submission form CHC City Council

Your Submission

You may use this form for your submission if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please follow the guidelines for preparing submissions on the previous page.

Name Janet Begg

Address 9 Hope St, Shirley, Christchurch

Contact Telephone 3855 114

Email (if applicable) —

Signature Janet Begg

Please tick which applies:

☐ I ~~do NOT~~ wish to make a personal ~~submission~~ at the hearing, and ~~ask that this written submission be~~ considered.

☑ I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Tuesday 7 June and Friday 10 June 2005.

Subjects

Christchurch City Libraries
Coach + Longhaul Shuttle bus station
Canterbury Museum
Local Public Passenger Transport - Buses and bus shelters

Christchurch Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park

Please continue your submission on the back of this page. You may add more pages if you wish.
Submissions close on Friday 13 May 2005

13 May 2005 filename:CCCAP06.WPT on G

SUBMISSION ON THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL PLAN 2005 - 2006.

from: Janet Begg. phone 3855 114
9 Hope St, Shirley, Christchurch.

Yes. I do wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings between 7 & 10 June 05.

1 Subjects:

Christchurch City Libraries.
Longhaul coach & shuttle Bus Station.
Canterbury Museum
Christchurch Botanic Gardens & Hagley Park
Christchurch Passenger Transport. On the buses.

.....

CHRISTCHURCH CITY LIBRARIES.

2 My heartfelt thanks to Sue Sutherland, our previous Libraries and Information Manager, for the brilliant work she did in rationalising the library hours of operation. Her report of 9 February 2004 resulted in a more uniform and logical approach to hours of operation throughout all the city libraries.
The Christchurch libraries management and staff are so good to us.

3 I especially appreciate Sue Sutherland listening to our requests - from the Golf Links Residents Association and from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board - and looking at it all from a metropolitan perspective.
Thanks to Sue and thanks to city councillors for implementing Sue Sutherland's proposal as from 28 February 2005.
Libraries are a real lifeline.

.....

COACH & LONGHAUL SHUTTLE BUS STATION.

4 Mike Yardley wrote "Long haul bus, coach and shuttle passengers are treated with contempt in Christchurch." see Christchurch Star, Friday 15 April 2005, page A2.

5 As a public transport passenger, I agree with Mike.

6 Please could the Christchurch City Council start a participatory consultation process (Talk, Hui,) with the shuttle and coach service operators and the public to find a good, commercial solution - rather like the successful Christchurch Airport operation which council owns and runs so effectively.

.....

6.3 Seven-year forecast - capital

	Actual 2003/04	Budget 2004/05	Budget 2005/06	Budget 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	Budget 2009/10	Budget 2010/11	Budget 2011/12
Income - Revitalisation Project									
Capital grants - Christchurch City Council	532,500	732,500	1,565,833	1,565,833	1,033,333	-	-	-	-
Capital levy - local government *	1,264,406	305,773	305,773	305,773	305,773	-	-	-	-
Capital grants - central government	1,777,778	2,222,222	2,222,222	2,444,444	2,444,445	-	-	-	-
Capital fundraising by the Museum	-	175,000	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,677,891	-	-
	3,574,684	3,435,495	4,093,829	6,316,051	5,783,552	2,000,000	2,677,891	-	-
Income - other									
Funded depreciation	940,969	978,179	1,027,088	1,078,443	1,132,365	1,460,674	1,497,191	1,534,621	1,572,986
	940,969	978,179	1,027,088	1,078,443	1,132,365	1,460,674	1,497,191	1,534,621	1,572,986
Total income	**4,515,653**	**4,413,675**	**5,120,917**	**7,394,493**	**6,915,917**	**3,460,674**	**4,175,082**	**1,534,621**	**1,572,986**
Expenditure - Revitalisation Project									
Collections storage upgrade	839,685	66,220		-	-	-	-	-	-
Revitalisation project works	854,295	499,800	1,247,000	16,984,000	10,269,000	2,323,000	-	-	-
	1,693,980	566,020	1,247,000	16,984,000	10,269,000	2,323,000	-	-	-
Expenditure - other									
Capital expenditure	522,358	400,000	450,000	700,000	1,100,000	800,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
Asset replacement / gallery redevelopment reserve	418,611	578,179	577,088	378,443	32,365	660,674	597,191	634,621	672,986
	940,969	978,179	1,027,088	1,078,443	1,132,365	1,460,674	1,497,191	1,534,621	1,572,986
Total expenditure	**2,634,949**	**1,544,199**	**2,274,088**	**18,062,443**	**11,401,365**	**3,783,674**	**1,497,191**	**1,534,621**	**1,572,986**
Surplus/(deficit)	**1,880,704**	**2,869,475**	**2,846,829**	**(10,667,949)**	**(4,485,448)**	**(323,000)**	**2,677,891**	**-**	**-**

