



Christchurch City Council

SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2006

AT 5.00PM

IN THE BOARDROOM,
SOUTH LIBRARY, SERVICE CENTRE AND LEARNING CENTRE,
66 COLOMBO STREET, CHRISTCHURCH

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 3 OCTOBER 2006

The report of the meeting of 3 October 2006 has been separately circulated.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Board's ordinary meeting of 3 October 2006, be confirmed.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 ADDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student representatives from Room 9 along with their teacher will be in attendance to address the Board regarding Simeon Park and related issues.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. PETITIONS

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

7. BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Board members to provide updates on community/Council issues.

8. FUNDING FOR SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY EVENTS

General Manager responsible:	Group Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Recreation & Sports Unit Manager
Authors:	Loren Sampson and Jacqui Leask, Community Recreation Advisers

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the current situation regarding community events in the Spreydon/Heathcote area and to present options on a way forward for a Barrington event.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Typically three events are run annually in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward – November Fiesta, Heathcote River Day and Barrington Big Fun. The sum of \$17,000 was requested by the Community Recreation Adviser in the 2006/07 project funding round to cover the cost of running these three community events.
3. At the project funding allocation meeting held in May this year, the Community Board agreed to allocate \$10,000 to community events for the 2006/07 financial year. This funding is for events administered and overseen by the Community Recreation Adviser. The Community Recreation Adviser proposed that as local community support to plan the Barrington Big Fun event had been significantly lower for the 2006 event, the Barrington event becomes instead bi-annual. The Board requested that external agencies be approached for funding support for the 2007 Barrington event.

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4. A sponsorship proposal was prepared and approaches to the Rotary Club of Christchurch South and Barrington Mall were made. Both sponsorship proposals were unsuccessful and neither of these agencies were able to provide financial support for the Barrington Community Event.
5. The Barrington Big Fun community event is coordinated by a planning committee which is made up of representatives of the local community. The Barrington event has always attracted a good crowd and is well supported on the day, but one of the issues affecting this event in recent years is diminished support from community representatives to plan the event. One of the aims of this event is to involve key members of the community to plan the event; to utilise their networks within the community; foster relationships and partnerships between community organisations and upskill representatives in new areas i.e. in this case the facets involved are in planning and implementing a community event.
6. The Community Recreation Adviser has contacted community members who assisted in planning and co-ordinating last years Barrington event and sought their feedback on possible options for the future. The feedback was that the lack of support for the planning had an effect on the delivery of the event and was something that needed to be addressed prior to organising/running the event again. There was support for the idea of Barrington Big Fun becoming a bi-annual event. This would allow members of the planning committee to re-charge and would keep the event fresh.
7. With the recent lack of interest in assistance with planning this event it may be timely to evaluate the current members on the planning committee and consider who could be approached/invited to join this committee so that there is the capacity, the willingness and the enthusiasm to take responsibility for the planning component, thus ensuring a successful event.
8. In summary, there is insufficient funding to run the three annual community events from the funds allocated by the Community Board during the 2006/2007 project funding process. Sponsorship proposals have not been successful in securing external funding for the Barrington event.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. In May 2006 the Board confirmed that \$13,000 be allocated for community events in the 2006/07 financial year of which \$10,000 be tagged specifically for community events overseen by the Community Recreation Adviser.
10. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board currently has \$46,214 available for allocation in its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund.

BACKGROUND ON FUNDING FOR SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY EVENTS

11. The outcomes of community events are many and varied. Community events allow us to engage with the community. Events are often held in specific areas of the community that face issues such as high levels of deprivation and social need, or in areas that highlight specific geographical features of the community. Events also allow us to highlight recreational opportunities within the community and provide opportunities to create links between communities and local providers i.e. churches, youth groups, holiday programmes.
12. One of the roles of a Community Recreation Adviser is to assess the viability of community events. In relation to community events, one of the factors that is considered is community support. This support comes firstly from the community to commit time and energy towards planning the event and secondly, by the wider community to participate on the day of the event. Barrington Big Fun has the latter support but does not presently have the support for the planning aspect of the event.
13. The Community Recreation Adviser indicated to Board members at the project funding meeting earlier this year that the priority events for the Spreydon/Heathcote ward are Heathcote River Day and November Community Fiesta. These events target low socio economic communities, their key focus is to strengthening community relationships and bring people together to celebrate culture, community and local resources.

