

3. NEW SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

PAPANUI COMMUNITY/RECREATION FACILITY

As members are aware discussion on this project has been on going since 1998. Several submissions have been forwarded previously. In April 2002 a presentation was made to the Pools and Stadia Subcommittee outlining the need, possible partners, concept designs, including some rough costs. The purpose of the report and presentation was to bring this project to the Council's attention through the Annual Plan process, with the intention of having it included in a future year. However the Subcommittee decided that the report be referred to the Major Facilities Review to be undertaken by the Recreation and Sports Facilities Strategy Steering Group. This process is underway.

It is suggested that the Board again include this project as an item in the Project Proposals process, to keep the issue in the process and on the table for discussion.

BELFAST COMMUNITY – FACILITY

A request has been received from the Belfast Community Network Inc. for assistance in obtaining accommodation for the Community Co-Ordinator to be stationed and for its service to be run from. The building originally leased has been sold, and the co-ordinator is now temporarily housed in the Pool office. This will only be available until November, further it is not a suitable situation.

The Network has put a tremendous amount of effort into establishing the position, and the co-ordinator is key to community development in Belfast.

Various options need to be discussed to meet the accommodation needs, and at present there are no possible options. The matter is raised to bring it to the Board's attention.