* Capital levy - local government
The Capital Levy has been apportioned over a five-year payment period by some contributing local authorities; details are provided in sections 6.1 and 6.4

Canterbury Museum Trust Board Draft Annual Plan 2005-2006

6.4 Operations and capital levies

Operations levy for 2005/06
by population and distance factor

Local Authority	Population † % of total	Population † No.	Differential	Product	% of Total products	Levy amount due under Sec 15	Ex-gratia loan funding	Ex-gratia additional funding	TOTAL	Instalment amount
Christchurch City	0.79	344,100	1.00	79.13	89.76	3,763,595	159,338	515,887	4,438,820	1,479,607
Banks Peninsula District	0.02	8,300	0.45	0.86	0.97	40,852	1,730	0	42,581	14,194
Hurunui District	0.02	10,650	0.30	0.73	0.83	34,945	1,479	0	36,425	12,142
Selwyn District	0.07	30,800	0.45	3.19	3.62	151,594	6,418	0	158,012	52,671
Waimakariri District	0.09	41,000	0.45	4.24	4.81	201,797	8,543	0	210,340	70,113
	1.00	434,850	2.65	88.15	100.00	4,192,783	177,508	515,887	4,886,178	1,628,726

† The population numbers used are the estimated resident populations as at 30 June 2004, as provided by Statistics New Zealand.

Capital levy payments for Revitalisation Project
by population and distance factor

Local Authority	Population * % of total	Population * No.	Differential	Product	% of Total products	Grant funded by Christchurch City Council **	Levy funded by all Local Authorities ††	Total funded by Local Authorities	Paid prior to 01 July 05	Outstanding grant 05/06	Outstanding grant 06/07-07/08	Outstanding capital levy 05/06	Outstanding capital levy 06/07-07/08	Outstanding interest on 5yr payment option
Christchurch City	0.79	332,100	1.00	79.33	89.88	8,012,500	1,424,649	9,437,149	4,417,360	1,565,833	2,599,167	284,930	569,859	156,254
Banks Peninsula District	0.02	8,150	0.45	0.88	0.99		104,218	104,218	41,687			20,844	41,687	11,431
Hurunui District	0.02	10,300	0.30	0.74	0.84		87,807	87,807	87,807					
Selwyn District	0.07	29,200	0.45	3.14	3.56		373,394	373,394	373,394					
Waimakariri District	0.09	38,900	0.45	4.18	4.74		497,432	497,432	497,432					
	1.00	418,650	2.65	88.26	100.00	8,012,500	2,487,500	10,500,000	5,417,681	1,565,833	2,599,167	305,773	611,547	167,685

* The population numbers used are the estimated resident populations as at 30 June 2002, as provided by Statistics New Zealand.

** The schedule for payment of the $8,012,500 is shown in Section 6.3

†† Outstanding capital levies funded by all the local authorities will be invoiced on 1 September, 1 December and 1 March of the financial years in which they fall due.

CANTERBURY MUSEUM.

7 After searching through the city council's draft Annual Plan 2005-06 , I cannot find details about levies & grants to the museum. So, I've resorted to the Christchurch City Council Agenda for its full council meeting 21 April 2005, which I attended.
In that agenda, pages 67 to 87, is the Canterbury Museum Draft Plan 2005-06.
The City Council adopted that annual plan.

8 I'm concerned about the large amounts of grants and levies for the museum revitalisation project .
(Refer attached photocopy of Chch City Council agenda pp85,86)

9 page 85. Capital grants - from CHCH City Council Budget 2005/06 $1,565,833

10 and on page 86 - 3 amounts under Capital levy payments which Bob Lineham explained to Councillors are for the Revitalisation project -
Christchurch City funded Grant $8,012,500
Christchurch City funded Levy $1,424,649
That's $9,437,149, apart from the Operations levy $4.4m

11 Surely the Christchurch City Council should not be handing over the monies until the museum revitalisation project is fully resolved?
For right now the commissioners' decision on the museum's RMA consent applications 20013999 & 20017191 is being appealed in the Environment Court.
Then the High court may be involved.