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14. The planning for these two events has commenced, as past experience indicates the timing of community events can affect their success and the support they receive from the community. After consulting with the community and stakeholders it was decided that the best time to hold Heathcote River Day and November Community Fiesta is prior to the Christmas holidays. With that in mind planning for these events is already underway.

OPTIONS

15. The Board may wish to consider and discuss the following options that have been identified by the Community Recreation Advisers.

- (a) Do not run the Barrington Big Fun event in 2007.

There is insufficient funding available for this event and valuable planning time has already been lost. The need to engage with key community representatives to plan the event is crucial if we wish to achieve the goals of this event. Staff need time to consult and evaluate the current Barrington Big Fun event. Evaluation will allow appropriate changes to be made i.e. invitations to new members of the community to be involved in this project, with a view to next run the Barrington event in 2008. A bid for this event could be included in the 2007/08 project funding round.

- (b) Run the Barrington Big Fun event in 2007.

If the Board wishes to see this event happen in the current financial year then funding would need to be sourced from the Board's discretionary fund. Funding applications to external agencies have been unsuccessful. The cost to run the Barrington Big Fun event is \$6,500. It needs to be acknowledged that the Barrington event runs on the current budget due to input from community members. If option (b) is the preferred option, the Board's consideration needs to be given to the fact that the event would be planned with minimal input from the community due to tight timeframes, which may in turn affect the budget.

- (c) Consider the option of funding a 'Movie in the Park' style event in the Barrington area.

The content of this report outlines a number of issues if the Barrington event were to go ahead this year i.e. limited planning time, lack of support from the community for the planning component, lack of funds on hand etc. The Board may wish to consider the option of funding a Movie in the Park style event that would ensure an event is still held in the Barrington area engaging the local community and bringing people together in a local greenspace. If the Board supported this idea, funding would need to be allocated to run this event. The cost of running a Movie in the Park style event is approximately \$4,000. Attendances at these events run last year in other ward areas ranged from 500 people through to over 1,000. Further information around this option can be supplied if required.

PREFERRED OPTION

16. The preferred option is (a) Do not run Barrington Big Fun in 2006/07.
17. This option would mean the Barrington Big Fun event would become bi-annual, with the next event scheduled for February 2008 (dependent upon Board funding support). This would allow the Community Recreation Adviser time to capacity build in the Barrington community to increase the likelihood of securing committed members of the community for the Barrington Big Fun Planning Committee.
18. The Board may also wish to consider option (c).
19. This would allow members of the Barrington community to be brought together via a community event which would not require the same level of involvement from community representatives and significantly less planning time for the Community Recreation Adviser.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board:

- (a) Support the option of not running the Barrington event in 2006/07.
- (b) Consider the option of funding an outdoor movie event in Barrington Park from the 2006/07 Board Discretionary Fund.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

9. **6 BENGAL DRIVE – TREE REMOVAL REQUEST**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI: 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
Author:	Parks & Waterways Area Advocate, Ann Liggett and Arborist, Tony Armstrong

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1. The purpose of this report is seek approval to remove a cypress tree from the berm outside 6 Bengal Drive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The Council has received a request from the resident of 6 Bengal Drive to remove a cypress tree from the berm outside their property, due to concerns about the health and safety of the tree as well as a desire by the resident to landscape the berm.
- 3. The tree in question is a maturing cypress (photo **attached**). An assessment of the tree concludes that the tree is healthy but its location is not appropriate.
- 4. A history of requests date back to October 2004 when an adjacent eucalypt tree was removed due to its structural decline. Its situation was also inappropriate due to its proximity to the road and property. Subsequently the resident has, where possible, landscaped the berm.
- 5. The cypress was pruned at the time to lift the canopy over the road, and in September 2005 was attended to in order to prune broken branches following a snow storm.
- 6. The situation of the tree is such that as a maturing cypress it will without doubt outgrow its site and continue to suffer branch breakage. On a local roadside embankment there are some safety concerns with this, specifically regarding its potential instability and propensity for branch breakage.
- 7. Assessing the amenity aspects of the tree, the potential improvement to the site by removal and replanting supports the removal of the tree.
- 8. Should approval be granted, Council staff will notify immediately affected neighbours as per standard operating procedure.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 9. Funding for the removal of the tree will be from the Transport and Greenspace Unit's operational budget for street tree maintenance.
- 10. The tree is not protected under the City Plan.
- 11. All work will be carried out by a Council approved contractor.

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OPTIONS

12. **Option 1 – do nothing**

Doing nothing is not an option as the tree will continue to outgrow the location and will continue to suffer branch breakage posing a potential health and safety risk, and ongoing maintenance.

