



Christchurch City Council

HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

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IN THE BOARDROOM, LINWOOD SERVICE CENTRE
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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS

The reports of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2006 has been circulated to Board members.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2006 be confirmed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER'S UPDATE

4.1 PROJECT/DISCRETIONARY FUNDING 2006/07

Attached is a copy of the report on the above as at 26 September 2006.

4.2 CSR CALLS UPDATE, 1-28 SEPTEMBER 2006

(**Attached** for the information of Board members).

4.3 CITY MALL PROPOSED DESIGN

The opportunity will be taken at the meeting to discuss the City Mall Consultation Plan and the formulation of a submission from the Board on this topic. A copy of the consultation pamphlet has been separately distributed to members.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Members may at any ordinary meeting put a question to the Chairperson concerning any matter relevant to the role or function of the Community Board concerning any matter that does not appear on the order paper. All questions are subject to Standing Orders 4.1.1 to 4.1.5.

6. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Mr Miles Dalton and Ms Anne Ginty, of the Ministry of Social Development, will attend to provide a short briefing to the Board on the Enterprising Communities scheme. The scheme funds community groups who are setting up projects that will create labour market outcomes.

7.2 HIP HOP GROUP

The Hip Hop Group that was to attend the meeting of the Board on 13 September will attend at approximately 3.45 pm to make a presentation to the Board. Members will recall that the Board funded three members of this group to attend the National Championships in Wellington.

8. BROMLEY PARK TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS UPGRADE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Joanne Walton, Parks and Waterways Area Advocate

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the plan for the upgrade of the Bromley Park toilets and changing rooms following consultation with reserve user groups and immediate neighbours.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Transport and Greenspace Unit have prepared a plan for the upgrade of the toilets and changing rooms at Bromley Park. The existing toilets do not meet the 'safer parks' standards and are frequently vandalised. A number of reserve user groups were consulted in the early stages of the project with feedback taken into consideration in developing the proposed design. The proposal is to demolish the existing toilets and add new public toilets to the south side of the building. There will also be additional new toilets and showers inside the changing rooms which are accessible only to sportsfield users. There is only a small change to the footprint and area of the building.
3. As the proposal is essentially an alteration to an existing building that has no immediate residential neighbours, it was intended to seek feedback from only the key stakeholder groups that were consulted during the preliminary design stage of the project. However, this was subsequently extended to include those residents in the surrounding streets who are able to view the facility from their properties and the plan was also circulated to approximately 30 households surrounding the park.
4. A total of two reserve user groups and six residents returned the comment form providing feedback on the proposed plan. The response was very positive with all respondents indicating a good level of support for the building upgrade.
5. Two respondents did express concerns about vandalism, especially graffiti. It is anticipated that the new design with the public toilets opening directly to the outside of the building will improve visibility and safety, and reduce the risk of vandalism. The preferred practice at this time is to continue to repaint the exterior surfaces when graffiti is present. The option of painting the building with a community artwork may be investigated further if graffiti does continue at an unmanageable level.
6. As the overall feedback was positive, the Transport and Greenspace Unit do not propose to make any alterations to the original proposal (refer to **attached plans**).
7. The issue of traffic calming measures and speeding vehicles was raised by one respondent, however, this is considered to be outside the scope of this particular project. This issue will be referred to other Units within the Council as appropriate.
8. All respondents who supplied their contact details have been sent a letter of reply thanking them for their input. The letter has also informed respondents that the plan would be presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for approval. Details of the meeting were provided so that any interested people could attend. Letters have also been sent to the other key stakeholder groups advising them of this process.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. The current Greenspace Capital Works Programme has funding available to undertake the upgrade of the toilets and changing rooms at Bromley Park with \$80,000 available in the current 2006/07 year. Subject to any unavoidable delays, the works will be completed within the current financial year.
10. The necessary building consent will be applied for as part of the implementation process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approve the plan for the upgrade of the Bromley Park toilets and changing rooms and the Transport and Greenspace Unit commence the construction programme.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

OPTIONS

11. There are two options:

(A) Do nothing/maintain the status quo.

This is not considered a viable option as the existing public toilets are in poor condition, do not meet 'safer parks' standards and are frequently vandalised.

(B) Approve the plan for the upgrade of the Bromley Park toilets and changing rooms and the Transport and Greenspace Unit commence the construction programme.

This will allow the Transport and Greenspace Unit to provide a toilet and changing room facility with an improved design that provides better facilities for reserve users, both sports players and the general public, and promotes safety.

