

8. NEW BRIGHTON ROAD - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to consult on the proposal to place a pedestrian refuge island in New Brighton Road at Burwood Park.

BACKGROUND

New Brighton Road is an arterial road that bisects Burwood Park. The activity on the park generates high demand for parking and crossing facilities.

The Board has provided funding of \$9,000 from the 2003/04 Project funds for a pedestrian refuge island on New Brighton Road to serve park users.

DISCUSSION

A proposal has been developed in conjunction with the traffic management proposals (as outlined in clause 6), for the placement of a pedestrian refuge island and kerb build out in New Brighton Road. The position of the island was determined by the activities that occur on the park, the existing pathway in the park and the need for something central that would serve all park users.

The Parks and Waterways Unit is looking at an application from the Shirley Rugby Club to move its clubrooms to the Cricket Club pavilion, north of the road. This will create a greater pedestrian movement across New Brighton Road because the rugby fields are to the south of the road.

Car parking in the area is of premium importance when the park is in use. The proposed work will remove four car parks on the south side because of the kerb build out and 12 extra spaces (four are already removed with no stopping lines on the bend) on the north side because of the flush median and island. However, with the removal of the two bus stops in the vicinity of the refuge island, that are not frequently used, parking will be created and the net loss of spaces will be 13.

The estimated cost of the project is \$25,000. The funding from the Board will cover the pedestrian island and City Streets Unit funding will cover the kerb build out.

CONCLUSION

The proposal for a pedestrian refuge island and kerb build out will meet a need for a pedestrian crossing facility at Burwood Park that will serve the different sports activities that occur on the park.

The proposal has not been communicated to the wider community and the next stage will be to release the attached plan in the form of a publicity leaflet.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposal for a pedestrian refuge island and kerb build out in New Brighton Road at Burwood Park be approved for public consultation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.