

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### 5.1 SUBMISSION TO LOOKING AHEAD 2003-2011

The following letter was received from Wayne Thomas, Environment Canterbury, regarding the Board's submission to the draft annual plan 'Looking Ahead 2003-2011':

*"Thank you for your submission to Environment Canterbury's draft annual plan 'Looking Ahead 2003-2011'. The Council carefully considered all submissions at hearings held on 25 and 26 June 2003 and have noted the following regarding your submission:*

1. *Council expresses its thanks for your support of the wetland work being undertaken in 2003/04. A joint control operation for purple loosestrife is currently being undertaken by Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council, and the Department of Conservation and a small-scale management plan is being considered. At this stage, however, beggar's tick has been considered in terms of the Biosecurity Act, and is not seen as a serious problem.*
2. *The draft annual plan contains provision for smoke buster initiatives. This arose from requests from Golf Links Residents' Association Inc and Burwood/Pegasus Community Board during last year's annual plan. The results of this new initiative will be monitored and may be extended to other parts of the region, including Waimakariri in the future.*
3. *As part of the ongoing coastal monitoring programme and as detailed in Chapter 9 of the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan, the Coastal Hazard Zones are reviewed every ten years (after the plan becomes operative). It is thought that it is timely to investigate this issue now, by way of a technical report into appropriate coastal hazards zones for the Canterbury Region. Environment Canterbury thanks you for your support of coastal outcomes noting in particular your support of the Avon/Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust.*
4. *With respect to your request to monitor and report on the impact of the bus ticketing policy changes, in particular on elderly, low income and disabled patrons, as with any changes to the metro network the revised fare structure will be monitored and reviewed to assess its impact on all our passengers.*
5. *Your request to extend the hours and frequency of the bus service to Aranui will be addressed as part of the service review and will be considered along with other requests from the community.*
6. *Environment Canterbury will conduct an investigation of the hours of operation for metroinfo at the Bus Exchange to ascertain the demand for extending its hours of operation. Your support for appropriate bus priorities is most welcome and we encourage you to continue to raise this with your Council.*
7. *Your request to pilot an outer Orbiter is noted. Investigations into additional cross suburban services are carried out as part of every service review and will ultimately all be pulled together into a "network" of cross-suburban routes.*

*We appreciate your contribution to determining our annual plan work programme.*

*Should you have any queries or comments regarding your submission and the information provided in response, please do not hesitate to contact Frances Sullivan."*

#### **Chairperson's**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board write to Environment Canterbury to express support and urge prompt action to commission technical reports on the coastal hazard zone.

### 5.2 NORTH NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The following letter was received from Kim Money, Community Connection Nga Ngaru Trust, regarding their proposal for a community café, youth venue, boutique movie theatre, healthy school lunch project and information centre:

*“On 14 January 2003 Community Connection Nga Ngaru Trust wrote to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to withdraw our proposal for the North New Brighton Community Centre.*

*As you are aware there have been significant developments as a result of that letter. Together with a continued commitment to the project by our Trust, Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the North New Brighton Residents’ Association.*

*Therefore, the Trust would like to retract that letter and reinstate our proposal for the community café, youth venue, boutique movie theatre, healthy school lunch project and information centre whilst still incorporating existing and future user groups.*

*The Board is also aware that regardless of that letter Community Connection Nga Ngaru Trust has never ceased working on the proposal for the Community Centre on behalf of the community.*

*As the Christchurch City Council has now included the extra funding required for the full refurbishment in the 2003/04 Annual Plan Budget this has eliminated the major hurdles that hindered the proposal.*

*The Trust members, as always, are still very enthusiastic, passionate and keen to develop this Community Centre in partnership with the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the wider community.*

*We would like to request a meeting, as soon as possible, with yourself and the appropriate persons to discuss our future involvement in the Community Centre.*

*On behalf of the Trustees we would like to thank the Board members and staff for their contribution towards securing the extra funding. The future of the Community Centre is very exciting.”*

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendations:**

1. That the Board send a letter of thanks to the Community Connection Nga Ngaru Trust for its advocacy for the North New Brighton Community Centre refurbishment on behalf of the community.
2. That a meeting be arranged between the Community Connection Nga Ngaru Trust and Board members of the North New Brighton Community Centre Working Party to discuss the Trust’s future involvement in the Centre.