

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) Books in Homes Project

The Assistant Principal of Hammersley Park School, Margaret Jones, and Michael Wilson from the Board of Trustees spoke to the Board about the Books in Homes project and the benefits to children who would otherwise not have their own books. Each child would receive 15 books of their choice over a three year period.

The school intended to introduce the project in Term 3 and asked the Board to contribute to the total cost of just over \$6,000. Members asked questions about other sources of funding that the school had made application for and it was established that several businesses and service clubs in the area had been approached. From the start of 1999 government funding had been dropped by \$60,000.

The Board **decided** that a report be prepared for its 5 May meeting on the Books in Homes project operating from Hammersley Park School.

(b) Whitehall Street – Traffic Problems

Mr Patrick New, a resident in Whitehall Street, spoke to the Board about speeding traffic through Whitehall Street, mainly during the evenings. He tabled a petition signed by representatives of 9 households requesting the installation of traffic calming in the street. The police had been informed of the problem prior to Christmas 1998. He believed that the installation of two speed humps would provide a remedy. (Refer to clause 7 of this report.)

(c) Springfield Road – Pedestrian Refuge Island

Mrs Helen Solomons, Mr Tim Solomons and Mr Paul Somerville addressed the Board expressing their concerns about the siting of the pedestrian refuge island outside their properties in Springfield Road. The five affected properties were compensated for the loss of their off-street parking about two years ago when the road was reconstructed, but the proposed site for the refuge would also take away the on-street parking.

The pedestrian route commonly used was from Ranfurly Street to the Edgeware Shopping Centre. The residents said this was a busy, tight corner and the addition of an island would add to the traffic confusion already existing. In a petition tabled and signed by 12 households in the area the request was made that it be restored to the original site of the pedestrian crossing. (Refer to clause 8 of this report.)