13. **Option 2 – maintenance**

Maintenance will only be an interim solution and as per the reasons above, the tree will eventually require removal, perhaps under more difficult and costly circumstances in future.

PREFERRED OPTION

14. **Option 3 – Removal and replanting**

Due to the location of the tree and the ongoing concern with branch breakage, and with the support and willingness of the resident for removal and to relandscaping the site, the preferred option is for removal and replanting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board approve the removal of the cypress tree situated on the berm outside 6 Bengal Drive.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

10. **CENTAURUS PARK ELM TREE – RESPONSE TO DEPUTATION**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI: 941, 8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Ann Liggett, Parks & Waterways Area Advocate and Tony Armstrong, Arborist

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to respond to a request to remove an elm tree in Centaurus Park by Ruth and Walter Coapman's (7 Ramahana Road) deputation to the Board meeting of 4 July 2006 (copy **attached**) and for the Community Board to either approve or decline this request.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. A request has been received, via the Community Board, from the residents of 7 Ramahana Road to remove the elm tree on their boundary with Centaurus Park.
3. Centaurus Park is a local park situated on the corner of Centaurus Road and Ramahana Road and is the neighbouring reserve to St Martins School.
4. The elm tree is situated within the boundary of the park adjacent to 7 Ramahana Road on the northern aspect of the property. It is a mature specimen with an approximate height and canopy spread of 20 metres and girth measuring 4 metres.
5. An arboricultural assessment of the removal request (including photographs), which forms part of this report, has been undertaken and a copy is **attached** for your information. It concludes that the (elm) tree is healthy and that approval for its removal is therefore required from the Community Board.

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6. The rootzone and canopy of the tree have been visually inspected from the ground with no diagnostic equipment; however, the assessment of the trunk included the use of a 'Picus Tomograph' in order to determine if any decay was present.
7. In summary the issues with the elm are shading, debris, root problems and concern about branch failure
8. The residents complain of adverse effects from both winter and summer shading, affecting light and temperature and their enjoyment of their property. The tree is deciduous so the likely period of adverse effect would be during autumn, however, it is acknowledged that by being close to the property on the northern aspect this would be exacerbated. Shading is a difficult issue to address, as, although measurable, it can often be subjective. As one of the positive effects of trees in the urban environment is the provision of shade in summer, a balance can be difficult to achieve.
9. Debris can be another negative effect experienced typically in autumn, but also periodically throughout the year, with the tree dropping varying sized branches and/or seeds etc, and often being weather dependant. Debris from trees is an accepted part of a trees life cycle and where it proves to be a problem this can be addressed by maintenance of both the tree and affected property, with the onus being on the respective property owners for this. Presently it is not Council policy or practice to maintain private property.
10. Damage to the fence can be identified and assessed, and the responsibility for the fence is shared by both the Council and the resident.
11. Problems associated with the drains would need further investigation to substantiate these concerns, with the onus being on the resident to provide this evidence to Council.
12. Further maintenance work is due on the elm tree, being general remedial pruning, but also including a limited amount of modification by thinning and reduction, in particular to address the branch on the southern side.
13. The effect of this pruning regime would be partially beneficial to the residents in addressing some of the concerns they have regarding, in particular, shading, debris, and health and safety.
14. The canopy on the southern side of the tree has already been reduced (pruned) back to about a 5 metre radius, thus leaving a visually unbalanced canopy from eastern and western aspects. Otherwise the tree has significance in the landscape of the park, being the only elm but contributing to the mature canopy trees (oak, plane), which are planted around the perimeters.
15. Removal of the tree would be the only assurance of completely negating nuisance and any potential health and safety issues.
16. Overall, there is inherent conflict between Council and its provision of amenity to the public in a park environment, and neighbouring residents use and enjoyment of their private property. This arises due to a mature tree on the boundary and although many issues can be addressed by maintenance, of both tree and property, they may only be minimised and hence may continue.
17. Other issues raised in the deputation referred to three oaks planted very close together not far from Mr and Mrs Coapman's property. One tree has poor structure and should be removed. The placement of the remaining two trees is not ideal, therefore the smaller tree will also be removed and possibly transplanted within the park.
18. The eucalypt that has been requested for pruning is noted, and this, along with other maintenance, will take place pending the outcome of the decision on the elm tree.
19. The school has been advised that a request has been received for the removal of the elm tree but at this stage no decision has been made, and they are happy to be kept informed.
20. Prior to any work being undertaken a start work notice will be distributed to the wider community, being any other affected party.