PREFERRED OPTION

12. The preferred option is (B).

ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS

The Preferred Option (B)

13. Approve the plan for the upgrade of the Bromley Park toilets and changing rooms and the Transport and Greenspace Unit commence the construction programme.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Improved facilities for reserve users both sports groups and general public; Improved safety for users.	None identified.
Cultural	No benefits identified.	None identified.
Environmental	Enhancement of recreation facilities.	None identified.
Economic	No positive economic impact for the community identified.	Upgrade of building \$80,000 already in capital programme for 2006/07 year; ongoing maintenance costs may be less than for existing facility.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

Primary alignment with community outcome: "Our City's natural resources, biodiversity, landscapes, and ecosystem integrity are protected and enhanced".

Also contributes to: "Our City's infrastructure and environment are managed effectively, are responsive to changing needs and focus on long-term sustainability".

Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities:

No impacts on Council's capacity and responsibilities have been identified.

Effects on Maori:

No effects on Maori have been identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Parks & Waterways Access Policy.

Public Toilets Policy.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

Those local residents and user groups who did respond indicated good level of support of proposed plan; Other key stakeholder groups have not made a submission.

Other relevant matters:

None identified.

Maintain The Status Quo (If Not Preferred Option)

14. Do nothing/maintain the status quo.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	None identified.	Recreation experience is not enhanced by inadequate facilities; possible safety risks in older building design.
Cultural	None identified.	None identified.
Environmental	None identified.	None identified.
Economic	No immediate financial cost of upgrade.	Continuing maintenance and repairs/upgrade of building.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

N/A.

Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities:

No impacts on Council's capacity and responsibilities have been identified.

Effects on Maori:

No effects on Maori have been identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

N/A.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

Those neighbours who did respond indicated a high level of support for the proposal. Some key stakeholder groups did not make a submission.

Other relevant matters:

None identified.

9. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DIVISION ANGLICAN CARE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Support
Author:	Claire Milne, Community Development Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information relating to an application for funding from the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care toward the payment of salaries and administration expenses for the Community Worker based at the Linwood Resource Centre from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board's 2006/07 discretionary funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care are requesting funding support from the Board. This funding will assist in covering a predicted shortfall of funds (totalling \$5,445) for payment of salaries and administration expenses for the Community Worker based at the Linwood Resource Centre for the 2006/07 operating year.
3. In partnership with Christchurch City Council, The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care employs the Community Worker based at the Linwood Resource Centre (LRC).
4. The Linwood Resource Centre is council owned and maintained and has been in operation since 1996 as a Community Facility.
5. The Linwood Resource Centre Community Development Project operates as a charitable trust under the Governance of a Trust Board, with support from Anglican Care and the Christchurch City Council, and seeks to address the reduction of disparity and multi-disadvantage and increase social participation of citizens in the area. A number of community development tools and processes are used to achieve this aim.
6. Christchurch City Council support the employment of the Community Worker (manager) through the Social Initiatives Scheme, however, it is important to note that the amount funded has not increased since 1998 and has not accounted for CPI increases in wage, administration and overhead costs resulting in the current shortfall of funds to support this position. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care have been supporting this shortfall, however, have investigated the viability of doing so and consequently recognised the need for financial support for this deficit.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.
8. Sound financial practices are in place. Audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2005 represent the financial position of the Diocese of Christchurch. Accounts for the Family and Community division show an income of \$242,044 and expenditure of \$363,546 representing an operating deficit of \$121,502. Trust fund distribution to this account leaves a deficit of \$24,002.
9. Investigation of the CCC Community Funding Database revealed that the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care has received \$40,000 per year since 1998 for Community Worker salaries and associated expenses.
10. The budget for the employment of the Community Worker based at the Linwood Resource Centre shows an income of \$40,000 sourced from the Christchurch City Council Social Initiatives funding scheme. Expenditure amounts are inclusive of salary, supervision, ACC, travel/mileage, training and management expenses totalling \$45,445. This leaves an operating deficit of \$5,445.
11. Social Initiatives funding received has not increased since 1998. Anglican Care have supported this shortfall over the last few years, however, now see the need to request increased funding support for this integral position within the Linwood community.