12 Surely the Christchurch City Council's ratepayers are right to expect our council to hold all those grants until the Museum Trust Board is legally able to proceed.

13 Please state clearly where these monies are held in the meantime.

14 Last year, in reply to my submission on the Christchurch City Council's Long Term Council Community Plan, Bob Lineham, Director of Strategic Investments commented, in Volume 7 for submission hearings Wednesday 9 June 2004 on page 150:
"It would be considerably more costly to operate the Museum out of two separate sites and the project is now too far advanced to be considering such alternatives."

15 But to quote the RMA hearings commissioners, David Collins and Bill Rainey QC in their decision on page 97, paragraph 415 -
"Peter Beaven's detailed alternative proposal involving a second site demonstrated however that the applicant's (the Museum Board's) proposal may not necessarily be the most efficient use and development of resources."

16 Last year, when I spoke to my annual plan submission I asked - Where is the public forum for the Canterbury Museum? Where is the forum in which the public could be informed of proposals and the reasons for them - before the decisions are set in concrete?
The public forums should allow plenty of time for dialogue between the proposers and the residents.

17 The Canterbury Museum Trust Board is a local body and the Local Government Act requires local bodies to consult.

18 I also believe that the four members appointed by the Christchurch City Council to the Canterbury Museum Trust Board are representatives of the major contributing local authority.
As such, surely their first obligation is to the ratpayers of Christchurch and then, secondly to the Canterbury Museum?
What is the legal situation, please?

19 One can expect costs associated with the Revitalisation Project to escalate. It is happening with the ocean outfall pipeline and the much needed new Civic building.

.....

LOCAL PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT.

20 Our bus services just keep getting better during the weekday. The green Orbiter is really a great innovation.
The orange MetroStar route is very useful.
The buses to & from the Bus Xchange are pretty good.
And it's such a relief to have a warm central bus station where we can be safe while waiting sometimes for nearly an hour at nighttime for our next bus.

21 I do look forward to the day when most bus route timetables will be the same every day of the week - no more Saturday and Sunday reduced services, please.

22 Bus Shelters. page 73, Annual Plan.

23 Keep on installing new bus shelters plese.
Will the Annual Plan bus shelter targets be met?

350 citywide by June 2005

500 citywide by June 2006

.....

CHRISTCHURCH BOTANIC GARDENS AND HAGLEY PARK.

24 Congratulations to the Greenspace Unit for the work to date on the Hagley Park/ Botanic Gardens Consultation - about how these extra special reserves should be managed and upgraded.

25 Wouldn't it be wonderful if that same process of consultation could be used by the Canterbury Museum!

26 Two staff members have been especially co-operative regarding this consultation: Derek Roozen of the Planning & Investigation Team in the Greenspace Unit and Jeremy Hawker, Botanical Services Operations Team Manager in the Botanic Gardens. I'm very grateful to them both.

27 However, over and above management of the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park looms the vital question of GOOD GOVERNANCE.

28 Whilst these two reserves continue to be governed by the Christchurch City Council's Parks Department, or The Parks Unit, or the Parks and Waterways Unit, or the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Unit or the current Greenspace Unit in Tuam Street, there is No Body and nobody to provide protection for these treasures.

29 Hagley Park and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens need a STATUTORY BOARD to provide good governance and to protect them in court against invaders.

30 Little by little, parcels of precious reserves land have been whittled away :
Christ's College
Canterbury Museum
Robert McDougall Art Gallery land . 1925 Act.
Christchurch Public Hospital.
The Nurses New Home. 1928 Act.

31 And yet the very governing body will not allow the Botanic Gardens to make any legal moves to protect itself. This is so unjust.

32 While the Museum and the District Health Board gain the long term use of land within the Botanic Gardens or Hagley Park, we the real owners, the people of Christchurch are hapless and helpless against the invaders and the bureaucrats.

33 Even long term "temporary easements" applications are heard by the city council which favours the museum over the Botanic Gardens all the time.

34 One landscape architect in City Solutions of Council says "It's give and take."
Yeah. Right. The invaders take and the Botanic Gardens give in - every time.
For too long the Botanic Gardens have been Cinderella by comparison with the museum and the art gallery.

35 We need to provide a strong statutory board to govern and protect our precious taonga.

Thank you.

Janet Begg