

Christchurch City Council

RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2008

AT 5PM

AT SOCKBURN SERVICE CENTRE

IN THE BOARDROOM, 149 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH

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1. APOLOGIES

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT



2.1 Gill Thomson

Gill Thomson is to speak in support of the Halswell Toy Library's Discretionary Funding Application for the Toy Library's Building Project.

2.2 Paul Cossey

Paul Cossey is to speak in support of the Riccarton Baptist Chinese Elders' Club Discretionary Funding Application for equipment and outing costs.

2.3 Reverend Jacqui Stevenson

Reverend Stevenson is to speak in support of the St Columbas' Anglican Church Discretionary Funding Application for van running costs.

3. PETITIONS

4. BRIEFINGS

5. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2008/09 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - CAMERON HORE

General Manager responsible:	Community Services General Manager, DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Services
Author:	Ian Burn Community Development Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2007/08 Youth Development Fund for Cameron Hore to attend the National Deaf Leadership Camp in January 2009.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. Cameron Hore is seeking funding to attend the National Deaf Leadership Camp 'Deafeadership' in January 2009 in Auckland.
- Cameron is profoundly deaf and has previously attended conferences organised by the Deaf Association, and for a year was the editor of the Canterbury Deaf Youth Club's monthly newsletter.
- 4. The recent death of Emma Agnew has spurred him to rethink his priorities and he now wishes to become a more active participant in the Christchurch deaf community. To assist him in this goal he wishes to attend the Deafeadership Camp as he views this as enabling him to gain leadership skills, find out about himself and his identity as a deaf person. He believes the skills he gains will enable him to help other deaf people in Christchurch. He is also interested in helping to educate the non-hearing impaired community.
- 5. Cameron and his family have lived in Christchurch since 1999.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2008:

Activity/Competition	Cost	Amount sought from Board
Airfare	\$450	Not specified
Registration Fees	\$200	Not specified
Other expenses	\$50	Not specified
Total Cost (excl airfare already paid)	\$700	\$500

7. Staff are recommending that the Board contribute \$350 towards these costs.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

87. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal issues to be considered.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

10. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

11. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Yes, in alignment with the Christchurch Community Outcomes, notably A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities and A City of Lifelong Learning, and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objective 8a in regards to supporting young people.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approve \$350 from the Board's 2008/09 Youth Development Scheme as a contribution towards the costs for Cameron Hore to attend the 2009 Deafeadership Camp in Auckland.

6. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2008/09 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – SAMANTHA NICHOLSON

General Manager responsible:	Community Services General Manager, DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Services
Author:	Ian Burn, Community Development Advisor

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2008/09 Youth Development Fund for Samantha Nicholson, to attend the International Ballroom/Latin dance competitions in Melbourne on 9 December 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Samantha and her partner are the current NZ Junior Latin Dance Champions. Attendance at this event will further expose them to international competition and further their development as dancers.
- 3. Samantha has been involved in dancing since she was eight years old. In the short term she would like to continue dancing at events in Christchurch and also inspire others to take up this, or other sporting activities. In the longer term, she would like to go to Australia to train, compete, and represent New Zealand Dancesport. From there she would like to teach Latin American dance.
- 4. Samantha and her family have lived in Christchurch for 20 years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2007:

Activity/Competition	Cost	Amount sought from Board
Airfares	\$500	
Accommodation	\$500	
Food	\$200	
Total Cost	\$1,200	\$500

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

6. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

8. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

9. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

10. Yes, in alignment with the Strengthening Communities Strategy Goal 6, and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objective 8a regarding supporting young people.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approve \$500 from the Board's 2008/09 Youth Development Scheme as a contribution towards the costs for Samantha Nicholson to attend the 2008 International Ballroom/Latin Dance Competition in Melbourne.

7. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2008/09 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JORDAN RUSSELL

General Manager responsible:	Community Services General Manager, DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Services
Author:	Ian Burn, Community Development Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2008/09 Youth Development Fund for Jordan Scott Russell. Funding is required for the costs associated with the preparations and attendance at the Australian Gymnastics Club Championships 2008, as part of the NZ High Performance Men's Artistic Gymnastics Squad. The Championships are to be held in December 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Jordan currently trains 22 hours a week at the Christchurch School of Gymnastics at QEII Stadium. He has represented Canterbury for the last four years and will trial for the New Zealand team in June 2009. He was the National Champion (level 6) in 2007 and has won numerous regional titles.
- 3. Jordan's attendance at the Australian Gymnastics Club Championships is important for his ongoing personal and athletic development. It will expose him to international competition and benchmark his position in Australasia.
- 4. Jordan's longer term aim is to attend the Commonwealth Games, and the World Youth Games in 2010.
- 5. Jordan's family has been in Christchurch since 1982.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2007:

Activity/Competition	Cost	Amount sought from Board
Competition fees	\$199	
Training fee	\$400	
Gymnastic Society NZ Fees	\$112	
Attendance at NZ Nationals (Hamilton)	\$1,000	
Canberra Airfares	\$420	
On-ground costs	\$560	
Total Cost	\$2,691	Not stated

7. Jordan and his family have been involved in fundraising for the team that is attending these championships, by running sausage sizzles, selling lamingtons, and raffles. The fundraising will provide \$200 for each team member.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

8. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal issues to be considered.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

10. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

11. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Yes, in alignment with the Strengthening Communities Strategy Goal 6, and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objective 8a.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve \$500 from the Board's 2008/09 Youth Development Scheme as a contribution towards the costs for Jordan Russell to attend the 2008 Australian Gymnastics Club Competition.

8. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2008/09 DISCRETIONARY FUND – HALSWELL TOY LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT

General Manager responsible:	Community Services General Manager, DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Services
Author:	Ian Burn, Community Development Advisor

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board for funding from the Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Fund for the Halswell Toy Library Incorporated's Building project.
- 2. At the time of writing this report the Riccarton Wigram Community Board 2008/09 Discretionary Fund unallocated balance was \$20,392. If the Board approves all funding applications presented at this Committee meeting an unallocated balance of \$10,592 will be remaining.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3. Halswell Toy Library Inc. (HTL) has been established:
 - To provide safe developmentally appropriate toys to local pre-schoolers.
 - To encourage children to actively participate in encouraging their children through play and the provision of a wide variety of educational and purposeful toys.
 - To enable access to toys that stimulate different areas of growth and development and are not readily available., affordable and practical for families to purchase.
 - To provide a community focussed centre that actively encourages participation with a group of local parents of pre-schoolers.
- 4. HTL is currently facing issues of considerable overcrowding of its space including 'toys being stored haphazardly wherever they will fit, slow service due to a lot of people in a small space, needing to 'squash in' to return and issue toys, not being aware of available toys as not able to fully view toys, and being reluctant to come due to the unattractiveness of the environment.' These issues have been identified through regular surveys of members and through members resigning for these reasons.
- 5. In response to this HTL has decided to cap the number of member families at 150 and to keep a waiting list, in order to maintain their quality of service. They foresee that there will be increased demand for the services of the toy library as population grows in the area. This growth is predominantly expected in the greater Halswell and Wigram areas, as outlined in the South West Area Plan.
- 6. HTL's solution to the problem of limited space is to expand the size of the building from 54 sq metres to 123 sq metres, and source additional toys to meet the needs of an increased number of families. Within the additional area they intend to provide a storage area for broken toys, paperwork, heaters not being used, outdoor toys in winter etc. The environment will also be improved, external murals and signage will clearly identify the library, and the interior will become more child-focussed, friendly and inviting. This will enable HTL to expand the number of families it can serve to 340 and to fulfil its objectives of raising its profile, engaging a much larger section of the population in their service, and making the library a community focal point.
- 7. HTL estimates that through the completion of this project, the numbers benefiting will be able to be increased to 340 families (a total of 1,360 people). Of these, 90 percent, (or 1,224) will live within the Riccarton Wigram ward, ie 1,224 people represent 2 percent of the population in the ward.
- 8. Halswell/Westmoreland receives relatively less funding proportionately from the Board than other parts of the ward. Approximately 12.1 percent of the Boards funding in the current financial year has been allocated to this area. The area's population is 22.2 percent of the Ward's total.

