



## Christchurch City Council

# SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY 2007

AT 4.00 PM

IN THE BOARDROOM, PAPANUI SERVICE CENTRE,  
CNR LANGDONS ROAD AND RESTELL STREET

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**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 20 JUNE 2007**

The report of the ordinary meeting of 20 June 2007 is attached.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the report to Council of 20 June 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

**3.1 Justine Ford, of Child, Youth and Family, Christchurch**

Justine is the Community Liaison Social worker for Child, Youth and Family in Christchurch and part of her role is promoting, coordinating and motivating communities to work together in order to celebrate National Children's Day. Justine will provide the Shirley/ Papanui Community Board with information about National Children's Day and suggest how considering moving its Children's Day Event from October 2007 to March 2008 would create an opportunity for it to become the Children's Day event in Christchurch.

**4. PETITIONS**

Nil.

**5. NAMING PROCEDURE FOR THE STYX CATCHMENT**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Transport & Greenspace Manager
<b>Author:</b>	C Heremaia, Parks and Waterways Planner

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain approval in principle, subject to further consultation, for a Naming Procedure for the naming of new reserves and important natural and cultural features alongside waterways and wetlands within the Styx catchment.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Land adjacent to waterways and wetlands within the Styx catchment is coming into public ownership as a result of changing land uses, the Long Term Council Community Plan, and the Styx Vision 2000 – 2040. The naming of these new reserves, together with natural and cultural features associated with them, will occur in an ad hoc manner if there is no overall framework to guide decision making associated with the naming process.
3. Place names not only provide a spatial reference point, but are also an important component of the cultural landscape. Place names preserve history, descriptions, and fashions. They may not tell us much about what a landscape looks like but how we want it to look, or how we want others to perceive it.<sup>1</sup> Consequently careful consideration needs to be given to both the process used and outcomes derived from the naming process.
4. The report sets out a policy for the selection and use of names in the Styx catchment that will be in addition to the 'Code of Practice for Naming of Reserves and Facilities within the Christchurch District (1993)', and the requirements associated with the Reserves Act (1977) and the New Zealand Geographic Board Act (1946).

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<sup>1</sup> Personal Communication Dr Jacky Bowring Lincoln University 2003

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5. Assuming the Board adopts the procedure, further community input and consultation will be required.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no financial implications in terms of the Naming Policy, but some funding will be required for the actual signage. As there is currently no capital funding for new signs in the Capital Works Programme, future funding will be sought in the review of the LTCCP.

### Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. The Naming Procedure aligns with the Community Outcomes, but as no funding is currently available for signage on new reserves, future funding will be sought in the review of the LTCCP.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. The naming of new reserves will be undertaken in terms of the Reserves Act (1977) and the naming of geographic and hydrographic features will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the New Zealand Geographic Board Act (1946).

### Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. Yes as above.

### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. The proposed naming procedure celebrates and promotes Christchurch's identity, cultures and diversity by protecting and promoting the heritage character and history of the city as stated in the 'Long Term Council Community Plan'.

### Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

11. The proposed naming procedure supports the 'Styx Vision 2000 – 2040'.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The proposed naming procedure supports the 'Waterways and Wetlands Natural Asset Management Strategy'.

### Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes

### CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. The proposal has been presented at a seminar to the Shirley/Papanui and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards. Further consultation is proposed in the report.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board support the following 'Naming Procedure' in principle, subject to further public consultation, community and Council input.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

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### BACKGROUND ON THE USE OF NAMES IN THE STYX CATCHMENT

15. Land adjacent to waterways and wetlands within the Styx catchment is being acquired for reserves as a result of changing land uses, the Long Term Council Community Plan, and the Styx Vision 2000 – 2040. The naming of these new reserves, together with features associated with them, will occur in an ad hoc manner if there is no overall framework to guide decision making.
16. Place names provide spatial reference points to identify locate and describe where we are on the land. They also identify some sense of belonging, rights, or uses to the land. In that sense they are a form of cadastre or property ownership. Names and the cadestra link land and people, and both represent the marks of people on the land.<sup>2</sup>
17. There are six main categories of names used in New Zealand<sup>3</sup> as follows –
  - (a) The Maori names derived from oral tradition, which are regarded as taonga (treasures) of the people and have traditionally been passed on from generation to generation. These are often associated with historic events and persons;
  - (b) Maori names adopted and adapted by Europeans, sometimes misplaced or misspelt or corrupted in some way;
  - (c) Maori versions or transliterations of European place names:  
 Eg Atens = Athens  
 Ranana = London  
 Hiruharama = Jerusalem
  - (d) Those names brought by European explorers and settlers and their descendents;
  - (e) Names given since European settlement to commemorate people, events or other associations with the place;
  - (f) A combination of both Maori and European as dual names, to represent both histories of New Zealand.
18. In the Styx locality, original Maori place names have been lost or are known only to Tangata Whenua, and are therefore no longer in general usage. Names that are in general usage do, however, provide some clues about early Maori and European influences, including people who lived in the area, land uses and the nature of the land.
19. Currently, new reserves are given the name of the adjacent road unless there is a request by a member of the community through the appropriate Community Board for an alternative name. A request for a name change for an existing reserve can also occur through the same process. New waterways and associated features (eg ponds) are also given the name of the nearest road. The names of all assets are listed in the Council's asset management register.
20. Considerable research has gone into researching the origins of names currently associated with waterways and reserves in the Styx catchment. Many of these names originate from the early European settlers who lived in the area. More recent names associated with new developments reflect the aspirations of the developer, and the way they wish their development to be perceived (ie Regents Park). Although some research has occurred in terms of Maori place names, this research can only continue with input from the local rununga.

<sup>2</sup> Page 57 Frameworks of the New Zealand Geographic Board

<sup>3</sup> Page 57 Frameworks of the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngapou Taunaha O Aotearoa September 2003 Version 1

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21. Council staff are currently investigating the possibility of reserves associated with the Styx River corridor being given Regional Park status. If this occurs then it is important that the names associated with this river system are able to be recognised from a regional perspective.
22. The completion of a naming procedure for the Styx will then enable signage to be installed on many of the area's new reserves that are yet unnamed. There is currently no capital funding for signage on newly acquired reserves.

