

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT



The Board **agreed** to receive the following deputations.

4.1 REVIEW OF CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Messrs Robert Woods and Matthew Noon were present to introduce the review of the current "Christchurch Public Passenger Transport Strategy", being a joint strategy between Environment Canterbury and the City Council.

Members were supportive of the strategy review and sought the participation of community groups/leaders in any working group/ public consultation. It was noted that the Board would be involved in the new draft strategy during 2006.

4.2 TE ORA HOU TRUST

On behalf of the trust, Johnno Campbell addressed the Board on the recent activities of this community-focussed trust. The Board has been a financial supporter of the trust in recent years.

Current activities included mentoring programmes for young persons, a national Tautoko, after school and holiday programmes, and camps.

The Board expressed its appreciation of the work of the trust.

4.3 NEIGHBOURHOOD TRUST

On behalf of the trust, Tony Marsh was in attendance to acknowledge the support that the Board had given over recent years and to talk about the variety of community programmes that they were running, as well as those proposed in 2006.

The Board expressed its appreciation of the work of the trust.

4.4 ARATUPU PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY

Two spokespersons of this facility tabled a submission seeking consideration to the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Harewood Road in the vicinity of the preschool and the neighbouring elderly persons' retirement complexes.

The submitters commented that many pedestrians have great difficulty in negotiating the safe crossing of Harewood Road owing to the volume of traffic in this locality, and they also identified other current issues to substantiate the request for a safer crossing point.

The Board was supportive of the need to investigate a safer crossing point and **decided** to ask for a staff report on the Harris Crescent to Matsons Avenue section of Harewood Road taking into account the current pedestrian refuge, improved pedestrian safety options and those matters identified in the tabled submission.