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**RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD
1 APRIL 1998**

**A meeting of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board
was held on Wednesday 1 April 1998 at 5.00 pm**

PRESENT: David Buist (Chairperson), Helen Broughton,
Mary Corbett, Ishwar Ganda, Lesley Keast,
Mark Kunnen, Mike Mora and Bob Shearing.

Mark Kunnen arrived at 6.15pm and was present for clauses 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14 only.

Ishwar Ganda retired at 6.00pm and was present for clauses 1, 4, 6, 10 and 11 only.

Lesley Keast retired at 7.00pm and was present for all clauses except 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14.

The Board reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

Nil

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. TEMPLETON COMMUNITY NEEDS ANALYSIS

Ms Mary Sparrow, the independent researcher contracted by the service centre, gave a presentation to the Board on this recently completed commission.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board requested a community needs analysis of the Templeton community to ascertain the current usage and quality of facilities, to highlight social/recreational issues, and to determine the level and type of services required of the Community Board/Council.

The objectives of the study were:

1. To determine what Christchurch City Council's role is in either facilitating, funding, providing or advocating for community services and recreation opportunities in Templeton.
2. To ascertain whether current facilities are meeting current needs. If *not*, is a multi-use community centre required and for what purpose.

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3. To revisit the study carried out in 1993 by the Recreation Co-ordinator and determine whether the long-term issues are still relevant.
4. Identify any major gaps in service provision and/or barriers associated.

The outcomes were also presented to the Templeton Community at the Residents Association annual general meeting on Monday 30 March with a view to achieving a community ownership of the results.

The needs analysis has produced a thorough investigative insight into the community of Templeton as a whole. The reports outline issues pertaining not only to community recreation but highlights a number of traffic and planning related issues.

Templeton is one of a series of overlapping, interlocking communities in the peri-urban area to the south of Christchurch.

Between 1986 and 1991 the number of people living in private dwellings in the Templeton Census Area Unit increased by 18 per cent, and between 1991 and 1996 this number increased by 25 per cent.

Incomes in Templeton in 1996 varied widely, and reflect the fact that the community can be seen as a microcosm of New Zealand as a whole.

The main 'community needs' identified through consultation with people from the Templeton community, and from a household survey are included:

1. The lack of recreational opportunities for children and young people at Templeton.
2. Limited services for pre-school children and their mothers/care givers.
3. Difficulties with recruitment of leaders for community groups.

Other key findings from the survey were:

There was a very high proportion of households with members involved with community organisations.

Recreational activities 'not available locally' was identified as a barrier to participation in activities outside of their home by a high proportion of respondents.

A new community building at Templeton was seen as 'very important' or 'quite important' by 65 per cent of respondents.

There was strong support for a multi-purpose building.

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Improvements to outdoor recreation facilities for young people at Templeton were also seen as being important.

The recommendations from this 'community needs analysis' include:

1. That a new multi-use community building be constructed on the Kirk Road Reserve.
2. That hard surfaces, including two tennis/netball courts and areas suitable for skate boarding and roller blading be developed on the Kirk Road Reserve.
3. That the Christchurch City Council adopt a 'pro active' approach to the development of activities for youth at Templeton.

The Board **decided**:

1. To receive the 'Templeton Community Needs Analysis' and formal 'Household Survey' reports.
2. That it be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for consideration and possible action.
3. That issues related to traffic, parks and planning be referred to the appropriate standing committees/units.
4. That it be made available to key Templeton stakeholders who contributed and other appropriate agencies.

2. APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT OVER TRIPP RESERVE

This report was submitted to the Board for its comment and to the Parks and Recreation Committee for recommendation to the Council.

An application has been received from the owner of no.70B Avonhead Road for a stormwater and sewer easement through Tripp Reserve to service a five lot subdivision being undertaken on his property. As the land is subject to the Reserves Act 1977 it will be necessary to obtain the Council's consent in accordance with Section 48 of the Act to the proposed easement.

The Council has been approached by the owner of the property situated at no.70B Avonhead Road to acquire easements over Tripp reserve which will service the five lots of the proposed subdivision. At the present time an existing stormwater easement runs along the western boundary to the reserve and the application is to connect the subdivision to the stormwater outfall across the area. In addition consent was sought to run the sanitary sewer along the southern boundary of the reserve to connect with the outfall in Tripp Place.

