

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 CANTERBURY/WESTLAND FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

Anton Wartmann was in attendance to express the Kindergarten Association's concerns over the development of Stage 2 of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway, which he stated would create safety concerns for the Ngaire Larcombe Free Kindergarten. Mr Wartmann noted that 45 children were currently delivered and collected in the mornings and 35 in the afternoons. The Kindergarten Association's concern was that widening and improvements at the Wainoni/Bexley Road intersection would affect the number of parking spaces available to parents delivering or collecting children.

Mr Wartmann believed that these concerns would cause enrolments to decline at the kindergarten, and this would be of great concern as there was a high need for such a facility in the area. Another issue of concern was the need to redevelop the playground, which would also require funding. As yet the Ngaire Larcombe Free Kindergarten had not fully addressed these concerns, and Mr Wartmann advised that he was in attendance to raise the issues with the Board. The Board **decided** to refer the concerns of the Canterbury/Westland Free Kindergarten Association to the City Streets Manager and request a report in due course.

1.2 WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Students from Room 2 at Chisnallwood Intermediate School were in attendance to address the Board on their research project into facilities at Avondale Park. The students identified the major disadvantages as limited shading, seating near to the road, rubbish tins inconveniently placed and safety issues over fencing. The students identified that there should be more seats, the rubbish tins should be more conveniently placed closer to the areas of activity, shading should be installed over play equipment and most importantly fencing should be erected to improve safety.

The students had thoroughly researched the project having drawn concept designs, undertaken surveys of traffic movements, undertaken community consultation, keeping a diary of daily events and constructing a model of their vision of the upgraded reserve. The Board was delighted with the thorough research undertaken by the students and **decided** to request that the Parks Unit and Childrens' Advocate report on sources of funding available for Chisnallwood Intermediate's "What's the Big Idea" project in Avondale Park.

1.3 CHRISTCHURCH ARCHERY CLUB

Mr Bill Skews was in attendance to request Board funding towards the upgrading of the Christchurch Archery Club's facilities for a World Wheelchair Championship in October 1999. Mr Skews advised that the Christchurch Archery Club had been approached by the City Council to organise and manage the archery component of the Stoke/Mandeville wheelchair games. The club wished to extend its clubrooms to accommodate extra storage, the wheelchair athletes and a second accessible toilet facility. The club had been fundraising for the extensions for a period of time and had raised \$12,000 in its building fund whilst totally repaying a previous loan. Mr Skews noted that the club currently had the New Zealand's mens, ladies and junior national champions and was one of three finalists in the Sir Richard Hadlee's Sportperson of the Year awards for Administrator and Event of the Year. Outside of the wheelchair games the long-term benefits for the club would be to enable archers to make better use of the facilities through the winter period and also to shoot the indoor international FITA distance of 18 metres. Mr Skews concluded by requesting that the Board assist the Christchurch Archery Club to meet its shortfall of \$5,000 towards the extension and upgrading of its current facilities.

1.4 CLAREVALE RESERVE PLAY EQUIPMENT

Mr Jack Wilkie was in attendance to outline a personal grievance he had with the Christchurch City Council. Mr Wilkie explained that he had purchased a half acre section adjacent to Clarevale Reserve in 1993. At that time a concept plan for the reserve had shown that a playground would be sited at the front of the reserve close to Clarevale Street. Mr Wilkie had approached the Linwood Service Centre in 1994 and had viewed plans to this effect. With this information Mr Wilkie then changed the siting of his house from the front of the section towards the fenceline overlooking the park. Subsequently, the siting of the playground had been changed to leave it adjacent to Mr Wilkie's house.

Mr Wilkie's area of concern was events that took place on the adventure playground in the reserve and the lack of privacy for him and his wife with people being able to peer into his house from the play equipment. Mr Wilkie noted that he and his wife were frightened by the lack of privacy and some of the activities, such as drinking, that took place on the adventure playground. Mr Wilkie advised that he had not responded to a publicity pamphlet on the resiting of the play equipment as he felt that it had asked for the type of equipment to be installed rather than the siting of the actual playground. Mr Wilkie also felt that recent consultation was misrepresented as a group of other local residents went around the neighbourhood lobbying to stop the playground being resited as they feared the same problems would be transferred on to them.