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FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

21. Funding for all maintenance work, including removal (if supported) will be available from the 2006/07 operational budget for park trees.
22. Any future replanting would be funded from capital expenditure under the tree renewal budget.
23. The elm tree is not listed as protected under the City Plan.
24. The Property Law Act in regards to nuisance has been addressed in both the summary and the arborist assessment.
25. The Fencing Act will apply should the resident wish to proceed with any fencing renewal or replacement.
26. All work will be carried out by a Council approved contractor.

BACKGROUND ON CENTAURUS PARK ELM TREE – RESPONSE TO DEPUTATION

27. A history of requests date back to January 2003 when a large branch from the tree failed. The circumstances of this failure are unknown.
28. In February 2005 another request was received regarding another broken branch from the tree.
29. In October 2005 the resident of 7 Ramahana Road approached the Council concerning problems with the elm tree, adjacent oaks and the eucalypt within the park. At this time they were advised that maintenance could be undertaken but that the elm tree could not be removed without Community Board approval.
30. On 28 March 2006 a site meeting was undertaken with the residents, Greenspace Arborist, and Parks & Waterways Area Advocate, and concerns discussed relating to the elm, oak trees and eucalypt. The outcome was that maintenance would be undertaken on all the trees discussed but should they wish to pursue removal of the elm then this would need to be done through the Community Board. They were advised on the process for making a deputation to the Board, which was heard on 4 July 2006.
31. All maintenance is now on hold pending the outcome of the deputation relating to the elm tree.

OPTIONS

32. Option 1 – do nothing

This is not an option as outlined in both this report and the arboricultural assessment, as maintenance is a minimum requirement.

33. Option 2 – removal of the elm tree, as requested by the resident

It is the opinion of the Council (parks) Arborist that, at present, there is no arboricultural reason to remove the elm tree.

PREFERRED OPTION

34. Option 3 – retain the elm and pursue maintenance and monitoring of the tree

Due to there being no arboricultural reason to remove the elm, this is the preferred option.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board either approve or decline the request to remove an elm tree in Centaurus Park on the boundary of 7 Ramahana Road based on the information provided.

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CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

11. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK FUND APPLICATIONS**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Community Support Manager
Author:	Tara Smith, Community Engagement Assistant

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present the applications for Neighbourhood Week funding to the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board. A schedule of the Neighbourhood Week applications is **attached**.

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.
5. As the applications closed on 29 September 2006, the list of applicants is unable to be circulated to members with the agenda. A 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.
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 Community Board allocated \$5,000 to go towards the funding of Neighbourhood Week events. In the past, applicants have generally been allocated around \$100-\$200 per event.
8. At the time of submitting this report, applications totalled \$7,925. The Board could consider funding applications that exceed the amount allocated through the Board's available Discretionary Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Consider the tabled applications and allocate funding accordingly.
- (b) Assign delegated authority to the Chair and Deputy to consider additional applications and allocate funding accordingly.

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CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

As will be noted, the applications received (\$7,925) exceed the funding available (\$5,000) so particular attention will need to be given in terms of how this shortfall can be accommodated if the Board's support is to be given to the requests.

12. HAWDON STREET – PROPOSED MOTORCYCLE PARK

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

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Community Board to install a short length of parking designated for motorcycles for a maximum of 120 minutes (refer to **attached** plan).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The proprietor of "Radical Choppers and Customs" situated at 55 Hawdon Street has expressed concern that there is a lack of motorcycle parks for their business.
3. The surrounding land use in the area is predominantly industrial creating a demand for on-street parking. The kerbside spaces are currently unrestricted and are mostly occupied all day by employees from the surrounding businesses.
4. There is customer parking provided off street by the business, however this is mainly used for customer car parking. The Council has provided other motorcycle shops around Christchurch with designated motorcycle parks to service their customers. This formalises the area motorcycles park instead of having them squeezed between vehicles. This proposal is consistent with other requests.
5. The "Radical Choppers and Customs" proprietor is considered the only person directly affected by the proposal and they have requested the motorcycle park.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. Installation of signs, markings and posts is within existing budgets.
8. Land Transport Rule Traffic Control Devices 2004 "Part 12.4 Types and means of indicating parking restrictions".

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board approve that parking be restricted for a maximum of 120 minutes for motorcycles only, on the west side of Hawdon Street from a point 9 metres north of the Wordsworth Street intersection and extending 5 metres in a northerly direction.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.