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In considering the application the developer was asked to consider alternative proposals but none of these are viable given that the agreement of seven private owners would be required to locate the pipelines through their properties.

Given that the proposed easements present the developer with the least line of resistance and are a cheaper option, the Council engaged the services of Ford Baker, Registered Public Valuers, to assess the compensation payable for the easement. A sum of \$9,500 including GST has been assessed and accepted by the owners. In addition the applicants are to meet all survey and legal costs associated with the granting of the easement and will be required to restore the ground to its original condition following completion of the works.

In discussion, Mark Kunnen suggested that a higher compensation amount could be negotiated in recognition of the greater benefit that the property owner will accrue from the Council allowing the laying of the sanitary sewer pipeline across Tripp Reserve.

Mark Kunnen moved *“that the report lay upon the table until further information is available, including a copy of the valuer’s report”*.

The motion was seconded by Helen Broughton and, when put to the vote, was **lost** by two votes to five on division no. 1, the voting being as follows:

For (2)	Helen Broughton, Mark Kunnen
Against (5)	Mary Corbett, Bob Shearing, Lesley Keast, Mike Mora and David Buist

The Board **decided** to support the officer recommendations:

1. That the Council consent to the granting of an easement to drain stormwater over parcel “N” depicted on the plan.
2. That approval be given for the laying of the sanitary sewer pipeline across parcel “P” on the plan.
3. That all work be undertaken under the supervision of the Parks Unit and that the ground be restored to its original condition following completion of the works.
4. That the developers pay the sum of \$9,500 including GST compensation for the right to lay the sewer line through the reserve as well as meeting all legal and survey costs associated with the creation of the stormwater easement.
5. That the Department of Conservation’s consent be obtained to the easement.

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3. DRAFT YOUTH POLICY AND STRATEGY

The Board received advice of the deliberations of the Youth Strategy Working Party (of the Community Services Committee) the members of whom have recently completed a draft Youth Policy and Strategy.

In order to meet the Community Services Committee feedback deadline of 26 May the Board **decided** to refer the draft to its Community Affairs Committee, which will then report back to the May meeting of the Community Board.

4. WATER EXPO

Christine Heremaia was present to provide information and answer questions on the Water Expo programme. This is an educational programme designed to increase children's environmental awareness of the city's water resource.

The basis of this initiative comes from statements contained in the City Plan and the Environmental Policy Statement of Council.

The information was **received**.

5. REPORT OF WORKS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The Board considered the following items referred from the 17 March meeting of the Board's Works and Traffic Committee:

5.1 Middleton Grange School

This was the second on-site visit to the school to discuss with their representatives (Messrs Peter Marshall and Vic Pollard) various matters relating to traffic and student movements.

Ms Lee Kelly, the Council's Road Safety Projects Officer, was also present.

In observing the Suva Street entrance to the school members identified:

- speed of through traffic
- inappropriate on-street parking to set down children
- continual foot traffic to playing fields
- informal crossing of the street by students and cyclists
- on-site set-downs which compromised safety
- general mismanaged 'conflict' situations between vehicles
- greater concentration of movements in the afternoon

Possible improvement opportunities discussed included:

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- better signage on Suva Street
- parking ban areas in the immediate vicinity of the Suva Street entrance
- mid-street refuge
- need for pedestrian-emphasis measures (not traffic emphasis)

Members also met Messrs M Kahu and D Hodgkinson who represented the Acacia Avenue Neighbourhood Watch Group; their concerns related to speed of vehicles in the street.

Further consideration of the outcomes of the on-site inspection was given when the Committee reconvened at the service centre.

The Board **decided** that the concerns and problems identified in the discussions with representatives from Middleton Grange School and Acacia Avenue be the subject of a report from the Area Engineer to the 21 April meeting of the Works and Traffic Committee.

**5.2 Hillary Crescent Neighbourhood Watch
Traffic Concerns**

For some months residents and staff had been discussing traffic and roading matters generally, but with specific reference to pedestrian and cyclists crossing Curletts Road, together with the speed of traffic along Suva Street (being used as a short cut from Hansons Lane to Curletts Road).

Approximately 240 people cross Curletts Road twice daily, being students attending Riccarton High School, Riccarton Primary School; also going to and from Villa Maria College, Our Lady of Victories School and Middleton Grange School (Curletts Road was a 'divider' in this residential catchment area that provided students to all these schools.

