

## 8. RICCARTON/WIGRAM LEISURE, PARKS AND WATERWAYS PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to inform Community Board members about the development of a three year plan to advise members and staff of the leisure, parks and waterways needs of Riccarton/Wigram residents and how best to meet them. This plan will be the fourth of six Community Board area leisure, parks and waterways plans. Plans have already been completed for the Burwood/Pegasus, Spreydon/Heathcote and Fendalton/Waimairi areas.

### BACKGROUND

Currently planning for these areas tends to be for a one year duration, in line with Council's budget process. In additional Units of Council with responsibility for this area (Leisure, Parks and Waterways) plan separately, requiring staff and Community Board members to often have knowledge of several plans or strategies.

A local Leisure and Parks and Waterways Plan will give Community Board members and staff a comprehensive guide to current provision and future need. Background work to putting the Plan together includes analysing all relevant existing research (both metropolitan and at Board level), demographic and leisure trends, relevant Council policies and Community Board objectives, current provision, other providers and their plans for the future and conducting community consultation through a variety of focus groups and key stakeholder interviews.

The objective of the Plan is to ensure that existing Leisure, Parks and Waterways Units and Riccarton/Wigram Board Project Funding is targeted to best meet need. However should the research signal a need for additional provision which cannot be met by Leisure or Parks and Waterways this will be notified for the Board to consider as part of its Project Funding allocation.

### SCOPE OF THE PLAN

The plan will cover parks, sportsgrounds, play equipment, youth facilities such as skateboarding, recreation/arts programmes and advisory services and community events.

The plan will also identify other organisations already active or wishing to be active in the Riccarton/Wigram area (schools, community groups, local businesses, etc). Community organisations are key partners in ensuring the recreation/sports and to a lesser degree parks and waterways needs of residents are met. This exercise will also enable the roles of both community organisations and of Council in providing these services to be identified and clarified.

The result will be a document that clearly outlines and priorities how the Community Board and Council Units are going to work together to best meet the leisure, parks and waterways needs of the Riccarton/Wigram community over the next 3 years.

### PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE PLAN

A steering group consisting of relevant staff plus two Community Board and two community organisation representatives will be established to oversee the development of the plan and to report back to the Community Board. The time commitment required will be to attend a meeting to overview progress in September, November 2002 and February 2003, before presentation to the full Riccarton/Wigram Community Board in March 2003. From there the Plan recommendations will be turned into a detailed implementation strategy to inform Board members and staff of all planned and budgeted work over the next 3 years.

**NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT**

#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
<b>The Natural Step</b>			
N1	Reduce non-renewable resource use	✓✓0*	
N2	Eliminate emission of harmful substances	✓✓0*	
N3	Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems	✓✓0*	
N4	People needs met fairly and efficiently	NA	NA - See People Step + Economic Step
<b>The People Step</b>			
P1	Basic needs met	✓✓0*	
P2	Full potential developed	✓✓0*	The Plan will enable better targeted leisure and parks services
P3	Social capital enhanced	✓✓0*	Leisure/parks enhance communities
P4	Culture and identity protected	✓✓0*	Plan will reinforce local community identities and cultures
P5	Governance and participatory democracy strengthened	✓✓0*	Local residents consulted as to their needs. Local groups involved in the research
<b>The Economic Step</b>			
E1	Effective and efficient use of all resources	✓✓0*	
E2	Job rich local economy	✓✓0*	
E3	Financial sustainability	✓✓0*	

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Community Board nominate two representatives to be on the Riccarton/Wigram Leisure and Parks and Waterways Plan Steering Group.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.