

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Avonside Music Playtime – Application for Funding

The following letter has been received from Rev Anne Russell-Brighty, on behalf of Avonside Music:

Avonside Music Playtime is a Pre-School Music Group for children and their parents or caregivers in our area.

We meet weekly for an hour for a structured programme with a trained Co-ordinator followed by morning tea. While we meet in the church facilities we need to be self supporting and remain available to all in the community. We are open to anyone in the community.

We have an urgent need for a cassette player and more musical instruments. We have been advised that because of the number of children and the size of the hall we use we need a large size player.

At present we have 17 children and their parents/caregivers on our roll.

We would like to apply for \$700.00 for these needs, \$329.50 for the cassette player and the remainder for equipment.

Any support you give us will be acknowledged and will be really appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information or the co-ordinator Mrs Ruth Baker, phone 388-9833.

The Community Advocate comments: The Board may like to consider funding Avonside Music Playtime \$350 from its discretionary fund for purchasing musical instruments.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.

3.2 Letter from Ms J A Ward re Intersection of Radley Street and Sheldon Street

The following letter has been received from J A Ward on behalf of Sheldon Street residents:

I am a health professional and have lived in this area for approximately 15 years. During this time I have always had to enter this particular cross section with considerable trepidation when either manoeuvring my motor vehicle right ways into Radley Street or crossing the road as a pedestrian. The simple reason is that cars accelerate along the straight stretch of Radley Street at such a speed, and that they are not reasonably able to reduce their speed from the start of the curve to the entrance of Sheldon Street. Vehicles sit on this intersection for often long periods as they are aware that speed and cross traffic are potentially fatal.

Although to date, there does not appear to have been a fatality, I believe it is only a matter of time before either a pedestrian or right turning vehicle is seriously involved in a preventable accident. The road is also raised at the entrance of Sheldon Street and Radley Street and therefore one has to nose one's vehicle slightly onto Radley Street to get a clear view of oncoming traffic who suddenly appear from the curve.

There are a large number of elderly drivers who along with the shared concern of parents and others feel this is a dangerous corner to attempt crossing. I believe the Board needs to demonstrate a proactive attitude in acknowledging the long standing concerns by residents on this matter and I look forward to some concrete evidence that you will view this matter seriously. Residents would be happy to be consulted and contribute any tangible solutions that will enhance safety on this corner.

10 residents have also signed this letter.

The Community Advocate comments: The City Streets Unit recently placed the speed trailer in Radley Street in response to a separate request from a local resident.

The City Streets Unit Board Liaison comments: Traffic volumes along Radley Street are moderate for a Collector Road - 2,813 vehicles per day. There have been two crashes recorded at the Sheldon Street intersection over the past 5 years - one involved a child cyclist travelling east hitting a car travelling north along Radley Street. The other crash involved a sideswipe between two vehicles travelling south along Radley Street as one turned left into Sheldon Street. Neither crash could be attributed to a sight visibility problem at the intersection.

The minimum sight visibility criteria for traffic entering the intersection from Sheldon Street east has been checked and is adequate for approach speeds of up to 50 km/h. If cars park on the eastern side of Radley Street on the northern approach to the junction then visibility would be compromised. There is also a problem with a blind spot caused by the presence of a power pole in Radley Street immediately north of the intersection.

I am aware that the speed trailer was placed in Radley Street for the best part of three days this week. It is hoped that residents will have had the opportunity to observe traffic behaviour and the actual speed at which most vehicles travel along this road.

Arrangements will be made to introduce road edgelines around the curve in Radley Street and through the Sheldon Street intersection. This should have a positive effect on traffic behaviour and assist in overcoming the problem motorists are experiencing due to limited visibility around the curve in Radley Street when exiting from Sheldon Street east. Little else can be done at this time to improve the situation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.

3.3 Letter from Marion Rickerby re LYFE Festival Co-ordinator

The following letter has been received from Marion Rickerby:

On behalf of the LYFE Festival Advisory Group I wish to advise you of the appointment of the LYFE Festival Co-ordinator for 2002.

Her name is Isabelle Boigelot and she is based at the Linwood Resource Centre. Izzy is on a contracted position from Thursday 18 July – Thursday 14 November 2002.

The date for the festival this year has been confirmed as Sunday 3 November 2002 or if the weather is wet on this date, then Sunday 10 November 2002. We have had our first public meeting on 25 July 2002 to begin forming the LYFE youth crew and the adult support team. An invitation and further information will be forwarded to you by the youth when appropriate.

Thank you for your support.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.