The members met with local residents to discuss their concerns, also Mr Robin Haberfield (principal of Riccarton Primary School).

Matters of concern reinforced in discussion included heavy motor vehicle usage and traffic volume increases, and continual 'informal' crossing of Curletts Road by students.

Controlled speed environment such as that in use at Linwood High School was seen as a possible option.

The most favoured option arising from discussion was a single-point traffic signal facility (with speed camera installation).

Further consideration of the outcomes of the on-site inspection was given at the service centre.

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It was agreed that all schools (identified above) be kept informed of progress on the Curletts Road issue.

The Board **decided:**

1. That the City Streets Unit be requested to implement an education safety programme with the schools in the Upper Riccarton area.
2. That the concerns and problems identified in the discussions with representatives from the Hillary Crescent Neighbourhood Watch Group and local schools be the subject of a report from the Area Engineer to the next, or succeeding, meeting of the Works and Traffic Committee.

5.3 Buchanans Road / Racecourse Road Intersection

The reason for this matter coming before the Works and Traffic Committee was due to the City Services Committee (10 March 1998) recommendations that a roundabout be the preferred traffic management option at the Buchanans Road/Racecourse Road intersection.

The Community Board had, at its 4 March meeting, received advice that the safety audit outcomes were inconclusive and would require more information/statistics to be gathered; this advice being at variance with the City Streets Unit's later report and recommendations to the City Services Committee.

Mrs Maureen Shimmin, chairperson of the Riccarton Park Residents Association, joined with the Committee for discussion on this topic.

The Committee resolved that the Chairperson call an emergency meeting of the Community Board to consider this matter and to seek speaking rights at the 25 March meeting of Council if the clause is not withdrawn from the (Council) order of business. The Community Board to be represented by a non-Councillor member of the Board."

Following the emergency meeting of the Community Board held on 20 March, members were advised that this matter had been withdrawn from the Council agenda of 25 March. No further action is required at this time in pursuing this.

5.4 Ilam Park Place / Parkstone Avenue

Arising out of the College of Education public meetings there was concern expressed by residents with regard to the lack of a footpath at this intersection.

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The estimated cost of constructing a footpath would be in the order of \$10,000/\$15,000. If funding became available (from 1998/99 project or discretionary allocations) this work would have to be considered along with any other requests.

Concern was expressed as to the reasoning behind there not being a footpath on the north side of Parkstone Avenue (that section from Ilam Park Place back towards the College of Education entrance into their carpark) when this was a desire line for pedestrians to the College, which was a significant generator of pedestrian movements, and this section would link with other footpaths.

Advice had been received from the City Streets Unit that they would be prepared to fund the requested footpath. It was **agreed** that written confirmation be sought from the Unit.

The Board **agreed** that construction of the required footpath at Ilam Park Place/Parkstone Avenue intersection be given a high priority if any 1998/99 project funds are freed up, or that it be funded from the 1998/99 discretionary fund, this being subject to there being no funding confirmed by the City Streets Unit.

It was also agreed that a report be furnished in respect of Council policy on footpaths in similar instances.

6. REPORT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Board considered the following items covered by a tabled report from the 30 March meeting of its Community Affairs Committee.

6.1 Hornby Youth Worker

Lael Schwartfeger had joined with members for discussion on this topic.

Members noted that Lael had commenced duties in November 1997 as part of an eighteen month contract, funded by the Board's project funding.

Lael tabled information about his direct employer, the Community Development Network Trust, and also his Hornby Youth Programme of activities for 1998. Lael further explained the basis for his present work, and offered some thoughts on his programme for the future.

Members noted that the first monitoring report had been received, and then proceeded to ask a number of questions related to Lael's work and his relationship with a number of other agencies working in the youth environment.

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Members expressed satisfaction with the effort to date, and noted that the matter of youth “needs” could be further discussed with the Police during a meeting scheduled to be held prior to the May Board meeting.

The Board **decided:**

1. That the initial report now received be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.
2. That the Board express its appreciation for the work underway in terms of the contract with Lael Schwartzfeger.
3. That the matter of youth “needs” be the subject of further discussion with the Police on 6 May.

6.2 Other Youth Providers in the Riccarton/Wigram Ward

The Committee received a list of those organisations and individuals presently associated, through the Hornby/Riccarton Youth Liaison group, in the role of youth providers in the community.

