trust Te Tohu O Tu was established by Taiaha (Maori longstaff) tutors in Christchurch to formalise and ensure the provision of Mau Rakau Wananga in the Christchurch region.

The trust runs five Wananga's during the year and caters for approximately 120 people at each Wananga. The Trust has no paid staff and all Wanaanga are planned, co-ordinated and run by volunteers.

The Wananga teaches the use of the taiaha or Maori longstaff, which has a special appeal for Maori. It is firmly based in 'kaupapa Maori' or Maori philosophy. To this present day, Taiaha fully encompasses the philosophy of enhancement. This is the holistic approach that through learning the Taiaha, one can enhance oneself – self esteem, confidence, identity, mana, pride plus dignity.

A working party with Te Whare O Nga Whetu Multiculture Centre, North Hornby Community Recreation Co-ordinator, and Hornby Primary Whanau Unit has been set up and is currently working with schools to develop partnerships and is also establishing an evaluation process to measure the success for participants from Riccarton/Wigram attending the programme.

The cost for one child attending a Wananga is between \$60.00 to \$80.00 depending on the number of days the Wananga is run. The cost per day is \$20.00. Wananga are held at Easter at Taumutu, Queens Birthday at Otepoti, Labour Weekend at Hori Brennan Memorial at Tuahiwi, Show Weekend at Koukourarata and Christmas at Eyre Lodge.

Lesley Keast informed the Committee that this application for funding could possibly be met through an application to the Crime Prevention Unit. This was to be followed up.

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 15 of this report.

3. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

Antony Stuart, recipient of a \$250 grant from the Youth Development Scheme towards costs associated with representing the Canterbury Under 17 Softball Team in Napier and Wellington and Nelson Under 19 Softball Team in Auckland, updated members on his trips away.

4. NORTH HORNBY PRESCHOOL DISCO

Helen Miles, the North Hornby Community Recreation Co-ordinator, reported that the North Hornby Preschool Disco, a free event, run on Friday 12th December at the Hei Hei Community Centre in Wycla Avenue from 4pm to 6pm had been a successful event. The event brought many families together to participate in an active healthy event. The event provided those who are isolated a safe environment in which to meet other parents in the community.

The disco was funded by the Community Board and SPARC (Sport and Recreation NZ) with many organisations supporting the disco by donating products and services.

The Committee **received** the report.

5. NORTH HORNBY HEALTHY LIFESTYLES PROJECT

The goal of this project is "To improve the quality of life of people in North Hornby".

It was reported that the North Hornby Community Recreation Co-ordinator had, over the last six months, established relationships in the community in order to gain understanding of the needs of the community and how best to meet these. Helen had been involved in a number of community projects including the Community Garden Wheelbarrow, Preschool Disco, Taiaha Wananga and Children's Swimming Programme.

An outline of the strategic project objectives and how those would be achieved over the next 18 months was presented.

The Committee **received** the report.

6. WIGRAM COMMUNITY RECREATION, ARTS AND SPORTS NEEDS ANALYSIS

Sarah Wylie, the Researcher for the Wigram Community Recreation, Arts and Sports Needs Analysis, was present to answer member's questions.

The research was carried out to gauge demand of sport, recreation and arts in the growing Wigram community and to assist with the implementation of new programmes based at the Wigram Gymnasium, Harvard Lounge or Village Green.

It was noted that the recommendations from the Wigram, Recreation, Arts and Sports Needs Analysis needed to be considered in tandem with the recommendations from the Sockburn Recreation Centre Report on the preferred service and facility mix (Global Leisure Research Group had been commissioned to conduct a feasibility study on the future of Sockburn Recreation Centre). The findings of the report on the preferred service and facility mix for the Sockburn Recreation Centre would be presented to the Community Services Committee in March 2004.

Following this, the findings of the research would be developed into the Implementation Plan of the Leisure Parks and Waterways study. In the meantime, key relationships with Wigram stakeholders, which had been developed through the research process, would be fostered to ensure the short and long term needs of the community were met.

The Committee **received** the report.