### LEGISLATION

23. The process of accepting or rejecting geographical and hydrographic names within New Zealand and its territorial waters is the responsibility of the New Zealand Geographic Board Nga Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa, an independent body responsible to the Minister for Land Information.
24. Section 16 (10) Reserves Act (1977) states that Councils can declare that such a reserve will be known by such a name through a notice in the *Gazette*.
25. There are no specific requirements regarding naming in the Local Government Act (2002). It does however, indicate the principles underpinning the consultation process when consulting with the community.

### New Zealand Geographic Board Nga Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa

26. The New Zealand Geographic Board Nga Pou Taunaha O Aotearoa operates under the New Zealand Geographic Board Act (1946) and has the following functions:
  - to adopt rules of naming
  - to examine cases of doubtful spelling
  - to investigate and determine the priority of discovery
  - to collect original Maori place names for recording on official maps
  - to encourage the use of original Maori place names
  - to determine what foreign names should be replaced by Maori or British names
  - to investigate any proposed alteration of a place name or any proposed new name
  - to make any inquiries and recommendations on any matter referred to it by the Minister.
27. The Board has the authority to assign place names for small urban settlements, localities, mountains, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, harbours and any other natural features. It does not have the authority to change the name of local authority districts or regions (unless those districts have first agreed to the change). Streets and roads are named by local authorities.
28. The Board has adopted the following rules which act as guiding principles in any naming proposals.
  - (a) Names which have historic, geographic or particular local significance are generally acceptable. So too, for example, are names of early explorers and discoverers, early settlers, surveyors and geologists and early notable people or events which have some connection with the proposed area to be named.
  - (b) Names of persons will not be given to features during the person's lifetime. If the name of a deceased person is used, generally the surname is chosen. For example, the South Island's Brunner Range, which rises from the south bank of the Buller River, is named after the nineteenth century explorer Thomas Brunner. Brunner's surname was not given to the mountain range until several years after his death.
  - (c) Descriptive names can be used provided there is no duplication of the name in a neighbouring area.
  - (d) Name duplication is avoided.

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- (e) The use of the possessive form, for example, Danseys Pass, is avoided.
- (f) Names in local usage normally take precedence, but may be subject to spelling corrections or alteration if previously known original names (either Maori or European) are discovered. Mangemangeroa Creek, which flows into Auckland's Tamaki Strait, is an example of a correction in spelling. This creek was originally recorded as Maungamaungaroa Creek.
- (g) Names considered to be in poor taste are avoided.

29. In 2002, the New Zealand Geographic Board Nga Pou Taunaha O Aotearoa Board adopted a policy for Maori place names. This policy states that 'original Maori names be given preference'.

### **Ngai Tahu Resource Management Strategy for the Canterbury Region**

30. Te Whakatau Kaupapa, Ngai Tahu Resource Management Strategy for the Canterbury Region is given status under the Resource Management Act Part 5, Standards, Policy Statements and Plans. This document, prepared by Te Runanga Ngai Tahu, seeks to identify and protect Ngai Tahu beliefs and values. It lists a range of policies with the following policy having relevance in the naming of places:

*That any interpretation of Ngai Tahu histories for either public or commercial reasons must be approved by the appropriate Runanga and its beneficiaries. This policy includes identification of traditional place-names.<sup>4</sup>*

### **Christchurch City Council**

31. The Christchurch City Plan does not specifically discuss the use of names, although it does indicate the need to 'identify' places of special significance to Tangata Whenua. It states<sup>5</sup> -

- (a) Policy: Places of Special Significance

- 5.1.4 To identify places of special significance to Tangata Whenua and minimise, avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects upon their values.

Environmental results anticipated: Identification of places of special significance to the Tangata Whenua and Maori in general, and the maintenance of these values.

- (b) Policy: Community Identity and Participation

- 9.3.3 To reinforce neighbourhoods and communities and their individual sense of identity through the recognition of residents groups, their boundaries and activity centres and to support the involvement of local communities in the planning and management of local community services and neighbourhood improvements.

Environmental results anticipated: Identification and reinforcement of areas of local communities

32. The 'Long Term Council Community Plan' has as its strategic direction 'strong communities', 'healthy environment', 'liveable city', and 'prosperous economy'. There is no specific reference to names, however, under 'strong communities' it states the following<sup>6</sup>:

Celebrate and promote Christchurch's identity, cultures and diversity by protecting and promoting the heritage character and history of the city.

<sup>4</sup> Page 4-38 Te Whakatau Kaupapa, Ngai Tahu Resource Management Strategy for the Canterbury Region, 1990

<sup>5</sup> Christchurch City Plan Volume Two, 5/5

<sup>6</sup> Page 60 Our Community Plan 2006 – 2016 Volume 1

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33. In 1993, the Christchurch City Council adopted the following code of practice for the naming of reserves and facilities within the Christchurch district<sup>7</sup>.
- (i) All reserves vested in or under the control of the Council shall be given an appropriate name. The procedures to be followed shall be as set out in 2 to 5 below.
  - (ii) Proposed names shall be approved, by resolution of the Council, or where appropriate, recommended for approval to the New Zealand Geographic Board. Naming shall be initiated either at the time of vesting or at the latest, when development proposals for the particular reserve are being considered for adoption.
  - (iii) For existing reserves, whether previously formally or informally named, and through common usage are accepted by the community, generally these names shall be retained. Where changes are to be sought, the procedures as outlined for new reserves shall be followed.
  - (iv) For reserves having local or major status, naming proposals, including options, shall in the first instance be referred to the appropriate Community Board. To the extent deemed necessary, proposals will then be referred to the community for comment prior to formal adoption and recommendation, to the Council.
  - (v) For reserves having metropolitan status, proposals shall be referred to the appropriate Council Committee (currently Parks and Recreation) for consideration and recommendation to the Council after having been first referred to the Community Board for comment.
  - (vi) Names approved by the Council for reserves having major status or above, shall be referred to the New Zealand Geographic Board via the local office of the Department of Survey and Land Information, for final approval.
  - (vii) That the Parks Manager be responsible for organising the formal naming process.