Members noted that the opportunity would be available at a later date to meet with the Youth Liaison Group, and that there could be further discussion with the Police Youth Aid Officers on 6 May.

6.3 Current Community Providers

At an earlier meeting of the Committee members had sought a report on the ‘big picture’ illustrating the current level of support provided through Service Centre and/or Community Board funding for community ‘projects’.

Members were appreciative of the detailed explanation shown and, in receiving the information, asked for further detail relating to costs for each initiative.

6.4 Hornby Community Development Workers

The Community Activities Officer (Denise Galloway) referred to a report and recommendations relating to the outcome from an earlier Broomfield Community Needs exercise which had been conducted by consultant, Nona Milburn.

The Board had received a presentation on this subject at its meeting on 4 February and had referred the report outcomes to the Committee to further consider the report and recommendations which included the extension of the position of a community development worker to two part-time positions in order that the needs of Maori families could be identified and addressed.

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Denise further reported on the outcome from the study, on the proposal for engagement of the community development worker in partnership with a professional social service agency, and on the source of funding if the Board's approval was granted. The normal requirements for monitoring of the project and reporting back to the Board would be provided for.

The Committee noted the identification of social isolation as an outcome from the research; and also noted that one of the main roles of a community development worker was to facilitate the process of people 'connecting' with one another.

It was agreed that the recommendation for partnership with a professional social service agency should be endorsed.

The Board **decided:**

1. That the Board endorse the recommendation that the Council form a partnership with a professional social service agency to provide two part-time community development workers in the North Hornby area.
2. That one of these part-time community development workers focus on identifying the needs of Maori families and continue to follow these through in a culturally appropriate way.
3. That the \$5,000 allocated for Broomfield Research Outcomes in the 1997/98 project funds be used for appropriate programmes facilitated by the community development workers.

6.5 Community Priorities for Provision of Board Services (ie Outcome from Community Consultation Process)

The Committee received a report dealing with a proposal for the second stage of the earlier Glen Greer community consultation exercise. The Board had earlier resolved to consider the best method of addressing the issue of "community safety" which was one of three particular issues ranked highest by the surveys.

The Community Activities Officer (Denise Galloway) reported that it was important that the next stage of the process needed to be completed within a period of 3 weeks, including the need to organise focus groups, interview stakeholders and, to conduct an appropriate literature review. Her recommendation to the Committee was that a researcher be employed to conduct this 'hands on' work, and that a cost of between \$5,000 and \$6,000 could be required.

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The Committee noted that a balance of \$6,889 existed from funding previously allocated to the community consultation exercise and agreed to recommend to the Board that the next stage be endorsed along the lines recommended.

The Board **decided** that a researcher be employed to do the “hands on” aspect of running/organising the focus groups and interviewing the stakeholders which would enable this process to take place within the timeframe required and provide the outcomes back to this Committee.

6.6 Other Matters

- (a) Templeton Needs Analysis
The Committee noted that there would be a presentation on this matter at the April Board meeting.
- (b) Gilberthorpes OSCAR programme, and Friendship House Childcare.
Officers reported on continuing action in working through the difficulties experienced with both these projects.
- (c) Monitoring of Poverty
The Committee agreed that the Community Adviser, research (Kath Jamieson) should make a presentation to the Board at the May or June meeting.

7. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Board considered the following items referred from the 1 April meeting of its Environmental Committee held immediately prior to the Board meeting. The Committee Chairperson, Mike Mora, provided a verbal report on the outcomes.

**7.1 Sockburn Primary School / Council
Community Playground Partnership**

Ms Ruth Watson and Mrs Heather Walkinshaw, on behalf of the Sockburn Primary School, addressed the Committee; the proposal (tabled) outlined a possible partnership between the Community Board and the school to complete an adventure playground on school grounds, to be used by the community.

The deputation identified five issues for the community upon which they built their presentation to the Committee.

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- current play areas lack equipment for 8-14 year olds.
- there is a small amount of equipment at each of the four Council reserves in the wider Sockburn area
- this proposal could be seen as promoting a “greater” partnership opportunity
- there was a ‘barrier’ in the community being the Main South Road and the Sockburn Overbridge

It was advised that currently the school and the grounds are used extensively by local community groups such as Brownies and sports groups; a scout den is also sited on the school.

Concerns were expressed in relation to a ‘precedent’ being set if the Board was of a mind to contribute financially.

It was **agreed** that officers report back to the next meeting.

