

LIMURRU NEIGHBOURHOOD PARENT & CHILDREN'S CENTRE

BACKGROUND:

This programme is one of a number of community services provided by the Brotherhood of St Laurence, and is managed by the Brotherhood's Director of Community Services. The programme has been developed as a result of a review of the Brotherhood's Children's Services late in 1981. It has resulted in a change in function from Limurru Cottage being a day-care centre to a multi-function, neighbourhood parent and children's centre.

OUTLINE OF OBJECTIVES: It is proposed that the programme will-

- i) provide full day care, occasional care, emergency day care and linkage with emergency, overnight care for families within close proximity of Limurru House;
- ii) strengthen community networks, support and linkages of families who might choose to use the Centre;
- iii) provide a structure which will allow parents to share their child rearing responsibilities, and to care for their children collectively;
- iv) develop the Centre as a focal point for providing information about local activities and services, a link with other relevant agencies and their programmes, and a venue for meetings and activities relevant to the families using the Centre;
- v) develop a number of programmes as well as child care around matters relevant to the strengthening of families, such as nutrition education, women's health, safety and first aid, and educational activities;
- vi) develop a structure which enhances the role and contribution of parents to the operation of the Centre, and to enhance the capacity of parents to manage the house.

LOCATION:

The programme is based at Limurru Cottage, 134 Napier Street, Fitzroy, with regular use being made of available space at the Uniting Church Hall in Napier Street, Fitzroy.

STAFFING:

The programme is staffed by a Co-ordinator, Administrative Support Worker, and 5 other Centre Workers.

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