



## 5. NEW BRIGHTON PIER

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The purpose of the report is to seek authority for designated officers to issue Trespass Notices to better control activities on the Pier.

The New Brighton Pier was opened to the public on 1 November 1997 and it proved to be an instant success with both Christchurch residents and visitors to the city.

In order to address the ongoing issues associated with the use of this public facility and to monitor the day-to-day management and safety aspects of its operation, the Council established a liaison team under the Burwood/Pegasus Community Advocate. The team consists of representatives from the Parks Unit, (including the Park Rangers and Coastcare staff) the Property Unit, the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board, The Pier and Foreshore Society, the New Brighton and North New Brighton Residents' Association and the District Businessmen's Association.

The team meets regularly and has instituted a number of rules that, on the whole, have been respected and adhered to by users of the pier. These include restrictions on some forms of fishing, (on pollution and safety grounds) the exclusion of dogs, skateboards and motor vehicles from the pier, the prohibiting of jumping from the pier into the water which is not acceptable under any circumstances and has already proved fatal on one occasion) and strong discouragement of any practice that endangers or detracts from pleasant and reasonable usage of the pier.

To communicate these rules the Park Rangers, together with a team of Council appointed Honorary Wardens, patrol the pier on a daily basis distributing information pamphlets and offering advice and information to visitors. In addition a number of information signs have been erected at strategic points on and around the pier.

In order to further the Council's ability to maintain order and control of undesirable activities on the pier it is recommended that designated staff be authorised by the Council to issue trespass notices under the Trespass Act 1980 whenever such action is deemed necessary in the interests of all pier users. Not only will this permit staff to act with authority and exclude those responsible for unacceptable behaviour but also it will assist the Police in supporting such action, especially where health and safety issues are concerned.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council authorise designated officers to issue a Trespass Notice under the Trespass Act 1980
  2. That the designated officers be the Park Rangers, the Community Advocate Burwood/Pegasus and the Community Development Adviser Burwood/Pegasus.