

7. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S REPORT – MAY 2003

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of relevant matters for the coming month.

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

Advice has been received that the Mobile Library will be off the road and out of service for a period of five weeks, from 19 May 2003. Normal visits will resume on Monday 23 June. This is to enable refurbishment of both the interior and exterior of the library vehicle, the first refurbishment in its 13-year life. Customers will be notified by flyer over the five weeks preceding the closure, and notices will also be placed in city and community newspapers. Alternative arrangements will be made for those customers who have reserved books to pick up.

DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2004 SUBMISSION

Submissions on the Annual Plan close on Wednesday 28 May. The Board needs to identify any issues on which it wishes to make a submission. The Board Chairman also has the opportunity to present and speak to the Board's submission at the start of the week of hearings.

NEW BUILDING – BOARD SPONSORSHIP

Members will recall that when the new Library staff attended the Board meeting, the Board expressed an interest in sponsoring something in or outside the Library. A list of suggestions was put forward to the PCG, and the following were identified as possibilities:

- Park bench seats outside entrance \$4,000 (approximately)
- Water fountain \$4,000

The Board needs to commit funding towards one of these items if it wishes to proceed with this. Funding would need to be from 2003/04 Discretionary Funds. A plaque recording the Board's sponsorship would be placed on the item.

MEETING WITH CITY STREETS MANAGER

A reminder that a workshop with the City Streets Manager has been set for Thursday 15 May, at 4.30pm, in the Baptist Church Lounge. It would be useful if members had identified and prepared issues which they specifically want to discuss at this session.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board make a decision on sponsoring one of the items identified for the new Library/Service Centre building.
 2. That Board members raise any matters of concern in the Annual Plan which should be included in the Board's submission, these to be forwarded to the Community Advocate by Monday 26 May 2003.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** For discussion.