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12. There is currently a balance of \$47,229 in the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2006/07 discretionary fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Agree to allocate \$5,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care for the purpose of supporting a predicted shortfall in salary expenses associated with the Community Development Worker/Manager based at the Linwood Resource Centre.
2. Notes that in addition, the Community Development Adviser undertakes to work alongside Anglican Care in supporting them to identify appropriate responses for addressing the shortfall into the future.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

13. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care was established to assist local communities to identify local social need and using community development tools and processes, develop local responses to these needs. The aim of this division is to 'empower people to make things happen'.
14. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care has community workers based in community cottages and centres in six non-residential projects across Christchurch City, including the Linwood Resource Centre based in Linwood in the Hagley/Ferrymead Board area.
15. The Community Development Worker, based at the Linwood Resource Centre (LRC), works with the LRC Trust, and local people to identify unmet social needs and to develop, with the local community, responses to these needs.
16. Current initiatives include the opening of the LRC garden to the wider community, supporting community service with young people, the Linwood Avenue Project, an initiative that looks at health and healthy eating, support of the LYFE festival and corresponding worker and committee, various in house support networks and groups, information sourcing and distribution, individual support and referral networks, and ongoing networking, liaison and support of a number of other Linwood Community Organisations.
17. The Community Worker has management responsibility for employed staff and a number of volunteer positions at the centre.
18. Support for this initiative aligns with the following:

LTCCP Outcomes:

- A learning city.
- A city of inclusive and diverse communities.
- A city of healthy and active people.
- A safe city.

Community Board Objectives:

- Advocate for and support measures that will assist the Hagley/Ferrymead ward to be a safer place for residents, visitors and businesses.
- Maintain an awareness of the diversity of the ward in decision-making.
- Acknowledge diversity and support measures for a vibrant, inclusive and strong communities.
- Advocate for adequate resourcing for diverse communities.
- Encourage participation in recreation sports and arts for all.
- Support/advocate for initiatives that support lifelong learning.

Consistent with:

- Youth Policy and Strategy.
- Older Persons policy.
- Recreation strategy.
- Social Well Being Policy.
- Community Policy.
- Social Justice, Community Development and Social Issues.

10. UPDATE REPORT- KIMIHIA YOUTH SKILLS TRUST – KIMIHIA ADVENTURE PROGRAMME (KAP)

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Support
Author:	Claire Milne, Community Development Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the outcomes of the review of the structure of alternative education programmes in Christchurch and subsequent impact on the ongoing financial sustainability of the Kimihia Adventure Programme (KAP), operating under the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the meeting of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board held on Wednesday 14 December 2005 the Board considered an application for funding from the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust.
3. The Kimihia Youth Skills Trust (Kimihia Adventure Programme (KAP)) requested urgent funding support from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to assist in covering a predicted shortfall of funds (totalling \$23,313) for operational costs for the programme for the 2006 calendar year.
4. After consideration of information provided in the report the Board **resolved**:
 1. *To allocate \$11,500 from its 2005/06 discretionary fund.*
 2. *To receive a report on the review and appraisal in October 2006.*
5. A letter of accountability dated 12 September 2006 was received by the Community Development Adviser which requested that the board be informed of the following:
 - Funding allocated by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board in December 2005 enabled the programme to operated this year (2006).
 - The programme has now been granted 15 places – an increase from 12.
 - The Trust have tendered for 16 places for next year (2007).
6. The increase in funded places ensures sufficient income to meet the operational costs and wages for teaching staff.
7. The trust will, however, continue to require funding support for additional non core education staff such as the wrap-around Social Worker and Whanua Worker, and for activities held outside of school hours.
8. The Kimihia Youth Skills Trust wish to express their thanks, once again, to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for their support and the opportunity to continue running such a worthwhile programme.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal or financial issues to be considered.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board receive this information.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND

10. In December 2005 the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board received an application for urgent funding support from the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust to meet a predicted shortfall in operational costs for the Kimihia Adventure Programme (KAP) for the 2006 calendar year.
11. Ministry of Education (MoE) funding allocated to the KAP programme for 2006 was, at the time of application, worked to equate to maximum roll of 12 students. With funding retained by the consortium school this left a shortfall for the programme for the 2006 year.
12. This generated a high degree of concern by the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust for the ability of the programme to operate in 2006 as the Linwood College Board of Trustees had indicated the need for assurance that best effort had been made to access funding to meet this operational shortfall before the commencement of the 2006 school year. The Kimihia Youth Skills Trust approached the Community Board for financial assistance which was granted at the meeting of the 14 December 2005.
13. Information contained in the original report indicated that the structure of alternative education programmes in Christchurch was under review, and it was envisaged that programmes would come together under one consortium manager in 2006. Decisions on roll size and funding allocations for 2007 would be made under this new system, and that this streamlined structure would ensure that programmes would operate in a more financially stable and viable climate.