7.2 Wilmers Road, Identified Surplus Property

The Property Manager had previously identified this Council-owned land as being surplus to requirements.

The Board had at its February meeting decided to hold this matter over as it was aware that the Water Services Unit was looking to undertake some major enhancement projects under the guise of the Halswell Growth Strategy Plan.

Christine Heremaia was in attendance to explain the Plan to members.

The Board **agreed** to recommend to the Property Manager that the Council should retain the Wilmers Road property until the Halswell Growth Strategy and the Southern Motorway designation issues are fully resolved.

7.3 Heathcote River Floodplain Management Strategy

Tony Oliver from Water Services Unit was in attendance to discuss this joint Canterbury Regional Council/Christchurch City Council report.

It was **agreed** that further consideration of this major issue should be held over to the next meeting of the Committee (21 April) and that it be granted power to act to prepare a submission on behalf of the Board.

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8. CHARGING FOR OCCUPATION OF RESERVE LAND

Richard Holland (Parks Policy and Quality Control Manager) was in attendance to discuss the draft discussion paper on the charging of sports clubs and community groups who occupy reserve land.

From amalgamation (1989) there had continued to be an inequity between existing sports clubs and community groups; it existed in two forms:

- between sports clubs and community groups on reserve land and private land
- between existing sports clubs and community groups leasing reserve land where there existed a wide disparity in current annual rent levels.

Also, the Local Government Amendment Act No 3 of 1996 requires (from 1 July 1998), among other financial management responsibilities, that the Council conduct prudent management of its assets and expenses.

After discussion and questions the Board **received** the information.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS RECEIVED OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD, MARCH 1998

The Board **received** a schedule of reports that had been considered during the March round of standing committees.

PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

10. CONFIRMATION OF BOARD REPORTS OF 4 MARCH 1998 AND 20 MARCH 1998

The Board **resolved** that the reports of the meetings held on 4 March 1998 and 20 March 1998 be confirmed.

11. TURNING POINT 2000 DEPUTATION FOR "NATIVE TREES PLEASE" PROJECT

Representing the above organisation, Ms Rae Knutson and Councillor Carole Anderton addressed the Board and sought financial support for plantings of native species within the two wards.

The funds would be spent on sites selected, preferably on Council reserve land, and the project would be run in conjunction with the Board through a trust.

Local schools would also be invited to participate.

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The Board **resolved** to allocate \$5,000 in both the 1998/99 and 1999/2000 financial years, the funds to be sourced from the Board's discretionary fund allocations over the two years.

12. ROUNTREE STREET - PARKING MANAGEMENT

Following requests from shop proprietors in Rountree Street the Area Engineer sought approval from the Board to alter an existing parking restriction in the vicinity of the Rountree Street intersection with Ilam Road.

The proprietors sought the conversion of some of the existing P30 restrictions on the angle parking spaces to P10.

The Parking Unit had received numerous complaints in respect of this matter also.

The Board **resolved** that part of the P30 parking restriction on the north side of Rountree Street be rescinded and that it be replaced with P10 at any time. This is in the area commencing five metres from the Ilam Road intersection and extending nine metres in a westerly direction.

13. NAMING OF PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY OFF SPRINGS ROAD

The Board **resolved** that the right of way for a new 14 lot subdivision in the former Maple Tree Orchard on Springs Road be named Busch Lane.

14. PROPOSED ROAD NAMES, WIGRAM AERODROME SUBDIVISION

The Subdivisions Consents Officer sought the approval of the Board to confirm three existing road names which had been in use for many years but have never been approved by the Council.

A fourth name was required also for this stage of the subdivision, and a schedule of additional names was provided (from the RNZAF museum) that could be allocated to the additional roads to be created in the later stages of the subdivision.

The Board **resolved** to approve the use of the existing names:

Caudron Road
Henry Wigram Drive
Harvard Avenue,
also Corsair Place for the fourth name

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The Board also **resolved** that the following schedule be approved, provided emphasis is given to the use of the names of the early aviation identities listed over the names of aircraft:

Cecil Hill, Len Isitt, James Findlay, and Tom Wilkes;
also Mustang, Consul, Auster, Sioux, Iroquois, Beaver, Vilderbeest,
Electra, Lockheed, Airspeed.

The meeting concluded at 7.15 pm

CONFIRMED THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 1998

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CHAIRPERSON**