## DISCUSSION

34. The process of naming is a very powerful process, therefore careful thought needs to be given to both the process of name selection and the names used.
35. Maori and Pakeha have different approaches to naming places. Most Pakeha names mark individual places and individual memories of parcels of history. They generally have no particular connection to each other, each standing in its own right. The meaning of many Maori names, however, can only be understood through their connection to other names and other places. Whole series of names belong together in groups, commemorating journeys of exploration by an ancestor, the myth memory of how the land was made or a series of traditional events and people relationships.<sup>8</sup>
36. In 1993, the Christchurch City Council adopted a policy for the naming of reserves and facilities but not for other features within the public domain. In terms of reserves, this policy indicates a clear process that Council needs to follow, however, very little guidance was provided on the actual selection of a name.
37. As names provide a spatial reference point that enable people to locate themselves within the landscape, it is important that what they refer to in terms of location and boundaries, is easily understood by the local and wider community. Reserves alongside the Styx River are gradually being acquired piece by piece as council staff work with individual landowners

<sup>7</sup> Parks and Recreation Committee, 27 July 1993

<sup>8</sup> Page xiii New Zealand Geographic Board 1990 He Koror Pūrākau mo Ngā Taunahanahatanga a Ngā Tūpuna, Place Names of the Ancestors, A Maori Oral History Atlas, Government Printing Office Wellington



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Confusion can occur when areas of land are given different reserve names, even though they are physically connected. It is preferable that these separate allotments are grouped together to form one reserve, both in terms of management and naming. The larger land area should be defined by physical features that form legible landscape boundaries to these reserves (eg roads) rather than historical land tenure patterns. The only exception being when there is a specific value (eg. heritage) that needs to be preserved.

38. The Styx River originates in the Harewood area and flows through north east Christchurch for approximately 28 kilometres before it enters Brookland's Lagoon. As public access to this river system is limited, people often do not connect an upstream stretch of the Styx River with a downstream stretch of the same river system. The promotion of the 'Styx' as one river system can be achieved not only through improved signage of waterways, but also by utilising and promoting the word 'Styx' in the names of reserves alongside the Styx River. Similarly for Kaputone Creek, Smack's Creek and other waterways. Although this approach enables the river system to be perceived and understood as a whole, it makes it difficult to differentiate between the different segments. The use of the river name together with a word that highlights the uniqueness of a particular area will enable both aspects to be achieved.
39. Names can also signal and promote specific values and therefore expected management outcomes. For example, the use of words such as 'conservation', 'wildlife', 'recreation', and 'esplanade' convey not only the values of the reserve but also how the area should be managed. This is an important consideration in ensuring that certain community values and management outcomes are protected in the long term.
40. Names also signal ownership. In terms of the Reserves Act (1974), the word 'reserve' means any land set apart for any public purpose<sup>9</sup>.
41. There are many instances throughout the Styx locality where original names are now spelt differently from the original name given to that feature (eg Smacks Creek, Kaputone Creek). The decision of whether or not to revert to the original name will be dependent on the reason for it not being spelt correctly, the implications and ease of correcting the spelling, along with community and Tangata Whenua aspirations.
42. Names can also be given to natural and cultural features that are iconic (ie springs), valued by the community (ie pa harakeke) and/or also provide an important reference point (ie walkways).

### RECOMMENDED POLICY

43. The following procedure is recommended. It applies only to the Styx catchment and is in addition to the Christchurch Code of Practice for Naming Reserves and Facilities<sup>10</sup>.
  - (i) The Maori name and the European name to be used as appropriate.
  - (ii) Names will be given to:
    - natural features that are iconic and valued by the community (eg waterways, springs, ponds, areas of bush).
    - cultural features that assist in people's appreciation and navigation of the Styx locality (eg walkways, landmarks).
    - sites where specific activities occur (eg pa harakeke).

<sup>9</sup> Section 2 Interpretation, Reserves Act (1977)

<sup>10</sup> Adopted by Christchurch City Council Parks and Recreation Committee, 27 July 1993. Refer to paragraph 19 of this report.

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- (iii) New reserves alongside waterways in the Styx catchment be named as follows:

**Name of waterway + word for local iconic feature or value + 'conservation' + 'reserve'**

An example of this type of approach is:

***Styx Mill Conservation Reserve***

Exceptions may occur where there is another particular value that needs to be recognised and/or preserved.

- (iv) That one name, or alternatively a European and Maori name, be associated for each reserve that is clearly defined by a legible landscape boundary that is easily understood by the local and wider community.
- (v) Artworks to be named by the artist.
- (vi) Naming rights will be allowed in exceptional circumstances.

### THE PROCESS FORWARD FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THIS PROCEDURE

- 44 The consultation process will be staged as follows:

- (a) Focus group discussions with interest groups to identify suitable names for features and reserves within the Styx catchment, along with the reasons for these names.
- (b) Consultation with the wider community through:
- (i) brochures
  - (ii) wide letterbox drop
  - (iii) media releases
  - (iv) involvement by local community paper (communication advisor to investigate).

Feedback will be via submissions and hearings if required.

- (c) A separate consultation process will be undertaken with Tangata Whenua.
45. The results of the consultation process will be presented to the Shirley/Papanui and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards via a joint seminar. A report with recommendations will then be presented to the Shirley/Papanui and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board and Council. Where required, new names will then be formalised through the New Zealand Geographic Board, Nga Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa, or advertised in the *Gazette* if it is a reserve.

### THE OPTIONS

46. The options are as follows:

- (a) To have a naming procedure for the naming of new reserves and important natural and cultural features alongside waterways and wetlands within the Styx catchment.
- (b) To not have a naming procedure for the naming of new reserves and important natural and cultural features alongside waterways and wetlands within the Styx catchment.

### THE PREFERRED OPTION

47. The preferred option is to have a naming procedure for the naming of new reserves and important natural and cultural features alongside waterways and wetlands within the Styx catchment. The reasons for this is that it will provide important spatial reference points and add to the cultural layers and richness of a locality.

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## ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS

**The Preferred Option**

48. The preferred option is to have a naming procedure for the naming of new reserves and important natural and cultural features alongside waterways and wetlands within the Styx catchment.