11. TREE REMOVAL – 44 BAY VIEW ROAD, MONCKS BAY

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Graham Clark, Arborist

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the removal of a large red flowering gum (*Eucalyptus ficifolia*) for the purpose of installation of a new vehicle crossing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In June 2006 Clifton Stemmer (then property owner) approached the Council with a request to remove the red flowering gum tree on the berm at 44 Bay View Road to allow a new vehicle crossing to be constructed. Since the approach was made the property has been sold on to Sally MacDonald and Alan Butts who are redeveloping the property and also require the removal of the red flowering gum to facilitate their project.
3. The proposed new vehicle crossing location for the new dwelling and garage directly conflicts with the location of the street tree.
4. Building consent for the construction of a new dwelling with attached garage and associated vehicle crossing was applied for on 7 July 2006 and granted by Council on 3 August 2006. The trees on the berm were not identified by the applicant on the design plans submitted.
5. The red flowering gum has good vigour and vitality, is of large size (approximately 7.4 metres in height with a canopy spread of 6.6 metres) and moderate form. The tree is situated mid-way across the grass berm in front of the property and contributes to the amenity of the street landscape (photos **attached**).
6. Following a site inspection it was discovered that the tree in question will require significant pruning in order to achieve electrical line clearance from the powerlines located directly above the tree (canopy of the tree currently encapsulates the service lines). This pruning will seriously affect the aesthetic appearance of the tree. If the tree is retained there will be significant future costs associated with ensuring overhead services clearance is maintained.
7. Should the removal be approved in principal by the Community Board, staff would like to replace the lost amenity value of the removed tree by planting a replacement pohutukawa tree close to the existing tree.
8. Adjacent and opposite neighbours will be notified prior to any work taking place.
9. This case does highlight a problem in the building/resource consent process in that the position of street trees are not always considered in relation to the building layout on the site and in particular the alignment of the garage and driveway crossing that is likely to affect them. Consent for buildings and driveway crossings may therefore be granted without having regard to the tree. The ability of community boards to make decisions under their delegated authority on the removal/retention of street trees is therefore pre-empted and/or compromised by these initial consents.
10. The whole process is, however, currently being investigated by the Units concerned with a view to establishing a procedure that ensures that the preservation of existing street trees is considered from an early planning stage. It is proposed that the accurate position of street trees will be shown by any applicant/developer on all consent applications and plans. At this early stage, every reasonable effort will be made by the Council, in consultation with the developer, to position a driveway sufficiently clear of an affected tree and to construct it in a manner that ensures the tree's preservation in a safe and healthy condition. If this is not possible for some reason, any proposal to remove a street tree will still be subject to "Council" approval along with any conditions under the appropriate delegation.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. Any healthy street tree can only be removed with approval from the appropriate Community Board and any protected street trees can only be removed by a successful application under the Resource Management Act. These trees are not listed as protected under the provisions of the Christchurch City Plan.
12. Removing and replacing the tree without obtaining reimbursement from the applicant is inconsistent with the current LTCCP as funding has not been allocated in the Transport and Greenspace Unit operational budget for the removal of healthy trees to allow for vehicle crossings.
13. Obtaining reimbursement from the applicant to remove and replace the trees is consistent with the current LTCCP.
14. Funding is available in the Transport and Greenspace Unit operational budget under Street Tree Maintenance for the removal and replacement of trees which are no longer appropriate in their current position.
15. The actual cost to remove the tree and replace it with a pb95 grade tree is:
 - Removal of Eucalyptus \$500 excluding GST
 - Replacement Planting \$215 excluding GST
16. The valuation for the red flowering gum tree using "STEM" is \$6,200.

"STEM" is the national arboricultural industry standard for evaluating and valuing amenity trees. "STEM" is used as a valuation tool by other Councils such as Auckland, Tauranga, Lower Hutt and Wellington.

