

8. YALDHURST RURAL ROADS – USE BY BOY RACERS

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At the Board meeting on 30 April, a number of residents from the Yaldhurst area attended in support of their concerns at present activities occurring with boy racers in the area.

The Board **decided**:

1. That by way of a deputation, the Board along with the Chairs of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities and Community and Leisure Committees and the Mayor bring the issues of concern raised by the local residents along with possible solutions, to the attention of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.
2. That the Board arrange an urgent meeting with the Police District Commander, the Regional Manager of the Land Transport Safety Authority and residents' representatives to seek additional police resources to address the ongoing law and order issues occurring on the rural roads in the Yaldhurst area.

It is now timely to report on each of these, and also on the more recent major development on this matter.

1. **Deputation to Council Committee**

In making arrangements for the Board's deputation it was advised that the Community and Leisure Committee actually held the responsibility for "behaviour/misbehaviour in public places" and a request for speaking rights was sought, and approved, for that Committee's meeting on 6 May.

The Board's representatives were well received and there was wide ranging discussions on the issue. The Committee Chairman (Cr Condan) agreed to take the matter up with the Chairman of the STU Committee (Cr. O'Rourke) and relevant officer to consider whether any more measures were available to deal with the matter on a city wide basis.

2. **Meeting with Police, etc.**

After initial arrangements to meet with the Police District Commander had been made, the matter was delegated to the Papanui Area Commander (Inspector Graeme Cairns). Representatives from the Papanui and Hornby Police districts were in attendance with representatives of residents of Yaldhurst.

A full discussion ensued on the Police and resident activity over recent weeks, and it was agreed to maintain communication between the Police and the residents over the next few weeks ahead.

The meeting was held on Wednesday 15 May, the day after the announcement of the admission of the (Clayton Cosgrove) Private Bill to the House. All attendees agreed that this was a most useful, and timely, outcome.

3. **Private Bill**

The Land Transport (Street and Illegal Drag Racing) Amendment Bill was introduced to the House on 14 May and has now been referred to the Law and Order Select Committee. The closing date for submissions is 5.00pm on Friday 7 June.

The aim of the Bill is to combat the problem of illegal street and drag racing and the practice of performing wheel spins and other dangerous stunts on public roads. This Bill amends the Land Transport Act 1998 to:

- empower the Police to impound, at the roadside, vehicles involved in these activities
- create new offences specifically relating to these activities

- provide for persons convicted of these offences to be subject to a range of penalties, including in certain cases confiscation of the vehicle involved.

It would now seem appropriate that the Board lend its support to the Bill.

It is understood that the Legislation Sub-Committee, on behalf of the Council, will be preparing a Council submission on the Bill. In anticipation of this, a **proforma submission** to the Sub-Committee, urging the Council's strong support of the Bill, has already been forwarded to the Legal Services Manager. Confirmation of the Board's support will be required on 4 June.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the action taken to forward the proforma submission to the Council's Legislation Sub-Committee, expressing the Board's strong support for the Bill be confirmed.

Deputy Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendations be adopted.