



Christchurch City Council

SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (SCAP) COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY 17 OCTOBER 2005

AT 5.30PM

IN THE BOARDROOM,
SOUTH LIBRARY, SERVICE CENTRE AND LEARNING CENTRE,
66 COLOMBO STREET, CHRISTCHURCH

Committee: Phil Clearwater (Chairman), Oscar Alpers, Bruce Harding, Jan Rogers, Rob Patterson, Doug Shepherd

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CULTURAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Jan Simes, Manager of KiwiHost Canterbury, will be in attendance to discuss the attached letter detailing cultural training workshops and associated costs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

3. COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Attached is information relating to the production of a community directory for 2006/07.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

4. CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST MISSION'S WISE-UP PROGRAMME AT WEST SPREYDON SCHOOL – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services
Officer responsible:	Lesley Symington, Community & Recreation Unit Manager
Author:	Ingrid de Meyer, Community Development Adviser, DDI 941-5102

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information relating to an application for SCAP funding by the Christchurch Methodist Mission's Child and Family Service (Child Wise) to run Wise-up children's after school programme at West Spreydon School. The amount requested for the programme totals \$3,200.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Child Wise is the Christchurch Methodist Mission's community social work service. They offer a range of integrated services for families and children from 0-13 years. These services include Home Link (home-based social service programme), Child Counselling (individual counselling for children aged 3-13 years), Parent Works (home-based programme for parents whose children are in statutory care), Parent Wise (8 week parenting programme), Aratupa the Child Wise pre-school and nursery for children aged 0-6 years, and Wise-up, an 8 week course for children aged 5-12 years.
3. This is the first occasion that Child Wise of the Christchurch Methodist Mission has approached the SCAP Committee for assistance. Funding of \$3,200 has been requested to subsidise the costs of running four Wise-up programmes over the four school terms at West Spreydon School. Wise-up is a life skills programme which is targeted to children "at risk".

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The total cost of running the four programmes is \$8,552 which equates to \$2,138 per programme. The funding requested is \$3,200. The purpose of the funding is to reduce the attendance cost. The applicant group is seeking \$800 per programme which equates to 37% of the total cost. Cost per attendee per session will be \$5.00. This also equates to approximately \$800 per programme. The shortfall will be picked up by Child Wise. No other funding sources are being sought for this programme at West Spreydon School.

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5. Audited accounts for period ending June 30 2004 have been provided. Child Wise operating budget for 2005/06 has also been provided showing operating losses for the 2005/06 period.
6. The following table identifies Council funding received over the past two years. Please note that while the Methodist Mission does receive metropolitan funding from the Council for its operational costs, this specific Child Wise project operates and serves the community within the Spreydon Heathcote area.

Year	Amount	Purpose
2005	\$20,000	Major grant towards operating costs (metro funding)
2004	\$20,000	Major grants towards operating costs (metro funding)
2004	\$ 2,000	Wise-up running costs

BACKGROUND

7. The Methodist Mission has been operating since 1974. Child Wise, the community social work services arm, has been operating since 2000. The aim of Child Wise is to strengthen and enhance the well-being of children, families and communities. They offer a range of integrated services as above for families with children aged from 0-13 years. The Wise-up programme has also been operating since 2000.
8. Wise-up is an 8 week course for children aged 5-12 years, teaching skills for every day life. The programme aims to teach children to maintain self care, self confidence, self respect and self control. Wise-up targets children 'at risk' and teaches the children healthy ways of dealing with difficult situations and issues. Children are referred to the programme. The Wise-up programme also has a mentoring component, children showing leadership skills within the programme are trained and developed as young leaders and can become mentors on the programmes.
9. This application links with the following LTCCP outcomes:
 - A Safe City- the programme covers safety such as basic self defence, safety plans.
 - Inclusive Communities - Wise-up promotes acceptance and inclusion.
 - Healthy and Active People – there are many activities in the programme.
10. West Spreydon School has a roll of approximately 250 children. Other agencies and organisations that provide some assistance to the School are Cross Over Trust and SHARP.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the SCAP Committee agrees to allocate \$2,000 from its 2005/06 Fund to Child Wise of the Methodist Mission, to run four Wise-up programmes at West Spreydon School.

5. WALTHAM COMMUNITY COTTAGE - SALARY FUNDING FOR MAORI SUPPORT WORKER – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services
Officer responsible:	Lesley Symington, Community & Recreation Unit Manager
Author:	Ingrid de Meyer, Community Development Adviser, DDI 941-5102

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information relating to an application for SCAP funding by Te Whare Roopu o Oterepo/Waltham Community Cottage for \$5,265 as a top up towards the salary of the Maori Support Worker.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Waltham Cottage has identified the need for a Maori worker. The SCAP Committee has previously funded a Raranga Workshop (traditional women's weaving course) which was a pilot project to discover the needs of Maori in Waltham. This course was very successful and forms the foundation of this next stage which is to employ the Maori Support Worker for 30 hours per week. This is a new project.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered.
4. Previous funding provided by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board towards Waltham Cottage has included:

Year	Amount	Purpose
2004/05	\$ 1,125.00	Professional development training for two workers
2005/06	\$15,000.00	Salary contribution towards the co-ordinator
2005/06	\$ 1,653.45	Traditional Maori Weaving Course

5. The total cost of the position over a six month period is \$14,040. Waltham Cottage has applied for \$7,800 from WINZ under the ACE scheme for funding to establish the Maori Community Support worker position. This scheme is for a six month period. The Cottage has applied to the SCAP Committee to top up the funding of this position for the six month period. It is currently looking at other long term funding for the position under enterprising communities.
6. Waltham Cottage actively seeks funding from a range of sources for their activities and programmes.
7. Audited accounts for period ending March 2005 have been provided.

BACKGROUND

8. Waltham Cottage is owned by the Christchurch City Council and has been in operation for more than 10 years. As previously noted, Waltham Cottage has in the past employed a Whanau worker to work with Maori in the community, but this position ended in 2003 after Bett Cummings passed away.
9. Waltham Cottage runs a large number of successful activities. In addition to these activities the Cottage undertook some local research and strategic planning in 2004, which highlighted that the Waltham area has one of the highest Maori populations and rates of unemployment in Christchurch (2001 Census).
10. The traditional Maori weaving pilot course was very successful and identified the way forward for other culturally appropriate developmental programmes and courses to run facilitated by the new Maori worker.
11. This project links with the following LTCCP outcomes:
 - A Learning City, a Liveable City, Inclusive Communities, Healthy and Active People, and A Cultural and Fun city.

OPTIONS

12. In relation to the application the SCAP Committee could choose to:
 - (a) Grant \$5,265 to Waltham Cottage for salary purposes for top up funding for the Maori Support Worker.

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- (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested.
- (c) Decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

- 13. This position will have benefits for the Cottage and the Waltham community. The need to employ a Maori Support Worker has been clearly and effectively identified. The women attending the traditional Maori women's weaving course have also identified future opportunities and needs.
- 14. This is a community development initiative and supporting this project directly contributes to the SCAP Committee's aims and objectives and LTCCP outcomes

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the SCAP Committee agree to allocate \$5,265 from its 2005/06 Fund to Waltham Cottage for salary towards the Maori Support Worker position.