"STEM" valuation on the tree concerned is detailed on the **attached** valuation sheet.
17. All tree work will be carried out by Council's street tree maintenance contractor.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board adopts Option (B) and approves:

- (a) That the red flowering gum tree located on the Bay View Road berm outside number 44 be removed to allow for a new vehicle crossings to be constructed.
- (b) That the red flowering gum removed is replaced with another tree, pb95 grade pohutukawa as close to the original trees location as is practicable.
- (c) That the Council pays the removal costs of \$500 excluding GST.
- (d) That the applicant is charged for the replacement planting cost of \$215 excluding GST (which includes the purchase cost for the tree).
- (e) That the Council does not apply "STEM" valuation in this case as the removal would have been recommended as part of the regular maintenance cycle for the city's tree asset (the trees location and condition do not warrant its retention).

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

OPTIONS

18. Option (A)

Remove the red flowering gum tree from the berm outside 44 Bay View Road, Moncks Bay. All costs to be borne by the applicant including the cost of removing the tree, replacement planting and the "STEM" valuation.

The actual cost of \$715 excluding GST to remove and replace the tree is borne by the applicant.

Applicant to be charged the full "STEM" valuation for the red flowering gum tree of \$6,200.

Total cost of \$6,915 excluding GST.

"STEM" valuation monies received will be utilised to enable planting of new trees both within the Bay View Road and the immediate neighbourhood's streets and parks.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Tree is removed and Council recovers the lost amenity value of the tree removed. Council utilises the monies received under the "STEM" valuation to enhance the street tree planting both within Bay View Road and the immediate neighbourhood's streets and parks. This will improve local area character and identity. Replacement tree to be a pohutukawa which will compliment and enhance the current planting in the street.	Cost to the applicant may be considered as unreasonable given the size of the tree and their proximity to the overhead power lines. Should the tree remain Council will be required to undertake remedial pruning that will have a detrimental effect on the tree's amenity value. Cost of compliance may be offset by an increase in the applicant's property value.
Cultural	Pohutukawa is a New Zealand icon tree.	No costs identified.
Environmental	Replacement of the tree with a newly planted pohutukawa will mitigate the effects of removal of the existing tree and over time maintain the general streetscape appearance. This is one of the few areas in the city where pohutukawa trees can thrive and prosper and thus the new planting will enhance the biodiversity of the city. STEM valuation monies recovered will allow council to further enhance the amenity planting within the immediate neighbourhood.	Possibility of future shading and leaf fall issues.
Economic	There is no cost to Council to remove or replace the tree as all costs are borne by the applicant. STEM valuation from flowering gum tree allows further planting to occur within the immediate neighbourhood at a reduced cost to Council.	Future general maintenance costs for the trees planted.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

Primary alignment with community outcomes:

"... a place where people enjoy living"

"... a thriving, healthy environment"

"... the most attractive city in New Zealand"

Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities:

No impacts on council's capacity and responsibilities have been identified.

Effects on Maori:

No specific effects on Maori identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Consistent with Urban Renewal Policy, Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

Removal and replacement may or may not be supported by the adjacent neighbours. Council has not engaged in consultation.

Other relevant matters:

Nil.

19. Option (B)

Remove the red flowering gum tree from the berm outside 44 Bay View Road, Moncks Bay. All costs for removal to be borne by Christchurch City Council \$500 excluding GST as we would have recommended the removal of the tree in the course of normal maintenance operations. Applicant to pay for replacement planting for amenity value.

Applicant is not to be charged the full "STEM" valuation for the red flowering gum tree due to trees condition and location.

Total cost to applicant \$215.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Red flowering gum is removed and Council recovers a proportion of the lost amenity value of the tree removed with the replacement planting being undertaken. Replacement tree is a pohutukawa and will enhance the current street tree planting in this area. It is in the mutual interest of both Council and the applicant to have the tree removed.	Cost of compliance may be offset by an increase in the applicant's property value.
Cultural	Pohutukawa is a New Zealand icon tree.	No costs identified.
Environmental	Replacement of the red flowering gum tree with newly planted pohutukawa tree will mitigate the effects of the tree removal and over time improve the general streetscape appearance. This is one of the few areas in the city where pohutukawa trees can thrive and prosper and thus the new planting will enhance the biodiversity of the city	Possibility of future shading and leaf fall issues.
Economic	Council cost benefit achieved through reduced cost incurred by Council to provide a replacement tree. Applicant to pay purchase and replanting costs for replacement tree. Applicant can complete development operations on site with greater ease and reduced cost.	General maintenance costs for new tree planted.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

Primary alignment with community outcomes:

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"... the most attractive city in New Zealand"

Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities:

No impacts on council's capacity and responsibilities have been identified.