	<b>Benefits (current and future)</b>	<b>Costs (current and future)</b>
<b>Social</b>	The procedure will raise awareness of recreational opportunities	No financial implications.
<b>Cultural</b>	The procedure will highlight and raise people's awareness of cultural features, values, and sense of place.	No financial implications.
<b>Environmental</b>	The procedure will highlight and raise people's awareness of natural features and values.	No financial implications.
<b>Economic</b>	The procedure will add to potential tourism opportunities	Funding is required for signage on new reserves.
<p><b>Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:</b></p> <p>The naming procedure will add to the following community outcomes: an attractive and well designed city, a city of people who value and protect the natural environment.</p> <p><b>Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities:</b></p> <p>The naming procedure will assist in the naming of new reserves and features.</p> <p><b>Effects on Maori:</b></p> <p>It will enable Maori place names to be recognised on the landscape.</p> <p><b>Consistency with existing Council policies:</b></p> <p>It is consistent with the 'Styx Vision 2000 – 2040' and the 'Waterways and Wetlands Natural Asset Management Strategy'.</p> <p><b>Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:</b></p> <p>The views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest are yet to be obtained.</p> <p><b>Other relevant matters:</b></p>		

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**Maintain the Status Quo (if not preferred option)**

49. To not have a naming procedure for the naming of new reserves and important natural and cultural features alongside waterways and wetlands within the Styx catchment.

	<b>Benefits (current and future)</b>	<b>Costs (current and future)</b>
<b>Social</b>		Lost opportunity to raise awareness of recreational opportunities
<b>Cultural</b>		Lost opportunity to highlight and raise people's awareness of cultural features, values, and sense of place through a co-ordinated approach will be lost.
<b>Environmental</b>		Lost opportunity to highlight and raise people's awareness of natural features and values will be lost.
<b>Economic</b>		Lost opportunity to add to the tourism of the area. Funding is required for signage on new reserves.
<p><b>Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:</b></p> <p>The lack of a naming procedure will result in a lost opportunity to add to the following community outcomes: an attractive and well designed city, a city of people who value and protect the natural environment.</p> <p><b>Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities:</b></p> <p>Without a procedure, naming of new reserves and features will occur in an ad hoc manner, and therefore losing an opportunity to highlight the Styx River ecosystem and the rich culture of the area.</p> <p><b>Effects on Maori:</b></p> <p>An opportunity to highlight early Maori place names on the landscape will be lost.</p> <p><b>Consistency with existing Council policies:</b></p> <p>It is inconsistent with the 'Styx Vision 2000 – 2040' and the 'Waterways and Wetlands Natural Asset Management Strategy'.</p> <p><b>Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:</b></p> <p>The views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest are yet to be obtained.</p> <p><b>Other relevant matters:</b></p>		

**At Least One Other Option (or an explanation of why another option has not been considered)**

50. Although a third option was considered which was to apply the procedure city wide (eg south west Christchurch), it was felt that it should be piloted on the Styx River ecosystem first in order to highlight and sort out any issues that may occur.

**6. ROAD LEGALISATION – BROOKWATER AVENUE**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	Jane Parfitt, General Manager City Environment, DDI 941 8656
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Michael Aitken, Transport & Greenspace Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Weng-Kei Chen

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. This report seeks the Board's recommendation to Council to declare Lot 2010 LT 385980 an area of 550m<sup>2</sup> as shown on Attachment 1 as public road, pursuant to Section 349 of the Local Government Act 1974.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The subdivision consent was granted to Carlin Enterprises Ltd to subdivide Lot 605, DP 338304 into three residential lots with the extension of Brookwater Avenue.
3. The road extension has been completed and requires the Council's resolution to declare the road as public road enabling individual land titles to be issued on completion of the subdivision.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. The declaration of the road process is funded by the subdivider and is a condition of the consent.

**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?**

5. Council funding not required.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

6. The completion of subdivision requires the Council to declare Lot 2010 Lot 385980 as public road.

**Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

7. As above.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

8. LTCCP page 152 "Streets and Transport Objectives" - to provide public street frontages to properties.

**Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?**

9. As above.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

10. This action is consistent with Transport Objectives stated in the City Plan.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

11. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

12. Not required.

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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board recommends that the Council declare Lot 2010 LT 385980 of area 550m<sup>2</sup> as public road pursuant to Section 349 of the Local Government Act 1974.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

### BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

13. Carlin Enterprises Ltd was granted subdivision consent to subdivide Lot 605 DP 338304 into three residential lots. The residential lots will be served by extending Brookwater Avenue as shown on the attached plan (Attachment 1).
14. The new road extension is contained in a section of land of 550m<sup>2</sup> as described in Lot 2010 LT 385980. This section is being transferred to Council ownership as land for road enabling the Council to declare as public road pursuant to Section 349 of the Local Government Act 1974.
15. The existence of the two land covenants does not permit the vesting of this road in the subdivision consent process. Legal advice received was for the Council to declare the newly constructed road as public road. The declaration of public road will allow the three residential lots to have legal frontages onto this part of the road and enable individual land titles to be issued on completion of the subdivision.

## 7. MURCHISON PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager City Environment Group DDI 941-8656
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Transport and Greenspace Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Mary Hay

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to:
  - (a) proceed to detailed design and construction/ implementation of the Murchison Park Development Plan and playground upgrade; and
  - (b) proceed to detailed design and construction of the Lowry Avenue safety improvements; and
  - (c) approve resolutions for new no-stopping restrictions associated with the Lowry Avenue safety improvements.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Murchison Park is large local park in Redwood and serves a large catchment with only a few small playgrounds nearby. Owen Mitchell Park is located on Grimseys Road, approximately 1km away, and contains a comprehensive playground, including a flying fox, that was recently upgraded. Redwood Primary School is located on Prestons Road and has a rear access to Pyatt Place. Murchison Park is used by the school for some physical education activities and is likely to be used as a route to school by many students/parents.

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3. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board raised safety concerns with regard to Murchison Park and sought clarification about why the park does not provide a public toilet in a Notice of Motion dated 17 May 2006. A Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) safety audit of Murchison Park was subsequently undertaken in October 2006 to identify any safety issues in the park and to determine the safest location for the new playground. The audit identified issues with the existing playground due to the lack of visibility and opportunities for passive surveillance. The audit recommended that the playground be relocated to the Lowry Ave frontage and that the trees in this area should be thinned out to ensure that there is good visibility to the new playground from the road and surrounding park area.
4. In November 2006 a community survey was undertaken so that the issues and aspirations for the playground and for the park, as a whole, could be determined. The project team developed a concept plan for the development of the reserve and playground, which was circulated to the local community.
5. In February/March 2007 a publicity pamphlet was distributed to approximately 780 residences and key stakeholders (refer attachment 1). The consultation received a 15% response rate (120 responses). Community feedback was generally very positive. The feedback form asked whether respondents supported the Murchison Park Playground concept plan and whether they supported the overall Murchison Park Development plan. Comments were sought in regard to each aspect of the proposals.

