

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Bromley Community Residents Inc – Letter of Appreciation

The following letter has been received from Karen East, Co-ordinator Bromley Carnival:

On behalf of the Bromley Community Residents Incorporated we thank you very much for the generosity shown to us from you at our recent Carnival.

The grant we received went a long way in helping to make this day the success that it was. I also would like to thank each and every one of you for the personal contribution you made on the day, Bob Todd for the great opening and thanks for the remarks you made about our group, Linda Rutland for judging the Wearable Art, the irrepressible David Cox our MC, an awesome job, Yani Johanson for the children's activities, Erin Baker thanks so much for starting the runners off, hopefully next year there will be more participants, Anna Crighton and Rod Cameron who attended. A fantastic day was had, the weather perfect and thanks to yourselves, we were able to give the public, in particular the children of Bromley and surrounding areas a day to remember.

Special thanks to Diana Saxton our adviser and mentor, it was great to have Diana's expertise and guidance.

So once again, thanks from the bottom of our heart.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3.2 Heathcote Valley Community Association – Tranz Rail Bridge over Martindales Road

The following letter has been received from Jack Travis, Secretary of the Heathcote Valley Community Association:

At the Association's monthly meeting, on 25 September 2002, concerns were raised over the safety of the rail bridge which crosses over Martindales Road. They were two fold.

Firstly, there was the actual state of the bridge. There has been a marked increase in rail traffic in recent months, usually coal wagons heading for Lyttleton Port. This we believe has put additional strain on a bridge that is already showing signs of stress and decay. We note, with some concern that the steel corner pieces placed on the edges of the bridge a couple of years ago are hiding considerable cracks in the brickwork and mortar.

Secondly, there has been an increase in traffic travelling under the railbridge and this will indeed increase a lot more as the new subdivisions in the area are completed. There has been concern over traffic safety with the road only being one way. The give way system appears to be inadequately signed and little provision is made for cyclists or pedestrians.

The Association would ask for the Board, firstly, to get a report from their Traffic Engineer on what, if anything, is proposed to address future road use and to comment on the present safety for all road users, passing under the bridge. Then, ask the owners of the bridge, Tranz Rail to provide evidence, possibly by way of an engineer's report, on the present safety of the structure.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That a report on structural issues relating to the bridge be sought from City Solutions.