Effects on Maori:

No specific effects on Maori identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Consistent with Urban Renewal Policy, Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

Removal and replacement may or may not be supported by the adjacent neighbours. Council has not engaged in consultation.

Other relevant matters:

Nil.

20. Option (C)

Remove the red flowering gum tree from the berm outside 44 Bay View Road, Moncks Bay. All costs for the removal and replacement planting to be shared by the applicant and Christchurch City Council on a 50/50 basis.

Actual cost of \$715 excluding GST to remove and replace the red flowering gum tree is borne jointly by Council and the applicant.

Applicant is not to be charged the full "STEM" valuation for the red flowering gum tree due to trees condition and location.

Total cost to applicant \$357.50.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Red flowering gum is removed and Council recovers 50% of the costs to remove and replant. It is in the mutual interest of both Council and the applicant to have the tree removed. Replacement tree is a pohutukawa and will compliment the existing street tree planting.	Cost of compliance may be offset by an increase in the applicant's property value. Applicant's proposed garage development can proceed with greater ease and reduced associated development costs.
Cultural	Pohutukawa is a New Zealand icon tree.	No costs identified.
Environmental	Replacement of the red flowering gum tree with newly planted pohutukawa tree will mitigate the effects of the tree removal and over time improve the general streetscape appearance. This is one of the few areas in the city where pohutukawa trees can thrive and prosper and thus the new planting will enhance the biodiversity of the city.	Possibility of future shading and leaf fall issues.
Economic	Council costs reduced by 50% in respect of removal and replanting therefore better use of Council funding.	Future general maintenance costs for new tree planted.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

Primary alignment with community outcomes:

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Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities:

No impacts on council's capacity and responsibilities have been identified.

Effects on Maori:

No specific effects on Maori identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Consistent with Urban Renewal Policy, Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

Removal and replacement may or may not be supported by the adjacent neighbours. Council has not engaged in consultation.

Other relevant matters:

Nil.

21. Option (D)

Status quo. Do not remove the red flowering gum tree. Tree is to be maintained to accepted international arboricultural standards and pruned for power-line legal clearance. Approved development is to take account of the fact that the tree is to be retained and all operations around the tree must be undertaken in such a fashion as to not damage the trees structure either above or below the ground.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Nil.	Council may be seen as unreasonable. Council may be viewed as a bad neighbour.
Cultural	Nil.	Nil.
Environmental	Trees remain on site and continues to contribute the overall amenity value of the streetscape albeit in a significantly reduced quantity and quality.	The tree will have its amenity value affected due to power line clearance operations required under NZ law. Tree will be misshapen and of very poor form as a result of the pruning required.
Economic	Nil.	Future general maintenance of tree.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

No community outcomes are achieved.

Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities:

No impacts on council's capacity and responsibilities have been identified.

Effects on Maori:

No specific effects on Maori identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Consistent with Urban Renewal Policy, Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

Removal and replacement required by the adjacent neighbour, which does not support this option. Council has not engaged in consultation.

Other relevant matters:

Nil.

12. CHRISTCHURCH CITY PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMITS

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Malcolm Taylor, Traffic Engineer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Boards support to set new speed limits on the roads described in this report (**see attachments**).

BACKGROUND

2. Board members may recall that at the Council seminar on 1 August 2006 they were briefed on proposals to change certain speed limits on roads within the city.
3. The Council is responsible for setting speed limits on those roads within its district in respect of which it is the road controlling authority. The authority for the Council to do this is contained in the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003, Rule 5004 ("the Rule") and the Christchurch City Speed Limit Bylaw 2005 ("the Bylaw").
4. In setting speed limits the Council must comply with the requirements of the Rule. It requires the Council to apply "Speed Limits New Zealand" for the setting of speed limits. "Speed Limits New Zealand" contains guidelines for setting speed limits and procedures for calculating speed limits. They are set out in Schedule 1 of the Rule. The Rule also prescribes the consultation that is required to be carried out for any proposed speed limit change.
5. The Council may set a speed limit that differs from the calculated speed limit under Speed Limits New Zealand. However, in this case there is provision in the Rule that must be complied with.

"A speed limit different from the calculated speed limit is the safe and appropriate speed limit for a road with regard to the function, nature and use of the road, its environment, land use patterns and whether the road is an urban traffic area or a rural area".