9. People in this area will also have needs other than for a toy library. An argument can be made however that providing toys to children to foster their development at such a key age, is a good investment in that it can lay a foundation for learning and positive behaviour, that will benefit both them and society through their lifespan. Similar arguments could however also be made for other projects that support children at this age.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. At the time of writing this report the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board has an unallocated balance of \$20,392 remaining in the Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Fund.

The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2008/09

Item	Cost	Amount Requested
Building	\$63,268.00	\$35,907.50
Mural	\$13,575.00	
Toy Storage	\$3,620.00	
Toys	\$15,000.00	
Office Equipment	\$1,392.00	
Children's Play Area	\$1,478.40	
Interior Fitout	\$11,077.15	
Garden	\$10,000.00	
Top Display Shelving	\$10,146.45	
Total Cost	\$129,557.00	\$35,907.50

HTL currently have \$15,000 for this project. They are seeking \$71,500 from other funders, and have \$1,000 in sponsorship. They are also intending to raise \$6,150 through a raffle, disco, quiz, hat, woolly lamb figure and lolly sales, a craft stall, and a charity auction.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

11. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

12. Yes, there are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

13. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Discretionary Fund.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Yes, in alignment with the Strengthening Community Strategy, Goal 8. Improve Basic Life Skills So That All Residents Can Participate Fully In Society.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee recommend to the Board that \$5,000 be allocated from the Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Fund to the Halswell Toy Library as a contribution towards the Halswell Toy Library Incorporated Building Project.

9. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2008/09 DISCRETIONARY FUND - RICCARTON BAPTIST CHINESE ELDERS' CLUB

General Manager responsible:	Community Support Unit General Manager, DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Support
Author:	Ian Burn, Community Development Advisor

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board for funding from the Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Fund for a contribution towards equipment and outing costs for the Riccarton Baptist Chinese Elders' Club.
- At the time of writing this report the Riccarton Wigram Community Board 2008/09 Discretionary
 Fund unallocated balance was \$20,392. If the Board approves all funding applications
 presented at this Committee meeting an unallocated balance of \$10,592 will be remaining.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Riccarton is home to a large number of Asian immigrants with a large proportion coming from mainland China. Many of the older Chinese immigrants face considerable isolation as a result of lack of English, lack of work opportunities, income, and transport.
- 4. The Riccarton Baptist Chinese Elders Club (RBCEG) provides a friendly and familiar environment, recreational and practical help and support, games, food, dancing, conversation, singing, dancing and learning about life in New Zealand. Thirty adults attend the group on a regular basis.
- 5. RBCEG is distinct from the other major group working with Chinese immigrants in this area, the Rewi Alley Centre. RBCEG is a grass roots initiative by people in the Riccarton area. It is also specifically focussed on the needs of people aged 65 plus. Many of the people in the group do not have support of the younger members of their families, as they do not live in the same place.
- 6. RBCEG is seeking funding to purchase equipment to assist in the social activities of the group. This includes a table tennis table and equipment, Mah Jong and chess sets, cards, a CD player, including DVDs and CDs.
- 7. RBCEG is also seeking funding for trips to Akaroa, and to Orana Park.
- 8. The Riccarton Wigram Ward has a Chinese community of 4,729. This constitutes 7.9 percent of the population. As a proportion of the Board's available funding for the year this would equate to \$33,575. The Board currently supports this community indirectly through funding services that work with some members of this community. These services including Wharenui School's Chinese language classes (Board funding \$2,302), Community Development Network Trust's work with young people (\$16,819). Every Nation Church's Goldrush Youth Programme (\$2,000), Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust (\$3,000 and \$20,000 from metropolitan funding) and the Methodist Creative Leisure club (\$1,000). In all these instances the large majority of the recipients of this support are non-Chinese. The Council also funds Rewi Alley Recreation and Cultural Centre \$70,000 to work directly with the Chinese community across the whole city. \$5,000 of Rewi Alley's funding is specifically allocated for older people. On balance it is considered that in relation to services specifically for Chinese people that this community receives less than their population proportion in this ward.
- 9. This group is considered to be a particularly isolated group within the Riccarton/Wigram ward which would benefit from the services provided by RBCEG.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2008/09