7. RICCARTON/WIGRAM PUBLIC ARTS PROJECT

Jacqui Leask, Community Recreation Adviser, and Marlene Le Cren, Arts Adviser, presented the model of the 'Pathways Home' artwork created for Hornby by Judith Streat.

In the next stage of the project input will be sought from 5 Hornby schools ranging from primary to high school. The Project Artist, Judith Streat and Henry Sunderland of the Project Advisory Group will meet with each school and discuss the project. How the children get involved will be up to the school.

The timeline for the 'Pathways Home' artwork will start in February 2004 with the installation between 5 to 19 May 2004. The launch event will be on Friday 21 May 2004.

It was noted that the budget for the project was \$27,000; this amount was \$12,000 over the current budget amount of \$15,000. Possible sponsors have been identified for in-kind or cash sponsorship arrangements, which would reduce this over budgeted amount. \$10,000 had also been reallocated from the 2003/04 Holiday Programmes funding to this project.

The Committee **received** the report.

8. TEMPLETON DOMAIN COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT

It was reported that this project was now completed and photographs of the process of the project and mural launch event were displayed for the Committee.

As a result of funding from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and support from the Templeton School and Residents Association, local Templeton children were able to participate in the development of a local artwork which they are proud of and which reflects the Templeton Domain, and the positive leisure experiences which local residents and their families can experience there.

The Committee **received** the report.

9. OSCAR PROGRAMME UPDATES

Vicki Mathieson, Community Development Adviser, presented reports to update members on funding provided in the 2002/03 budget and the current status of the programmes.

A brief summary of each programme is listed below

Sockburn OSCAR - November 2003 new committee formed to manage the programme and two new staff appointed. The programme caters for up to 40 children. The Committee will be seeking other sources of funding in 2004 to assist expansion of the OSCAR building to provide a separate space for the older children.

A total of \$6,700 was provided for operational costs and wages and the Community Board provided \$5,300 for additional staff costs to expand the programme up to 40 children for the 2002-03 year. An amount of \$5,000 was provided from the Advocacy Team to subsidise lower fees. The new subsidised rate is \$2.50 per child. This has had a direct impact on numbers enrolled in the programme. The Ministry of Social Development provided a grant of \$10,125 in February 2003, which will reduce funding required from the council in the future.

Hornby OSCAR - Previous Management Committee have relinquished their role with the new management of the programme to pass to Hornby Presbyterian Community Trust. As part of the winding up of the previous Management Committee, the building owned by Hornby OSCAR Incorporated will be gifted to the Council. This building will possibly become a community facility under the Council's management guidelines for Community Facilities. This is currently under discussion with the Property Unit and will be subject to a separate report to the Committee in due course.

The Community Board provided \$5,000 towards subsidising of low fees and a further \$7,500 was provided for operations for the 2002-03 year. \$5,000 provided by the Advocacy Team for subsidising low fees was unspent and able to be used for operational costs. Ministry of Social Development funding for the 2002-03 year was not received, however the Hornby Presbyterian Community Trust intend to apply for full Ministry funding for the programme for the 2003-04 year. Some ongoing council assistance will still be needed given the low fee structure required for this programme. This is highly important now that the Hornby Primary School itself has recently been classified as a decile 2, down from 3.

Gilberthorpes OSCAR - The Hornby Presbyterian Community Trust took over running this programme from OSCAR Development in Christchurch (ODC) in July 2002. A management team is responsible for the day-to-day management of the programme. Attendance has been an average of just over 85% full (17 children).

The Community Board provided \$10,000 and the Advocacy Team provided \$38,000 toward the overall management fee for the 2002-03 year. The programme has been successful in gaining Ministry of Social Development Funding. A grant of \$9,000 was provided for the 2002-03 year. This has enabled the cost to Council to come down to a budget of \$28,000 for the 2003-04 year and means in the future Council funding will gradually reduce.

Fijian Social Services Trust OSCAR - This programme provides supervised care for children aged between 5 and 10 years. The programme is being offered on school days between 3pm and 5pm at the Trust's house in Hillary Crescent. This programme will continue to develop in strength, especially with the future movement into new premises at Roche Avenue, which will provide spacious grounds outside. This is still in the process of negotiation and will be able to be reported on in more detail further on in the year.

Ministry of Social Development funding was declined for this programme due to the size of the facility at 40 Hillary Crescent. This will be remedied with the new Upper Riccarton facility and in the meantime further negotiations will be held with the Ministry.

The Community Board allocated an amount of \$1,500 towards operational costs for the 2002-03 year. The Advocacy Team allocated \$10,000 for operations for the 2002-03 year. \$4,000 of Community Board 2002-03 funding was paid in advance for the 2003-04 year for operational costs.

Wharenui OSCAR - In September 2002, the Affinity Trust took over this programme and have established a stable management structure and built up an efficiently run programme. Wharenui School has a Decile 2 ranking with a high level of transiency and multicultural mix. The importance of this programme was highlighted in recent research on Out of School Programmes completed in 2003, as was also the importance of the Christchurch City Council's role in supporting these programmes.

A total of \$10,000 was provided by the Community Board for operational costs and wages for the 2002-03 period and an additional amount of \$13,000 was provided by the Advocacy Team for operational costs and to subsidise low fees. The Ministry of Social Development provided a grant of \$9,000 for the 2002-03 period, which enabled the budget provided by the council to be reduced.

The Committee **received** the information.

10. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE DELEGATED DECISIONS ON FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Under "Delegated Authority" the Community Advocate had approved the following grants totalling \$1,450, from the Community Initiatives Funds –

Halswell and District Lions Club - \$300 for "Carols at the Quarry" event

Hei Hei Broomfield Community Project - \$450 for Parentwise Course

Community Garden Wheelbarrow - \$300 to purchase garden tools for loan to Hei Hei Broomfield Residents to maintain their properties

Hei Hei Broomfield Community Project - \$400 towards P2 Bus Licence for the Community Development Worker

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 15 of this report.

11. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

This fund is available to provide financial assistance for the personal development of young people aged between 13 and 25 years who reside in the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board area.

In accordance with the decision of the Committee at the November 2003 meeting, the following grants had been approved and were brought before the Committee for endorsement.

Christchurch Children's Holiday Camps Trust, \$530 to send four local children to Holiday Camps

Anthony Stuart, \$250 towards costs associated with representing the Canterbury Under 17 Softball Team in Napier and Wellington and Nelson Under 19 Softball Team in Auckland

Moata Brokenshire, \$320 to cover flight costs to the Office of the Commissioner for Children Children's Rights Symposium in Wellington

The Committee recommendation is listed under clause 15 of this report.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 2003

It was reported that Interest in "Neighbourhood Week" had increased in 2003, with 17 groups applying for funding towards events compared with 9 last year. Various activities such as barbecues, picnics, "talk to a Neighbour Balloon Day", afternoon teas, street party, potato growing competition etc, were held.

\$3,600 had been set aside from the Community Initiatives 2003/2004 funding for "Neighbourhood Week". A total of \$2,898 had been allocated to various Residents Groups, Community Groups and Neighbourhood Support Groups. \$507 was used for catering for the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board get together with Residents Groups (two invited from each of the 17 Residents Groups in the Riccarton/Wigram Wards) held at the Halswell Quarry. The balance of the fund is \$195.

The Committee **received** the information.

13. ONGOING ISSUE

Community Board Submission to Council's Draft 2004 Finance Plan and Programme
- Community Facilities
Quality of Life '03 – in New Zealand's Eight Largest Cities

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday 17 March 2004 – **8.00 am**

15. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board put aside \$10,000 from the 2003/2004 Youth Initiatives Fund to underwrite any shortfall in funding to go towards securing 40 places for youth at the Taiaha Wananga programme throughout 2004.

- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board endorse the following grants made from the Community Initiatives Fund -

Halswell and Districts Lions Club Carols at the Quarry	\$300
Hei Hei Broomfield Community Parentwise Course	\$450
Community Garden Wheelbarrow	\$300
Hei Hei Broomfield Community P2 Bus Licence	\$400

- That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board endorse the following grants made from the Youth Development Scheme -

Christchurch Children's Holiday Camps Trust	\$530
Anthony Stuart	\$250
Moata Brokenshire	\$320

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and that the recommendations contained in clause 15 above be adopted.