6. Once the provisions of the Rule have been complied with in relation to determining an appropriate speed and undertaking the necessary consultation the Council may set that speed limit by passing a resolution under Clause 5 of the Bylaw. The new speed limit will then be recorded in the Council's Speed Limit Register.
7. At the Council meeting of 21 September 2006 consent was given to carry out the consultation process as required by the Rule.
8. This report forms part of the consultation process which will be reported back to Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**9. Blenheim Road Deviation**

It is proposed that the speed limit on Blenheim Road from the Mandeville Street intersection along the Blenheim Road deviation to Deans Avenue and Moorhouse Avenue from Deans Avenue to the intersection of Lincoln Road, be posted as a 60 km/h speed limit. The proposed speed limit will also be presented to the Riccarton/Wigram and Spreydon/Heathcote Community Boards for their support.

Reasons for change:

- To set a speed limit on Blenheim Road deviation to be consistent with the existing section of Blenheim Road.
- The design speed for the Blenheim Road deviation is 60 km/h.
- The existing section of Moorhouse Road west from Lincoln Road (Speed Limit NZ) rating is for a speed limit of 70 km/h.
- It is suggested that the speed limit on Moorhouse Avenue from Deans Avenue to Lincoln Road be made 60 km/h to maintain the consistency along this route.

10. **Harper Avenue**

It is proposed that the speed limit on Harper Avenue, from Park Terrace to Deans Avenue be posted as a 60 km/h speed limit. The proposed speed limit change will also be presented to Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for its support.

Reasons for change:

- To clarify the arterial nature of this road.
- That Harper Avenue is a four lane median divided road.
- That the recommended rated speed limit of 80 km/h is a rural speed limit and the maximum speed limit of 60 km/h is suggested for Harper Avenue in this urban environment.
- To be consistent with other four lane median divided roads.

11. **Deans Avenue**

It is proposed that the speed limit on Deans Avenue from Harper Avenue to Riccarton Road be posted as a 60 km/h speed limit. The proposed speed limit change will also be presented to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for its support.

Reasons for change:

- To clarify the arterial nature of this road.
- Deans Avenue between Harper Avenue and Riccarton Road is a four lane median divided road.
- The recommended rated speed limit of 80 km/h is a rural speed limit and a maximum speed limit of 60 km/h is suggested for Deans Avenue in a urban environment.

12. **Riccarton Avenue**

It is proposed that the speed limit on Riccarton Avenue from Riccarton Road to a point west of the traffic signals at the Christchurch Public Hospital entrance be posted as a 60 km/h speed limit.

Reasons for change:

- To clarify the arterial nature of this road.
- Riccarton Avenue has limited frontage access to off street car parks for recreation use along its length.
- There is significant demand for long term on street car parking with a minimal parking turnover.
- The recommended rated speed limit of 80 km/h is a rural speed limit and it would be inappropriate for Riccarton Avenue. The rating shows that the speed limit of 50 km/h is also inappropriate.

13. The proposed speed limit for these four changes have been evaluated as prescribed by Speed Limits New Zealand by a consultant, namely Antoni Facey of Facey Consultants.

14. No additional roads are to be considered in this round of consultation. Additional roads can be considered in subsequent reviews once they have been evaluated against the Speed Limits New Zealand guidelines. It is intended that speed limits be reviewed on a biennial cycle.

15. The proposed time table for the process is:

- 1 August 2006 - Council Seminar.
- 21 September 2006 – Report to Council seeking consent to consult.
- October 2006 – Report to Community Boards seeking support for proposed changes.
- October 2006 – Consultation with:
 - the required parties
 - directly affected properties owners
 - residents groups
 - news media.

- 27 October 2006 – Closing date for consultation responses.
- 30 November 2006 – Report to Council on consultation feed back and request that the new speed limits be set.
- December 2006 – Arrange for sign changes and to update Speed Limit Register, Map and Council Web site.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

16. The cost of new signs and the relocation of existing speed limit signs are within existing budgets.
17. That the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003, Rule 5004 requires the council to apply the guidelines of Speed Limits New Zealand for the setting of speed limits and the procedures for calculating speed limits.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board support the following speed limit changes:

- (a) That the speed limit on Moorhouse Avenue from Blenheim Road easterly, generally, along Moorhouse Avenue to Lincoln Road be set at 60 km/h.
- (b) That the speed limit on Harper Avenue from Park Terrace west generally, along Harper Avenue to Deans Avenue, be set at 60 km/h.
- (c) That the speed limit on Deans Avenue from Harper Avenue south generally, along Deans Avenue to Riccarton Road, be set at 60 km/h.
- (d) That the speed limit on Riccarton Avenue from Riccarton Road east generally, along Riccarton Avenue to a point measured 100 metres west of the traffic signals at the entrance to the Christchurch Public Hospital, be set at 60 km/h.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK FUND APPLICATIONS

