

13. BURWOOD/PEGASUS LEISURE, PARKS AND WATERWAYS AREA STUDY

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The purpose of this report is to present a detailed implementation plan to the Board from the Burwood Pegasus Leisure Parks and Waterways Area study.

CONTEXT

The Area Study was presented to Board members at a seminar on 1 May 2002. At the 13 May 2002 meeting, the Board appointed members to join a staff/Community Board working party to report back on priorities and a detailed implementation plan.

The working party, attended by Board members Glenda Burt and Carmen Hammond and staff from both the Parks and Waterways Unit and the Leisure Unit, met three times to prepare the implementation plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A detailed plan has been prepared by the working party to implement the recommendations of the Leisure, Parks and Waterways study. Most of the recommendations can be implemented within existing budgets and programmes. A few key projects that have been identified as important, currently lack funding.

RELEVANT CURRENT POLICY

Council policies to be considered in the implementation of the study include:

- Recreation and Sport Policy
- Arts and Culture Policy
- Children's Policy and Strategy
- Community Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Environmental Design – Park Design and Management Plans
- Festivals and Events Policy
- Older Persons Policy
- Out of School Programmes Policy
- Parks and Waterways Access Policy
- Social Wellbeing Policy
- Youth Policy and Strategy
- Policy on Equity and Access for People with Disabilities
- Waterways and Wetlands Asset Management Strategy.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Additional Information

Additional relevant information that has become available since the study was completed was identified by the working party to be added to the study for consideration and is listed below:

- Report on the Parklands Youth Consultation Process, January – March 2002
- Dallington Community Cottage replacement
- Waterways and Wetlands Draft Design Guide
- Draft Planting Strategy
- Skateboarding consultation results from Solstice Swim and Skate event 2002
- Programme evaluations from QEII
- 2002 Annual Residents Survey results
- Burwood Pegasus Community Board Strategic Objectives 2002/03
- 2001 census data.

It was noted that the recommendations of the study align well with the Board's objectives. Results of the study are also reflective of the Annual Residents Survey results and are influencing development of the Citywide Planting Strategy.

Analysis of the latest census data is still being undertaken. Implications of the demographics on Leisure, Parks and Waterways provision are summarised in the attached table.

(b) **Current Provision, Gaps and Priorities**

The working party examined current capital works programmes and recreation provision to investigate the opportunities within existing budgets to implement the recommendations of the study. Current provision and plans are well on track to meet many of the recommendations of the study. However, some of the projects could be approached in a slightly different way from the traditional approach in order to achieve the desired outcomes.

(c) **Implementation Plan**

Comments from the working party and a detailed implementation plan have been circulated separately. It is intended to report on the plan biannually to check progress on the identified actions.

NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT

#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
The Natural Step			
N1	Reduce non-renewable resource use	0	
N2	Eliminate emission of harmful substances	0	
N3	Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems	✓✓	Ecological restoration is supported
N4	People needs met fairly and efficiently	NA	NA - See People Step + Economic Step
The People Step			
P1	Basic needs met	✓	Increases people's access to community services.
P2	Full potential developed	✓✓	Improved access to open space and opportunities for recreational and social activities.
P3	Social capital enhanced	✓✓	Improved opportunities for social interaction, community interaction and developing a sense of community pride.
P4	Culture and identity protected	✓✓	Cultural and arts activities encouraged, environmental heritage protected and promoted.
P5	Governance and participatory democracy strengthened	✓✓	Action plan is a direct result of community engagement and aims to meet identified community needs.
The Economic Step			
E1	Effective and efficient use of all resources	✓✓	Recommendations can mostly be implemented within existing budgets through modified designs and programming. The plan takes a longer term broader approach to community issues rather than reacting to individual requests.
E2	Job rich local economy	0	
E3	Financial sustainability	✓✓	The projected budget is achievable.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Community Board adopt the implementation plan from the Burwood/Pegasus Leisure, Parks and Waterways Area study.
 2. That the Community Board take the plan into consideration when allocating Project and Discretionary funding for 2003/04.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. For discussion.
 2. That a further report be called on the location of the sculpture park and arts related activities.
 3. That the Parklands Baptist Church in Queenspark be included as a focus for art and craft activity in the district.