

17. ITEMS RECEIVED

The Committee **received** the following reports:

17.1 Penny Farthing Cycles Park to Pier Bike Ride 2000

The Leisure Manager submitted a post-event report for the 2000 Penny Farthing Cycles Park to Pier Bike Ride, which was held on Sunday 29 October 2000. This was the second year this event had been held and it was most successful, with an estimated 2,000 people participating.

17.2 Meridian Energy Fireworks Extravaganza 2000

The Leisure Manager reported on the 2000 Meridian Energy Fireworks Extravaganza, which was held at the New Brighton Pier on Sunday 5 November 2000. The event achieved its key performance indicators and was considered a success for the Council.

17.3 2000 Showtime Canterbury

The Leisure Manager submitted a post-festival brief of the 2000 Showtime Canterbury festival, which ran from Sunday 4 to Sunday 19 November 2000. A total of 32 community groups, clubs and businesses combined their skills, resources and creativity to contribute to a programme of 41 events, ranging from sports, arts and crafts to concerts, open days and carnivals. Despite changeable weather during the festival, public response was extremely favourable, with overall attendance at events exceeding 200,000.

17.4 Third Age Leisure Plan

The Leisure Manager provided information on an action plan being put in place to respond to the leisure needs of those in the third age. The total budget for third age leisure is \$38,000. This funds five programmes for people in the 70-plus age group. As part of the forthcoming budget process, a further \$30,000 is being sought to enable other parts of the third age leisure action plan to be implemented.

17.5 'Active Christchurch'

This report informed the Committee of the outcomes of the Active Christchurch programme for the first two years of operation (for the period January 1999 - December 2000). Active Christchurch is the Leisure Unit's physical activity programme and works within the Hillary Commission guidelines of promoting the message that "30 minutes of physical activity per day will add to the quality of your life". The survey was conducted in late-2000, of 250 callers to the 0800 active line, to determine the success and effectiveness of the campaign. The results showed that the promotion of the message has reached inactive people and that more people were active as a consequence. These results have also been backed up by the Hillary Commission's survey of increased activity levels nationally, where Christchurch is showing an increase of 7% as against a 4% national average.

17.6 'Look Wellington 2000' New Zealand Recreation Association Conference, Te Papa, Wellington, 29 October – 1 November 2000

The Leisure Manager reported on the highlights of the above conference, which was held in Wellington in late-October/early-November, and was attended by Councillors Condon, Austin, Anderton, Ganda and Council staff.

The conference was of particular interest to Christchurch participants as the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Recreation Association will be hosting the next conference in Christchurch in September 2001.

17.7 Green Edge Development Plan

This report updated the Committee on progress in the development of a comprehensive plan for the Avon Estuary's western land margins, including the land now occupied by Linwood Paddocks, the oxidation ponds and Bexley Reserve.

17.8 South Hagley Shared Pathway

The City Streets Manager reported, updating the Committee on progress in developing a shared pathway along the northern boundary of South Hagley Park. The purpose of the pathway is to improve the safety, access and flow of cyclists and other path users, by providing an all-weather pathway between Riccarton/Hagley Avenue corner of the park to the Riccarton/Deans Avenue corner.

17.9 Monitoring Reports

The monitoring reports for the Leisure, Parks, and Waterways and Wetlands Units for the six months ended 31 December 2000 were reviewed by the Committee.

In the course of the review, the following two issues were raised for the attention of staff:

- (i) The Parks and Waterways Manager gave an undertaking to investigate concerns raised by Councillor Sheriff about the standard of maintenance of a number of parks in Burwood Ward over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.
- (ii) Councillor Anderton raised concerns about the selection of plants for new reserves and street landscaped areas. Her request that staff report back to the Committee on this issue was noted by the Parks and Waterways Manager.