In relation to the Murchison Park Playground Concept Plan:

- 100 of the 120 respondents (83%) answered "YES – I support playground concept plan"
- 8 of the 120 respondents (7%) answered "NO – I do not support playground concept plan"

In relation to the Murchison Park Development Plan:

- 94 of the 120 respondents (78%) answered "YES – I support the development plan"
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The consultation outcome and project team responses are included in attachment 2.

6. The key issues identified by submitters relate to:
  - Traffic and car parking
  - The toilet facility
  - Pathways
  - More seating was sought
  - Park lighting was sought
  - The proposed sculpture.
7. The project team considered the feedback from consultation and revised the concept plan to reflect community views, where possible. This included the addition of traffic calming, additional play equipment and park furniture. Track through the ecological area have also been included.
8. An adjoining neighbour expressed concern about the proposed removal of the willow tree at the Murchison Avenue entrance. The safety audit identified the area to the north of the willow tree as a potential entrapment spot. The removal of this tree would open up the entrance to the reserve and improve personal safety. An Arborist has assessed the willow tree and supports its removal as part of this development.
9. The Regional Parks Team has provided advice regarding the benefits of the proposed ecological corridor and its design and maintenance. This advice will be considered at the detailed design stage of this project.

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10. The recommended concept plans are included as attachments 4 and 5. The Murchison Park Development Plan will be implemented over a number of years. The platforms, playground and associated footpaths, park furniture and fencing, tree pruning and landscape plan are scheduled for implementation in August – December 2007. The toilet, car parking, perimeter paths and park furniture, sculpture and the ecological corridor at eastern end of the park will be sought to be included into the 5 year Capital Works Programme.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. The funding from council is being provided from the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme. Specifically:

- 2007/08 \$140,000 Murchison Park – Playground Renewal

**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?**

12. Yes. Funding is provided from within the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme in the 2006-16 LTCCP.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

13. Nil.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

14. **LTCCP 2006-2016**

**Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways – Page 123**

Recreation – By offering a range of active and passive recreation and leisure opportunities.  
Health – By providing areas for people to engage in healthy activities.

**Recreation and Leisure – Page 131**

Recreation – By encouraging more people to participate in leisure, physical and sporting activities.

**Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan**

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

15. Social Wellbeing and Youth Strategy and Safer Parks Policy.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

16. Extensive consultation has been undertaken with the local community via a letterbox drop and comment form to the local community and a temporary signboard in the park that advised the community of the proposed works. Adjoining neighbours were spoken to about the proposed traffic platforms and associated parking restrictions.



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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board:

- (a) Approve the plans in attachments 4 and 5 in order to proceed to detailed design and construction/implementation of the Murchison Park Development Plan and playground upgrade; and
- (b) Approve the plan in attachment 3 in order to proceed to detailed design and construction of the Lowry Avenue safety improvements; and
- (c) Approve the following new traffic restrictions:

#### **New No Stopping - Lowry Ave**

That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time in the following locations:

- (i) On the North West side of Lowry Avenue, commencing at a point 34m from the south west kerb line of Goodall Street and extending south west a distance of 10m.
- (ii) On the South West side of Lowry Avenue, commencing at a point 21m from the south west kerb line of Goodall Street and extending south west a distance of 40m.
- (iii) On the South West side of Lowry Avenue, commencing at a point 6m from the south west kerb line of Goodall Street and extending North west a distance of 20m.
- (v) On the South West side of Lowry Avenue, commencing at a point 55m from the north east kerb line of Goodall Street and extending North east a distance of 14m.
- (vi) On the North East side of Lowry Avenue, commencing at a point 56m from the north east kerb line of Goodall Street and extending North east a distance of 13m.

### CHAIRPERSON RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

### BACKGROUND

- 17. Murchison Park is a large local park in Redwood. Its main road frontage is off Lowry Ave, off the Main North Road. There is also access to the park from Murchison Avenue, Solomon Avenue and Pyatt Place. The park is approximately four hectares in area and contains a waterway, facilities for junior soccer and a multi-play structure, which is located near the near Pyatt Place entrance. The existing fort does not comply with current safety standards and needs to be removed.
- 18. This playground serves a large catchment with only a few small playgrounds nearby (Canberra Reserve, Alwyn Park, and Dunedin Reserve). Owen Mitchell Park is located on Grimseys Road, approximately 1km away, and contains a comprehensive playground, including a flying fox, that was recently upgraded. Redwood Primary School is located on Prestons Road and has a rear access to Pyatt Place. Murchison Park is used by the school for some physical education activities and is likely to be used as a route to school by many students/parents.

