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**BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD
2 AUGUST 2006**

**A meeting of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board
was held on Wednesday 2 August 2006 at 5.00 pm**

PRESENT: Glenda Burt (Chairperson), Carmen Hammond, Caroline Kellaway, Tina Lomax, Don Rowlands and Gail Sheriff.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Carole Evans.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Don Rowlands who arrived at 5.02 pm and was absent for clauses 2, 5 and part of clause 6.

Gail Sheriff retired at 6.01 pm and was absent for part of agenda item 13.

The Board reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. NEW BRIGHTON ROAD - SCHOOL PATROL AT BURWOOD SCHOOL

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 Council's approval for a school patrol to be installed on New Brighton Road at Burwood School, and to legalise operation of this school patrol.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 1998, the Council completed traffic management work on New Brighton Road between Bassett Street and Locksley Avenue (plan attached). This work included cycling and pedestrian facilities on a section of arterial road with a high number of non vehicular road users. A crossing facility (kerb extension and central island) was installed west of the Bassett Street roundabout and outside the school frontage. This crossing facility linked to a new footpath which extends from the island to the roundabout, on the riverbank side of the roadway.
3. Since installation of the crossing facility the combination of increasing traffic volumes and school roll has made it difficult for school staff to safely supervise children across the road. Two school staff are required. This is owing to the need to ensure children cross in one or two stages, depending on whether traffic stops in either direction. A staff member stands on the school side while a staff member stands in the central island, to guide children. The situation is compounded by some motorists, but not all motorists, stopping to allow children to cross. Motorists are not legally obliged to stop and the varying behaviour of motorists contributes to the confusion.
4. School officials and the Police Education Officer have formally requested a school patrol at this site.
5. Installation of a school patrol at the island crossing facility: The school patrol would be a Kea crossing and this would be very similar to school patrols operating on Ferry Road at St Annes and Bamford Schools. The safety for children will be improved by ensuring all traffic is stopped prior to the children crossing. Delay to traffic on New Brighton Road has the potential to be reduced with the school patrol operating. This is due to removing the confusion of whether to proceed or not for some motorists at the crossing, which can result in long queues at the crossing.

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6. Kerbside parking is not affected due to the existing kerb extension (for visibility) and the existing broken yellow lines on the riverside. No residents are affected as the crossing point is outside the school frontage and the river is opposite the school.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The cost for this work (signs and road markings) is within operational budgets.
8. The crossing site meets the Land Transport Warrant for a school patrol.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Section 8.3(1) of the Land Transport Rule-Traffic Control Devices 2004 (Rule 54002) and pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Local Government Act 2002, authorise the head teacher of Burwood School to appoint appropriately trained persons to act as School Patrols at the school crossing point as specified at New Brighton Road, located at a point, more or less 144 metres westerly generally of Bassett Street.

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

2. CORRESPONDENCE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND RECIPIENT

A letter was received from Michael Bailey, a Youth Development Fund recipient, thanking the Board for the grant allowing him to attend the Southern Stars Soccer Tournament held in Brisbane, July 2006.

The Board **received** the information.

3. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS/COMMUNITY GROUPS

Time is allocated at Board meetings for Residents' Association/Community Group representatives to address the Board on local matters. Each group is being invited to do this in rotation.

Inspector Andy McGregor and Senior Sergeant Paul Fremaux (Sub-Area Commander Metro Northern) from the New Brighton Police were in attendance to provide an update and to discuss issues in the Burwood/Pegasus area. The Board were briefed on the Police's Weekly Crime and Crash report. Some issues and initiatives outlined were:

- Top five bail offenders targeted.
- Higher statistics of violent crime and domestic violence than other areas.
- Police assist residents experiencing repeat burglaries by providing information to help prevent further burglaries.
- Police have requested dairy owners to unclutter their shop windows to prevent robberies.
- Overall, crime has decreased.

4. COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Board **received** items of information under the Community Board Principal Adviser's Update and **decided** to nominate Carmen Hammond to sit on the Character Housing Maintenance Grants Panel.

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PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

5. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

The Board **resolved** that the report of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2006 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment to clause 2:

"2.4 ACTION WORKSHEET

The Board **decided** to ask staff to establish an action worksheet of Board requests and resolutions for the purpose of reporting back to the Board with updates."

6. NATURAL HAZARDS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2006 - BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

The Acting Community Secretary sought Board approval for the attendance of Don Rowlands at two workshops held during the Natural Hazards Management Conference 2006 in Christchurch from 22 to 25 August 2006.

The Board **resolved**:

1. To approve the attendance of Don Rowlands at the Workshop C session of the Natural Hazards Management Conference 2006 on 22 August 2006, with the costs of \$168.75 to be funded from the Board's 2006/07 Conference funds.
2. That Don Rowlands report back to the Board, in writing, on Workshop C and that a seminar be held, with relevant staff, to update the Board on the outcomes of both Workshop B and C.

[Don Rowlands declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision on this item.]

The meeting concluded at 6.15 pm.

CONSIDERED THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST 2006

**GLEND A BURT
CHAIRPERSON**