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941- 8534
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager Community Support
Author:	Marie Byrne, Community Engagement Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present the applications for Neighbourhood Week funding to the Hagley Ferrymead Community Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Local community groups, including residents' associations and neighbourhood support groups have been sent information inviting them to apply for the Neighbourhood Week Funding that has been set aside by the Board.
3. Funding is given to assist with the running of Neighbourhood Week events. Requests to fund alcohol and fireworks are not supported.
4. Neighbourhood Week 2006 is to be held from 28 October 2006 to 5 November 2006. Applications for funding closed on 29 September 2006. A final list of the applicants and the respective amounts they are applying for will be tabled at the meeting for the Board's consideration for allocation.
5. Because the applications closed on 29 September 2006, and late applications are still being received, the full list of applicants is unable to be circulated to members with the agenda. Applications received to date have been separately circulated to members, however.
6. Should there be any money unallocated, the Board may wish to delegate authority to the Board Chair and Deputy Chair to allocate that money outside of a regular Board meeting. A report detailing those applicants and amounts allocated will be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The Hagley Ferrymead Community Board allocated \$3,500 to go towards the funding of Neighbourhood Week events. Applicants are allocated up to \$100 per event.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Consider the applications and allocate funding accordingly.
2. Assign delegated authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair to consider additional applications and allocate funding should any funds remain.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

14. COLOMBO STREET KERB EXTENSION

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Peter Atkinson, Transport Planner - Central City

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Boards approval to remove two parking spaces and to construct a kerb extension for the purposes of constructing an outdoor dining area on Colombo Street between Kilmore and Peterborough Streets.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. An application has been made by the Mulberry Café and Restaurant to extend the kerbline and enlarge the footpath adjacent to their premises on the eastern side of Colombo Street between Kilmore Street and Peterborough Street, to create an area for “al fresco” dining. The construction of this kerb extension will remove two parking spaces and is in accordance with Council’s Policy. The applicant has obtained the written support of all the immediate affected neighbours. The area involved is in the Central City area which is outside the Board’s delegation for roading.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. All costs associated with the works to extend the kerbline will be met by the applicant. The lease of the footpath space is expected to generate an income stream that will offset the loss of parking revenue from the two parking spaces.
4. A recommendation from the Board to the Council is required for the removal of the two parking spaces adjacent to the site and to the granting of the application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board recommended that the Council grant approval to the removal of the two parking spaces, and the application, subject to:

- (a) The introduction of a ‘no stopping’ parking restriction on the eastern side of Colombo Street commencing at a point 29 metres measured in a southerly direction from a point opposite the southern kerbline of Peterborough Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 13 metres.
- (b) All costs associated with the kerb extension are met by the applicant and any furniture placed on street be in accordance with Council Policy.
- (c) The execution by the applicant of the normal form of licence to occupy.

CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND ON THE APPLICATION

5. The applicants, who are the proprietors of the Mulberry Café and Restaurant, wish to provide an outdoor seating area similar to that on the western side of Colombo Street at Café Valentinos. They have obtained written approval from all the immediate businesses adjacent to the site on both sides of the road and they are prepared to meet the costs of the works associated with the extension of the kerb. The works are to be done in accordance with the Council's standard specifications.
6. The application has met the initial requirements of the policy and now requires Board approval to progress to the proposed construction.

OPTIONS

7. There are two options: the approval of the application or its refusal.

Preferred Option

8. The preferred option is to approve the application. The application meets Council Policy and the applicants are prepared to meet all costs. The area where the kerb extensions are proposed is a small pocket in the central city which is establishing its own special character. The proposal provides the opportunity to add to the attractiveness of this entertainment and conference hub. The extension is considered to complement the locality and to provide a positive asset to the Central City.

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9. If the Board supports this option, it would be inconsistent with the Council's adopted policy view that in the Central City use of/extension of, outdoor seating and tables onto the footpath/roadway be encouraged. Clear reason would be needed to outline why the conforming application is refused. In addition, such a refusal could be considered to cause a lost opportunity for this area.

(Note: as the applicants are anxious to finalise this project as soon as possible it is intended, should the Board adopt the staff recommendation, to submit this to the Council meeting of 19 October by way of a Chairperson's report).

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Attached.