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19. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board raised safety concerns with regard to Murchison Park and sought clarification about why the park does not provide a public toilet in a Notice of Motion dated 17 May 2006. A Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) safety audit of Murchison Park was subsequently undertaken in October 2006 to identify any safety issues in the park and to determine the safest location for the new playground. The audit identified issues with the existing playground due to the lack of visibility and opportunities for passive surveillance. The audit recommended that the playground be relocated to the Lowry Ave frontage and that the trees in this area should be thinned out to ensure that there is good visibility to the new playground from the road and surrounding park area.
20. Two submissions on the LTCCP were received that relate to Murchison Park. They sought the following: a BMX track, sports fields, half-pipe (for skate boarding), a vertical ramp, swimming pool, tree trimming to aid safety, update to playground (wooden fort considered unsafe).
21. In November 2006 a community survey was undertaken so that the issues and aspirations for the playground and for the park, as a whole, could be determined. This revealed that this community:
  - Enjoys playgrounds like Spencer Park and Owen Mitchell Reserve.
  - Likes a variety of play items and would also like to retain the open space of the park. Prefers play equipment such as challenging ropes, climbing structures, flying fox, slides, swings.
  - Have concerns about the speed of traffic on Lowry Avenue and about personal safety in relation to the dense plantings of trees.
  - Would like a toilet, more seating and more sealed paths.
22. The preliminary research informed the project objectives, which were to:
  - To locate the proposed new playground near Lowry Avenue.
  - To remove existing fort and modular playground.
  - To add more interesting play equipment that meets the community's needs.
  - Improve accessibility and safety of the new playground.
  - To create a development plan for the whole reserve that addresses safety issues and the community's needs (e.g. toilet, pathways, seating and carparking).
  - Respond to the recommendations of the safety audit.
  - Improve the overall amenity and accessibility of the reserve.
  - To contribute to the ecological corridor in the area.
23. The project team developed a concept to meet these objectives, which included the following:
  - The new playground located near Lowry Ave, including:
  - A junior play area that includes swings, the relocated modular play equipment, Supernova and the You and Me.
  - A senior play area that includes swings, Roctopus and climbing nets.
  - Park furniture, pathways, landscaping and reoriented junior soccer field.
  - Toilet, carparking and an ecological corridor at eastern end of the park (no current funding).
24. While the initial survey included a number of requests for a flying fox, this was not included as part of this concept, due to the fact that Owen Mitchell Reserve has a flying fox and this is only 1km away. Part of providing playgrounds around the city is to try to provide play equipment that has a different play experience from its neighbouring parks.
25. In February/March 2007 a publicity pamphlet was distributed to approximately 780 residences and key stakeholders (refer attachment 1). This pamphlet included a summary of the concept, an initial concept plan and a feedback form. In addition to this, a signboard was erected in the park for the duration of the consultation period. The project team sought feedback from the community to see whether the proposal was generally supported.

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26. The consultation received a 15% response rate (120 responses). Community feedback was generally very positive. The feedback form asked whether respondents supported the Murchison Park Playground concept plan and whether they supported the overall Murchison Park Development plan. Comments were sought in regard to each aspect of the proposals.

27. In relation to the Murchison Park Playground concept plan:

- 100 of the 120 respondents (83%) answered "YES – I support playground concept plan"
- 8 of the 120 respondents (7%) answered "NO – I do not support playground concept plan", citing the following reasons:

Reason for opposition	Project team response.
Traffic hazard	Speed traffic and volume will be addressed with the installation of traffic platforms.
Need to spend funds elsewhere (Redwood Springs)	Funds have been allocated to the upgrade of Murchison Park. Work is proceeding at Redwood Springs and the proposed playground will be consulted on later this year.
Insufficient need for new playground	The existing fort does not comply with current safety standards and needs to be removed. Murchison Park caters to a large number of users and consultation has endorsed the support for the proposed upgrade.

28. In relation to the Murchison Park Development Plan:

- 94 of the 120 respondents (78%) answered "YES – I support the development plan"
- 10 of the 120 respondents (8%) answered "NO – I do not support the development plan", citing the following reasons:

Reason for opposition	Project team response.
Traffic hazard	Speed traffic and volume will be addressed with the installation of traffic platforms.
Need to spend funds elsewhere (Redwood Springs)	Funds have been allocated to the upgrade of Murchison Park. Work is proceeding at Redwood Springs and the proposed playground will be consulted on later this year.
Insufficient need for new playground and park upgrade	The existing fort does not comply with current safety standards and needs to be removed. Murchison Park caters to a large number of users and consultation has endorsed the support for the proposed upgrade.
Opposition to the ecological corridor, due to fire risk and poor maintenance	Need for the ecological corridor has been identified by the Regional Parks Team, who have recommended fire resistant species and a maintenance regime (see below).
Opposition to tree thinning	Tree thinning was recommended by the safety audit.
Opposition to relocated playground	The safety audit recommended that the playground be relocated.
Opposition to toilet	The majority of respondents support the inclusion of a toilet (11 submissions in support and six against). The Community Board made a Notice of Motion in May 2006 that requested an investigation into why the park does not provide a public toilet.
Need for perimeter paths as part of initial development	The desire for pathways is acknowledged and these will be installed as soon as possible. However this work is limited by budget constraints.

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29. The consultation outcome and project team responses are included in attachment 2. The key issues identified by submitters relate to:
  - Traffic and car parking (24 submitters) – concern about the speed and volume of traffic, need for the carpark at the same time as the playground, mainly in relation to traffic issues (seven submitters), three submitters do not want carpark.
  - The toilet facility - expressions of support (seven submitters support and two support in a different location) and opposition (five submitters oppose).
  - Pathways – six submitters sought that the perimeter paths be installed at the same time as playground, two submitters sought more paths.
  - More seating was sought (6 submissions).
  - Park lighting was sought (5 submissions).
  - The proposed sculpture was opposed by 5 submitters.
30. The project team considered the feedback from consultation and revised the concept plan in the following way:
  - Installation of two traffic calming platforms on Lowry Avenue, and associated no-stopping lines, to slow traffic outside Murchison Park.
  - Inclusion of a 4 bay swing in the toddler area, which includes two toddler (infant seats) and two intermediate swings (strap seats).
  - Inclusion of 2 additional intermediated swings.
  - Inclusion of a second rubbish bin, the existing bin near Pyatt will remain.
  - Inclusion of a bicycle rack near the proposed toilet and carpark (to be installed when carpark is constructed).
  - Relocation of a seat/picnic table to between the two playgrounds.
  - Medium height shrub planting to be restricted to no more than a metre high, to allow views into park.
  - A slight change has been made to the configuration of the rope structure due to constraints from the suppliers.
  - Provision of informal tracks through the ecological area.
  - An amended implementation timetable which now schedules the work in the following ways:
    - 2007/08: traffic platforms, playground and removal of fort, soccer field reoriented, part of the landscaping near the playground, park furniture near new playground, pathway links around new playground
    - No current funding: Remaining park furniture and landscaping, perimeter path linkages, toilet, carparking, sculpture, ecological corridor at eastern end of the park
31. The public consultation indicated significant concerns about the traffic speeds and volume in Lowry Avenue, adjacent to the proposed playground. This issue was investigated by the Network Operations Team, which found that the need for traffic calming rates very highly for a future Neighbourhood Improvement Work. However without funding currently allocated, this work would not be undertaken for some years.
32. Given that the CPTED safety audit recommended that the playground be relocated to Lowry Avenue, where a need for traffic calming has since been identified, the project team recommends that the required traffic calming work be undertaken as part of the upgrade of Murchison Park. This would cost in the order of \$20,000 and would allow the playground renewal and park upgrade project to proceed without undue delays. This work will form part of the contract works for developing the playground site and path works and will be built at the same time.