13. COLOMBO STREET “NIGHT TIME” PARKING RESTRICTION

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI: 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Barry Cook, Network Operations Team Leader

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the issues surrounding a request for a ban on the parking of vehicles during “night” hours in Colombo Street between Moorhouse Avenue and Brougham Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Members will be aware of the concerns that have been expressed by Mr Doc Ross, a resident and business owner in Colombo Street, Sydenham. These concerns can be summarised as follows:
 - (a) The threat to personal safety generated by large groups of youths congregating in Colombo street and acting in a disorderly manner including abusive and aggressive behaviour.
 - (b) Damage to both private and public property including broken shop windows.
 - (c) Urinating and vomiting in shop doorways.
 - (d) Excessive noise generated by the vehicles belonging to these youths.
 - (e) General rowdy behaviour causing disturbance.
3. It is understood from discussions with Mr Ross that the frequency of this type of behaviour is seasonal with little or no problems in the winter but increasing to a peak in the warmer months. While there is certainly an issue with excessive noise affecting the quality of life for those people that live in the street, there is perhaps a greater level of concern regarding the other issues raised and the adverse effects this behaviour is having on most businesses in the area.
4. The recent establishment of two “party pill” outlets in this section of Colombo Street appears to have directly contributed to the intensity of the odious activities. However it is acknowledged that there is a history of youths congregating in cars in this area that precedes the arrival of these types of shops.
5. Mr Ross has sought the assistance of the Council and New Zealand Police to find a solution that will address these issues. Due to the nature of the concerns it is acknowledged that New Zealand Police have a significant role to play in the success of any option that may be forthcoming. It is therefore considered paramount that the support of the Police is obtained.
6. While formal discussions with other business have not been undertaken as part of this report, it is understood that other businesses share the concerns raised by Mr Ross.
7. It is abundantly clear that while the issues raised need to be addressed, the difficulty is in finding a mechanism with which to achieve this. The initial request was for the introduction of a “no stopping” restriction over the affected length of Colombo Street similar to that which was installed in 2002 covering the section of Colombo Street adjacent to Sydenham Park, opposite McDonalds (operative 10pm to 5am). This was installed after a request from the Police and before the new laws were introduced in 2004 which give the Police additional powers to deal with noisy vehicles. A further restriction was also implemented in 1998 within the section of Colombo Street between Brougham Street and Elgin Street (operative 8pm to 7am).

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8. Enforcement would play an important role in the success of any parking restriction. Discussions with New Zealand Police reveal empathy for the concerns being expressed, but they have doubts concerning how practicable it would be for further parking restrictions. The Police believe the restriction would require considerable resources to enforce, would likely create a migration of the problems into neighbouring streets, and point to other sections of Colombo Street eg. Central City, where similar issues are prevalent. There is a concern by the Police that this option will generate a proliferation of no stopping restrictions along the length of Colombo Street which generates the wrong image for the city. The Police accept that the existing restriction opposite McDonalds works reasonably well and is unlikely to be contributing to the migration of the problem. Also the types of activities that were occurring outside and within Sydenham Park were more surreptitious in nature and therefore not entirely similar to those currently experienced further north.
9. Although many of the retail activities along the section of Colombo Street between Moorhouse Avenue and Brougham Street are closed during the night time hours, there are a number of businesses that still rely on the availability of parking. It is also understood that the number of residents living in this section of Colombo Street is approximately 15 and therefore the adverse effects of excessive noise, in particular, are quite limited. The migration of the problem into surrounding areas if a parking restriction were to be installed would be likely to affect a significantly greater number of residents.
10. There are a number of requests for night time bans on parking to deal with inappropriate behaviour, but given the aforementioned factors, the Transport and Greenspace Unit is of the view that these problems can now be dealt with by enforcement using the new powers that recent legislation now provides.
11. Excessive vehicle noise has been an issue that the Ministry of Transport has been seeking to address in recent years. Section 7.4 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 provides for on-road enforcement of vehicle noise. Under this rule a police officer could issue an instant \$150 infringement notice if a person operates a vehicle that creates noise which, having regard to all the circumstances is excessive. This includes noise from car stereos, exhausts etc. The recently passed Land Transport Amendment Act 2005 increased this infringement fee to \$250 and imposes 10 demerit points. This amendment has been operative since January 2006 and the accumulation of the demerit points will soon be taking effect.
12. In addition to the road side enforcement, all vehicles currently undergo a subjective noise test during warrant and certificate of fitness checks. Clause 2.7(3) of the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment 2004 (previously, regulation 81 of the Traffic Regulations 1976) states that noise from an exhaust system must not be noticeably and significantly louder than it would have been when the motor vehicle was manufactured with its original exhaust system. Under section 115(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998, a police officer can also 'green sticker' a vehicle that is considered to breach the noise requirements of the Vehicle Equipment Rule 2004, directing that the vehicle is not to be driven on a road until it has passed a warrant of fitness test at an independent testing station. In extreme cases the Police can 'orange sticker' a vehicle, which means it can not be driven on the road and a tow truck is called.
13. The Ministry of Transport will soon be implementing an 'objective' noise test to supplement the subjective test currently used. The objective noise test will use scientific methods to measure noise levels of vehicle exhausts against a pre-determined standard. Failure to meet the requirements of the objective test will require the vehicle to be repaired to ensure it is compliant. The implementation of the objective noise test will occur once the standards and methods are finalised. This is expected to occur in the near future.
14. It follows that the Police and vehicle testing agencies will have greater ability to combat excessive vehicle noise.
15. The problems typically stem from the congregation of groups of youths and preventing these groups from congregating is unlikely to be attainable in the foreseeable future: The issues relating to the behaviour of the youths are also unlikely to be resolved through erecting signage of any type. The installation of night time parking bans will not solve but will shift the problem elsewhere. The Summary Offences Act however does allow the Police to enforce a number of laws relating to general public behaviour.

