

16. **REPORT OF WORKS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**
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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration the committee report and accompanying recommendations as follows:

Report of a meeting of the Works and Traffic Committee held on Monday 11 February 2002, at 4.30pm on site at Muritai Terrace.

Present: David Cox (Chairman, Bob Todd, Rod Cameron.

Apologies: John Freeman, Erin Baker, Linda Rutland

In Attendance: Yani Johanson, Brendan Smith

MURITAI TERRACE FOOTPATH

The Board, at its meeting on 30 January **resolved** to refer the report relating to whether or not a footpath should be constructed on Muritai Terrace to the Works and Traffic committee and asked the committee to meet with the residents of Muritai Terrace and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

The Committee was assisted in its considerations by Lorraine Wilmshurst (Area Engineer) and Chris Collins (Project Manager, City Streets).

Board members toured the street to the end of the legal road to gain an appreciation of the issues and then met with residents to hear their views.

Officials indicated the practical difficulties and the potential impact on aesthetics of the vegetation if a footpath was constructed on the southern side of Muritai Terrace. The bank would have to be cut into and retained and a footpath could only go as far as number eight as it would impact adversely on residents' driveways.

Those present understood the officer's reasons for a curtailment of a footpath on the northern side at the limit of the left-hand fence outside No 15. Some distance from No 11 there would be some room for a footpath to the intersection with Major Hornbrook Road.

At present there is limited definition in Muritai Terrace at its intersection with Major Hornbrook Road. Kerb and channel could be installed to give some definition at the entrance. This is a safety issue. It may also be possible to then paint a white line along part of the rest of the street on the northern side to give some further definition of a pedestrian walkway. This could allow drive-over access and parking outside properties clear of a reasonable pedestrian walkway. This is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000. The cost in the budget for a footpath was \$40,000. In the report to the Board on 30 January comment was made on a proposal to install a footpath for part of the street. The report stated "subject to successful consultation, this could be funded from existing budgets."

Owners/occupiers from 14 of the 22 residences were at the meeting including one from Major Hornbrook Road. The key issues identified were:

- Safety at the entrance from Major Hornbrook Road to Muritai Terrace (it is difficult for cars turning into Muritai Terrace to see pedestrians. Cars are often parked close to the entrance on Muritai Terrace which also inhibits the view.
- landscaping and maintenance of the vegetation on the south side of Muritai Terrace to number 8 and maintaining the existing grass areas on the north side.

It was also noted that a footpath down the length of the street on the south side or north would remove some of the limited parking spaces available.

Residents at the meeting voted, in the majority, for consideration of a footpath on the southside of Muritai Terrace. Residents were informed of the difficulties, by Council staff of placing a footpath on the southside.

The Chairman indicated that what may be possible was to tidy up the landscaping on the southside of Muritai Terrace, and address the “entrance” problem with a small section of kerb and channel at the junction of Muritai Terrace and Major Hornbrook Road to allow pedestrians to get into the street safely and a painted white line for the remainder of the road to give some definition.

- Recommendations:**
1. That kerb and channel be constructed on the northside of Muritai Terrace from the intersection with Major Hornbrook Road for approximately 15 metres and then a white line painted for a width of 1.5 metres to give definition for the length of Muritai Terrace in public ownership.
 2. That the vegetation be upgraded and maintained on the southside of Muritai Terrace.
 3. That the funding for this come from existing budgets.

Chairman’s Recommendation: That the recommendations be adopted.