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33. Therefore, in response to consultation, two traffic calming platforms, and associated parking restrictions, are proposed for Lowry Avenue. The safety improvements plan in attachment 3 was circulated to the residents of Lowry Avenue, located between Murchison Avenue and Pyatt Place, as this proposal would result in a change to the road environment in this area. All of the residents that would be directly affected by a loss of on-street parking were spoken to. One of the four directly affected residents expressed some concern about the effectiveness of the proposed traffic calming and the loss of on-street parking. However the proposed traffic platform outside this property could not be relocated due to the curvature of the road and an unwillingness of the adjoining neighbour to lose their on-street parking. All other directly affected residents supported the proposed Lowry Avenue safety improvements.
34. The traffic calming platforms will be constructed to similar specifications as the ones installed recently as part of the Morrison Avenue Reserve project (without the kerb build-outs). This will result in much slower speeds near to the reserve. The current mean speed adjacent to the reserve is 49 km/h but there are also quite a few speeds in the 60-65 category. The installation of the platforms is predicted to reduce vehicle speeds to around 35 km/h. This is a significant reduction and will create a safer road environment adjacent to the reserve where it is anticipated that there will be significant pedestrian/children crossing movements. The Police have been carrying out widespread campaigns promoting the safety benefits of reduced speeds resulting in reduced vehicle stopping distances and reduced injury risk. Additional traffic calming may be installed at a later date, as a Neighbourhood Improvement Work, if this is considered to be necessary.
35. While there was some call to install the on site car parking at the same time as the playground, this request was made largely in response to the concerns about traffic speed and volume, which should be addressed by the proposed traffic calming. The car parking will be installed when funds allow, possibly in 2011/12, depending on allocations in the 2009 Long Term Council Community Plan.
36. The proposal to install a toilet in the park was largely supported by the local community with 11 submissions in support and six against. There was some concern by the opponents to the toilet that it would be unsightly and attract antisocial behaviour. In terms of aesthetics, this facility can be designed to compliment the surrounding environment rather than detract from it. Many of the concerns about antisocial behaviour can be addressed by locating and designing the facility in accordance with CPTED principles, which have been adhered to in the development of these plans.
37. At this stage there is no funding available for the proposed toilet at Murchison Park, largely due to the fact that this is not an official sports park. However, given the support from the community and the need identified by the Community Board for a facility of this kind, a toilet will be included in the development plan and it will be constructed when funds allow, possibly in 2011/12, depending on allocations in the 2009 Long Term Council Community Plan. The development plan determines the location of the toilet and the design of the toilet will be consulted on when funding is allocated.
38. It is proposed that the pathways in the vicinity of the playground will be installed in conjunction with the new playground. However, a number of submitters sought that all the proposed pathways be installed in conjunction with the playground. This work is limited by budget constraints and, while the desire for the immediate installation of the pathways is acknowledged, these will be installed as soon as possible. Once this plan is approved, the funding for the pathways can then be sought in the 5 year Capital Works Programme. Additional pathways are not considered necessary and are not proposed, at this stage.
39. While a number of submitters sought additional seating, it is not proposed to add any more seating to the development plan at this stage. The proposal includes a significant amount of seating - three seat/picnic tables and three seats around the playground and three seats around the reserve. Additional seats can be at a later stage, if a need is identified.

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40. A number of submitters sought lighting within the park. The safety audit of Murchison Park, which was undertaken in October 2006, considered a possible north/south path through the park (from Pyatt Place to Murchison Avenue) and recommended that this not be lit. This is standard park practice as paths inside parks are not usually lit unless there is not a safe alternative route on the surrounding roads. Lighting the park's paths gives the impression that the route is safe at night which may not be the case. These paths are designed for daytime use.
41. A number of submitters opposed the proposed sculpture. This was included in the development plan to signal that some kind of artwork could be included in the upgrade to the park. There is currently no funding for artworks in the park but Council has a policy of including art in the city, which this proposal would contribute to. It could conceivably be included as part of the toilet block, which would be an inexpensive option that could enhance this facility.
42. An adjoining neighbour expressed concern about the proposed removal of the willow tree at the Murchison Avenue entrance. The safety audit identified the area to the north of the willow tree as a potential entrapment spot. The removal of this tree would open up the entrance to the reserve and improve personal safety.
43. An Arborist has assessed the willow tree and supports its removal as part of this development. The tree assessment found some minor deadwood/dieback in canopy and some root damage. A cavity in the stem on north side is of concern and is consistent with the dead/dying part of canopy. One stem has failed and the 'sounding' (of wood) indicates that there may be decay present in root/trunk union. This would be typical of willow species, which are prone to failures of this nature (whole stem from multiple attachment point). Longer term, its removal is considered inevitable as another stem is likely to fail at some stage, and, although the probable impact of this is likely to be minimal there is a degree of risk to public safety which will need to be addressed.
44. The Regional Parks Team has provided the following advice regarding the benefits of the proposed ecological corridor and its design and maintenance. This advice will be considered at the detailed design stage of this project.

### **Features of the Native Bush Ecological Corridor**

45. The native bush corridor should comprise tree and shrub species appropriate for the soil types found within the park. Matai, Totara and Kahikatea will be the principal canopy trees with a diverse range of smaller trees and shrubs forming the bulk of the plantings. The final mix of species will largely be self-determined by natural seed fall and the germination of seedlings. Removal of weeds and invasive exotic trees will require ongoing maintenance. Taller trees should form a central block in the centre of the bush corridor with denser and lower trees and shrubs on edges to protect the centre from wind and to avoid shading surrounding properties.
46. Key native bush bird species likely to occur within this bush patch include resident Grey Warbler, Silvereye and Fantail with visiting Bellbird. Introduced bird species likely to occur within Murchison Park include Blackbird, Song Thrush, Starling, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Dunnock, House Sparrow, Magpie and Little Owl.
47. As nearby Styx Mill Conservation Reserve develops and native bird populations there increase, additional visiting species may include NZ Pigeon (Kereru), Kingfisher, Shining Cuckoo and Welcome Swallow.
48. As has been the experience with core bush bird habitats located close to suburban areas (i.e. Victoria Park and Riccarton Bush in Christchurch; Karori Reserve in Wellington, etc), once native bird numbers build up they spread out into the suburban hinterland and enrich the local garden and park avifauna. Styx Mill Basin Reserve will be the main core area with habitat patches such as that proposed at Murchison Park acting as secondary cores.