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16. The proliferation of these parking bans is therefore considered not appropriate and police resources can be better utilised by enforcement of the new legislation, for example, street racing and noisy vehicles to eliminate some of the activities that are in part contributing to the concerns.
17. In conclusion, it is considered that the adverse effects generated by the behaviour of these youths can only be mitigated but not eradicated across the city by the Police. This is a view also shared by New Zealand Police. Enforcement using current legislation is the only practicable option in the short term.
18. Mr Doc Ross has been fully informed of these issues and has acknowledged that the new powers have already reduced the problem.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

19. There are no financial considerations.
20. The legal considerations are the Land Transport Act and Summary Offences Act.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.

14. CHRISTCHURCH CITY PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMITS

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

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's support for the speed limit on Moorhouse Avenue from Deans Avenue to Lincoln Road, be posted as a 60 km/h speed limit (see **attachment**).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Blenheim Road Deviation and Moorhouse Avenue

2. 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 Hagley/Ferrymead and Riccarton/Wigram Community Boards for their support.
3. 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.

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4. The proposed speed limit has been evaluated as prescribed by Speed Limits New Zealand by a consultant, namely Antoni Facey of Facey Consultants.
5. 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.
6. The proposed time table for the process is:

1 August 2006	Council Seminar (on all proposed new speed limits)
21 September 2006	Report to Council seeking consent to consult
October 2006	Reports to Community Boards seeking support for proposed changes
October 2006	Consultation with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

7. The cost of new signs and the relocation of existing speed limit signs is within existing budgets.
8. 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.

BACKGROUND ON CHRISTCHURCH CITY PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMITS

9. 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.
10. 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").
11. 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.
12. 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".

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13. 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.
14. At the Council meeting of 21 September 2006 consent was given to carry out the consultation process as required by the Rule.
15. This report forms part of the consultation process which will be reported back to Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board support that the speed limit on Moorhouse Avenue from Blenheim Road easterly, generally, along Moorhouse Avenue to Lincoln Road be set at 60 km/h.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

15. KERERU SPORTS & CULTURAL CLUB (INC) – LEASE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport & Greenspace Manager
Author:	Bill Binns, Property Consultant

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's recommendation to Council to grant a new lease to the Kereru Sports & Cultural Club (Inc) to lease Coronation Hall at Spreydon Domain, Domain Terrace.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The lease to the Kereru Sports & Cultural Club expired 31 December 2005. Since this date the Club has been occupying the premises on a month to month basis.
3. Agreement has been reached with the Club for a lease to commence 1 October 2006 for an initial term of three years with two rights of renewal for terms of three years each in the form of the Council's generic lease. The lease's final expiry date is 30 September 2015 if all renewals are exercised and will take in the existing building and carpark.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. The Community Board does not have delegated authority to authorise the granting of the proposed new lease such a decision needs to be made by the full Council. The Board does however have recommendation powers to the Council.
5. The land involved is held by Council under the Reserves Act 1977 so the notification procedures and consent process under the Reserves Act will apply.
6. The annual rental for this lease will be set in accordance with Council's existing leasing criteria.

BACKGROUND ON KERERU SPORTS & CULTURAL CLUB (INC) – LEASE

7. In 1996 Council received an application from the Kereru Sports & Cultural Club to establish their club at Coronation Hall.
8. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board supported this application which was approved by Council in December 1996 for a term of nine years.

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9. This lease expired on 31 December 2005 and since this time the Club has been occupying the premises on a month to month basis.
10. The Club is administered by an Executive Body and Board of Trustees, plus a sub-committee which administers softball, netball, school children (within the last 18 months Beckenham Softball has joined the Club) and a Maori Cultural group. Accounts are audited annually.
11. The Club has affiliations with Canterbury & New Zealand Netball Unions, Canterbury & New Zealand Softball Associations, the Watoha Maori Council, South Island Maori Netball Tournament Association and Nga Tai E Rua Cultural Group.
12. Since taking over the lease in 1996 the Kereru Sports & Cultural Club have maintained the hall to a high standard.
13. The Club wishes to enter into a new lease with the Council on the same terms and conditions as set out in the old lease obligations.
14. In June 2003 the Kereru Sports & Cultural Club was granted a Liquor Licence under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 to expire on 31 December 2005. Therefore the Club will have to re-apply to have the licence renewed in terms of its lease.

OPTIONS

15. Not enter into a new lease with Kereru Sports & Cultural Club Inc) and lease to another party to demolish the building.
16. Enter into a new lease with the existing tenant. – the Kereru Sports & Cultural Club Inc.

PREFERRED OPTION

17. To enter into a new lease with the Kereru Sports & Cultural Club who have maintained the building and are fulfilling an important community service.
18. There is no alternative demand for the use of the building.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council agrees to approving a lease to the Kereru Sports & Cultural Club pursuant to Section 54(i)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977 for a term not exceeding nine years at a rental of \$5,000 plus GST per annum, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The proposal being publicly notified and no objections have been received.
- (b) The consent of the Minister of Conservation has been obtained.
- (c) Kereru Sports & Cultural Club (Inc) meeting all the Council's costs in preparing and issuing the lease.
- (d) The lessee covenants to make the hall available for use by the Buffalo Lodge on the same terms as was mutually agreed by the parties in the former lease.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.

16. NATIONAL SUMMIT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8549
Officer responsible:	Community Board Principal Adviser
Author:	Peter Dow, Community Secretary

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the attendance of Phil Clearwater to the National Summit on Affordable Housing in Wellington on 30 October 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The key summit topics include the following:
 - “Affordable Housing – Why should we care?”
 - “Who’s Responsible: Central Government, Local Government, Community or Private Sector?”
 - “Affordable Housing – What needs to happen?”
3. Phil Clearwater is a member of the Council’s Housing Working Party

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal considerations.
5. The cost of attending the summit is \$396 and comprises registration of \$150 and airfares of \$246. This would be met from the Board’s 2006/07 operational budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board gives consideration to approving the attendance of Phil Clearwater at the National Summit on Affordable Housing in Wellington on 30 October 2006.

17. CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTORAL REVIEW 2006 – BOARD SUBMISSION

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8549
Officer responsible:	Lisa Goodman, Community Board Principal Adviser
Author:	Peter Dow, Community Secretary

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit, for information and record purposes, the submission made by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board regarding the Canterbury Regional Council’s (Ecan) Electoral Review 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting on 5 September 2006, the Board resolved that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be given delegated authority to formulate, lodge and be heard on the Board’s submission regarding Ecan’s 2006 Electoral Review.
3. The **attached** submission was subsequently prepared and lodged, and is presented to this meeting of the Board for information.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. In terms of the action taken in making a Board submission on the matter, there were no specific legal or financial issues requiring consideration.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board receive the information.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.

**18. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE –
REPORT OF 2 OCTOBER 2006**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8549
Officer responsible:	Lisa Goodman, Community Board Principal Adviser
Author:	Peter Dow, Community Secretary

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's information the following report of the SCAP Committee meeting as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the SCAP Committee
held on Monday 2 October 2006 at 5.30pm
in the Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre**

PRESENT: Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Bruce Harding, Jan Rogers, Rob Patterson and Doug Shepherd

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Oscar Alpers.

1. MEETING REPORT – 21 AUGUST 2006

The Committee **received** the report of its meeting held on 21 August 2006.

2. JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT PROJECT

Mr Pat Creasey and Mrs Sally Thompson of Neighbourhood Support addressed the Committee on the details and operational arrangements of the Junior Neighbourhood Support Programme for primary school children in years 1 to 8.

The aim of the programme is *"to promote a sense of pride, safety and community spirit in children and their wider school community"*.

The objectives of the programme are:

- To promote Safety Awareness in Schools and in the Community.
- To install Pride in Students, their School and their Community.
- To install Neighbourhood Support Values in Children.
- To foster a "Fire Wise" awareness in Children, School, Home and Community.
- To foster a "Civil Defence" awareness in Children, School, Home and Community.
- To reward Positive Initiatives and Behaviour.

The Committee was advised that four of the city Community Boards were being asked for \$5,000 to run the programme in two local primary schools and that to date funding support had come from the Shirley/Papanui and Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards for their respective areas.

Members asked questions of the representatives and the Chairperson thanked them for their presentation.

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The Committee **resolved** that staff be requested to report back to the Committee on the Junior Neighbourhood Support Programme for Spreydon/Heathcote.

3. **SCAP 2006/07 FUND UPDATE**

The Committee **received** information advising that the SCAP fund balance was \$26,500.

4. **TRIBUTE TO LATE NICK CHAPMAN**

The Committee **agreed** that in liaison with the family, a small function be held later in the year as a tribute to the late Mr Chapman.

Subject to its suitability, Monday 4 December 2006 at 6.00pm was proposed.

5. **SCAP PLANNING – PROGRAMME FOR 2006/07**

Members reviewed the Committee's aims and priorities which were accepted as still being relevant and appropriate as a framework for the Committee's current work. An additional priority, however, was added to Aim No. 1 to read "*New Spreydon/Heathcote Community Developed Initiatives (ie, "home grown")*".

Staff also advised that the Council was near to completing its reviews of its community funding and community development policies which may have some implications on the Committee's work going forward.

The Committee **resolved** to confirm its aims and priorities as modified but to revisit the matter early in 2007 following the known outcomes of the Council's community development and community funding reviews.

6. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

Monday 6 November 2006, 5.00pm
Monday 4 December 2006, 5.00pm (if required)

The meeting concluded at 6.58pm.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

19. **SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD – HILLMORTON WORKING PARTY – REPORT OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2006**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8549
Officer responsible:	Lisa Goodman, Community Board Principal Adviser
Author:	Peter Dow, Community Secretary

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the proceedings of the Board's Hillmorton Working Party meeting as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Hillmorton Working Party
held on Thursday 28 September 2006 at 4.15pm
in Committee Room 1, Civic Offices**

PRESENT: Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Paul de Spa, Chris Mene and Megan Woods

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Corbett

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1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Oscar Alpers.

2. FORMER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Mark Solomon, Kaiwhakahaere, of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu who had been invited to be briefed on both the Working Party's work to date, and its desire to seek protection of the building along with the more immediate priority of initiating key repairs to the north face of the building ahead of a staged restoration programme.

Details of the Board's involvement to this point included: convening a public meeting in May at which a strong preference emerged for the building to be retained; a Conservation Plan for the building commissioned by the Board; and the Board's ongoing liaison with the Historic Places Trust and others with an interest in the building.

Potential future uses of the building had been discussed, as had the idea of forming a community trust similar to what had occurred with the Old Stone House and the Sydenham Church.

Several images were screened as to how the building might look following restoration, and initial costings for essential maintenance and overall restoration costs including the land had been calculated.

Should a community trust be formed to undertake the restoration work then Ngai Tahu would be welcome to be represented.

Mr Solomon acknowledged the matters raised and indicated that if a decision was made by the Council to acquire the property then immediate restoration would be sought in line with the commencement of the subdivision development.

Members indicated that the Board was keen on seeking input and a solution from the community including the involvement of Ngai Tahu.

Mention was made of the history of the site including its natural, Maori and built features. Being a new community in the making, the Board had a desire to be involved from the beginning of the new subdivision.

Mr Solomon invited the Board to submit a proposal, and undertook to raise the matters discussed with the Ngai Tahu Property Company.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Solomon for meeting with the Working Party.

The meeting concluded at 4.51pm.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

20. BOARD FUNDS UPDATE

Attached is a schedule with current information on the Board's 2006/07 Project, Discretionary, SCAP and Youth Achievement Scheme funds.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

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21. COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Community Board Principal Adviser will update the Board on current issues.

22. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS