

2. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 2005

The following outlines activities and events in relation to Neighbourhood Week 2005.

For Neighbourhood Week 2005 the Community Board allocated \$4,000 to use as a subsidy for people keen to organise a local/street neighbourhood get-together. Information, suggestions of activities, application forms and a competition entry form to win a cruise were sent out to all the neighbourhood support groups, Residents' Groups, Community Groups, previous participants of Neighbourhood Week and those who had rung for an application form. This information along with a letter from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Chair were sent out on 12 September 2005.

Completed applications were required by 3 October 2005. Once the applications had been collated, groups were then advised by letter of the amount of funding they would be receiving, and were instructed to complete and return an enclosed accountability form, and attach the appropriate receipts so that cheques could be issued after the event had taken place. A programme of events was then put together – when, where, approximately how many people and amount requested.

The Community Board Neighbourhood Week Funding was distributed among 25 applicants for 2005, and the majority of groups were funded with the full amount they requested. Funding decisions were made by the Community Board Chairperson, Community Engagement Assistant and Administration Support Officer at Sockburn.

There was a great variety of events for the week including afternoon teas, a hat parade for the Melbourne Cup, BBQ's, a spit roast, mini fairs, treasure hunts and other games.

The feedback that was received both from attendees and co-ordinators, after all the events was very positive. Many comments were made on how great it was to get to know your neighbours and also learn about some of the different cultures in Christchurch.

There was no sponsorship from local business for the 2005 Neighbourhood Week. However some of the small street events did organise their own sponsorship from local businesses for sausages, buns, rolls and sauce etc.

It is an event that the community look forward to each year and enquires for funding have already been received for 2006.

The attached schedule lists the approvals made.