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### Fire Risk in the Native Bush Corridor

49. Any fires are likely to be those ignited by vandals. These are usually quickly reported and quickly put out by the Fire Service. Even in dry summers, the Christchurch urban area does not have a history of spontaneous bush fires.
50. The two native plant species most easily set on fire are toe toe and cabbage tree. To mitigate resident's concerns about fire risk, it is recommended that toe toe not be planted on site (nor pampas grass), and that cabbage trees be planted a minimum of 10 metres in from the edge of the bush. A list of "fire-resistant" tree and shrub species is provided below and the bulk of "edge plants" may be selected from these.

#### *Low-flammability species:*

Tree Fuchsia	Fuchsia excorticata
Lancewood	Pseudopanax crassifolius
Five finger	Pseudopanax arboreus
Karamu	Coprosma robusta
Taupata	Coprosma repens
Broadleaf	Griselinia littoralis
Lowland Broadleaf	Griselinia lucida
Kawakawa	Micropiper excelsum

#### *Low/moderate flammability species:*

Koromiko	Hebe salicifolia
Mahoe	Melicytus ramiflorus
Wineberry	Aristotelia serrata
Tutu	Coriaria arborea
Ngaio	Myoporum laetum
Karo	Pittosporum crassifolium
Lemonwood	Pittosporum eugenioides
Lacebark	Hoheria spp.
Silver Beech	Nothofagus menziesii
Lowland Ribbonwood	Plagianthus regius

### Maintenance Issues

51. Problematic natives such as toe toe, cabbage tree and flax should either not be planted, or should be located away from the edge of the bush corridor.
52. The maintenance regime should facilitate natural regeneration of native seedlings but remove weeds and the seedlings of exotic trees and shrubs.
53. Children cutting down trees (especially those with softer wood such as cabbage trees), building huts and lighting fires is a problem within many suburban parks and reserves. Another problem is the unauthorised construction of tracks and makeshift bridges. To avoid the *ad hoc* construction of tracks, informal tracks will be provided in this area. Reporting by local residents and a follow up by parks officers or rangers seems to be the best way of combating these problems. To allay resident's fears of vandals, burglars, and nocturnal assemblages of teenagers, a useful way to limit free access into the bush except where tracks are constructed is to replicate nature and plant a dense zone of divaricating shrubs around the periphery. Various species of Coprosma, Muehlenbeckia, etc would be suitable for this.
54. The recommended concept plans are included as attachments 4 and 5. The Murchison Park Development Plan will be implemented over a number of years. The platforms, playground and associated footpaths, park furniture and fencing, tree pruning and landscape plan are scheduled for implementation in August – December 2007. The toilet, car parking, perimeter paths and park furniture, sculpture and the ecological corridor at eastern end of the park will be sought to be included into the 5 year Capital Works Programme.

8. **EDGEWARE /COLOMBO AND EDGEWARE VILLAGE REPORT**

See attached memorandum and attachments 1 to 5 from Basil Pettigrew for information.

9. **REPORT OF THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Regulation & Democracy Services
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Democracy Services Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Janet MacDougall, DDI 941-6728

**Report of a meeting of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board Youth Development Fund Sub Committee held on Wednesday 20 June 2006 at 3:55 pm in the Boardroom, Papanui Service Centre.**

**PRESENT:** Yvonne Palmer, Myra Barry, Bill Bush, Ngaire Button and Megan Evans.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Janet MacDougall (Community Board Secretary)  
Helen Miles (Community Development Advisor)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

1. **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – MAIA VINK**

The Board's approval was sought for an application for funding from its 2007/08 Youth Development Fund to assist Maia Vink, who seeks funding to attend the Australian National Youth Championships in the New Zealand U17 Women's Football Development Squad from 30 June 2007 – 15 July 2007.

The Committee **resolved** to allocate \$500 from the 2007/8 Youth Development Fund to assist Maia Vink to attend the Australian National Youth Championships in the New Zealand U17 Women's Football Development Squad from 30 June 2007 – 15 July 2007.

2. **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – JAMES ANSON-HOLLAND**

The Board's approval was sought for an application for funding from its 2007/08 Youth Development Fund to assist James Anson- Holland who seeks funding to attend the Australian U18 National Championships in the New Zealand Junior Tall Black Team 7 – 14 July 2007.

The Committee **resolved** to allocate \$500 from the 2007/8 Youth Development Fund to assist James Anson- Holland who seeks funding to attend the Australian U18 National Championships in the New Zealand Junior Tall Black Team 7 – 14 July 2007.

The meeting concluded at 4.05 pm.

10. **NOTICES OF MOTION**



**11. UPDATE OF BOARD FUNDS**

Schedules detailing the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary, SCAP, Youth Development and Sport and Recreation Funds are attached.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be received.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

**12. CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST REPORT JUNE 2007**

See **attached** for information.

**13. UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER**

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

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence is attached:

- Annabelle Rayner – tree trimming.
- Les Gray –Sawyers Arms/Main Nth Road intersection unsafe for pedestrians.
- Stephanie Humphries – Car break ins.

**15. CHAIRPERSON'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Board members will be provided with an opportunity to give an update on community activities.

**16. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (If any have been submitted in accordance with Standing Orders 4.1.1 to 4.1.5)

**17. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Attached.

## RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

*Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.*

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely item 18.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
PART A 18.	LAND PURCHASE -STYX ESPLANADE RESERVE	) GOOD REASON TO ) WITHHOLD EXISTS UNDER ) SECTION 7	SECTION 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

**Item 18. Protection of privacy of natural persons**

**Sections 7(2)(a)**

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the foregoing motion be adopted.

### Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

"(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the local authority."