Item	Cost	Amount Requested
Table Tennis Table and equipment	\$500	\$500
Games activities equipment eg. Mah Jong, chess, cards	\$150	\$150
CD Player	\$100	\$100
DVDs/CD	\$50	\$50
Akaroa Bus trip	\$570	\$500
Orana Park, Bus and Entry costs	\$700	\$500
Total Cost	\$2,070	\$1,800

11. A charge will be made for people going on the bus trips to Akaroa and Orana Park.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

12. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

13. Yes, there are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

14. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Discretionary Fund.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. Yes, in alignment with the Strengthening Community Strategy, Goal 6. Increase Participation In Community Recreation and Sport Programmes And Events. They are also in alignment with the principles in this strategy of welcoming diversity and supporting participation.

It also addresses the need identified in the Boards Social Matrix 'Lack of relationships with Ethnic groups in Riccarton/Wigram.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee recommend to the Board that \$1,800 be allocated from the Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Fund as a contribution towards the costs of equipment and outing costs for the Riccarton Baptist Chinese Elders' Club.

10. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2008/09 DISCRETIONARY FUND - ST COLUMBA'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

General Manager responsible:	Community Support Unit General Manager, DDI 941-8879	
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Support	
Author:	Ian Burn, Community Development Advisor	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board for funding from the Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Fund for a contribution towards the costs of a van for St Columba's Anglican Church Hornby.
- At the time of writing this report the Riccarton Wigram Community Board 2008/09 Discretionary
 Fund unallocated balance was \$20,392. If the Board approves all funding applications
 presented at this Committee meeting an unallocated balance of \$10,592 will be remaining.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3. St Columba's is a well established provider of social services in the Hornby area. They are seeking a contribution towards the cost of a van to assist with the services. In particular, they see the van being of assistance with their delivering food to low income households as an agent for 0800 Hungry Foodbank (6 clients a week), assisting with transport for Intellectually Disabled Ministry (7 people), for outings for their Youth ministry (15), and their Elders group Time 4 You (25).
- 4. Approximately 40 percent of the people attending these groups come from the decile 7 and 8 areas in North Hornby.
- 5. St Columba's have also sought \$9,500 towards the costs of running and maintaining their vehicle from a funding scheme run by AXA Insurance. They have also raised \$500 through other means to date.
- 6. It should be noted that approving funds for this purpose would likely set a precedent which may result in other groups similarly seeking funds for vehicle related costs.
- 7. This is the second of two applications that have come to the Board recently for van related costs. Should all of these applications be approved for their full amount this may be an excessive investment in such costs relative to other needs in the community.
- 8. Consequently staff are recommending that a reduced amount of \$3,000 be approved for this purpose rather than the full amount of \$5,000 requested.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2008/09

Item	Cost	Amount
		Requested
Van	\$15,000	\$5,000
Total Cost	\$15,000	\$5,000

St Columba's have raised \$2,006 towards these costs and are seeking an additional \$9,500 from AXA Insurance. They have indicated that should they be successful in all of these requests they will return any excess funding from the Council to the Council.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

10. Yes, see page 172 regarding the Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

12. Yes see page 172, regarding the Discretionary Fund.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes, this application aligns with the Council Outcomes: A City of Recreation, Fun and Creativity

It also aligns with the Community Grant Outcomes:

- Reduce or overcome barriers to participation
- Increase participation in community and recreation programmes.

Similarly it aligns with the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives:

- There is greater acknowledgement at both local and central government level of issues faced by elderly in the R/W area support agencies with a focus on the elderly.
- Contribution to increased social well-being in R/W area.
- Greater R/W community awareness of, and access to, affordable community recreation and support programmes - support initiatives that target those living in areas of high deprivation.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee recommend to the Board that \$3,000 from be allocated from the Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Fund as a contribution towards the cost of a van for St Columba's Anglican Church, Hornby.

11. ELECTED MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE