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Christchurch City Council
Our Community Plan Submission

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Over the past 5 years Community Connection Nga Nagru Trust (CCNNT) has networked with our immediate community and the wider city community. Drawing from the information we gathered there are a few projects we would like to highlight and encourage the Christchurch City Council to pursue.

ISSUE

The Coastline between Beach Road and Shackleton Street has the potential to be a vibrant aquatic playground which has yet to be fully realized. (Please include this stretch of beach in the CCC Aquatic Facilities Plan - Draft). Even though it is not technically a facility.

The New Brighton Revitalization project covers the area from Rawhiti Avenue to Shackleton Street. Therefore, CCNNT's focus is from Thompson Park, North Beach to Beach Road, Waimairi.

Central to this area is the North New Brighton War Memorial Community Centre which has now been refurbished (Thank you!). Projects in the pipeline by CCNNT to utilize this facility are:-

- Community Café - This will be presented to CCC as soon as it is completed which will be in the very near future.
- Youth Based Activities - CCNNT will partner with the excellent youth organizations in the city.
- Boutique Movie Theatre/Conference Area

ACTION

- For CCC to endorse and support these projects when presented
- For CCC to action and complete the Landscaping around the Community Centre

WHY

When each Suburb or community finds its own solution to its own unique environment (e.g. Aranui Renewal Project) that is when the "Community Outcomes" will be achieved.

This is the only Community Centre on our coast. It has to be available for the whole city to enjoy.

Through the activities based in and around the North New Brighton War Memorial Community Centre CCNNT will endeavor to strengthen our community, therefore, strengthen our city.

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New Brighton Artificial Reef Page 80

ACTION

- For CCC to continue with this project
- For CCC to apply for 4 reefs (not just 1) when the application is made for Resource Consent
 1. South Brighton
 2. New Brighton
 3. North Beach
 4. Waimairi

WHY

- Our kids (and big kids!) need an aquatic playground that is FREE to use at anytime
- For CCC to recognize "the sea" as a playground/field/court/park/stadium

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Lowering New Brighton Sand dunes Page 80 & Walkways Development Page 74

ACTION

- Our understanding was that CCC were to investigate the North Beach area only at this stage
- To let commonsense prevail on lowering the sand hills so progress can be made

WHY

We have enormous gaps along our coastline and there has not been an outcry over these e.g. Sumner, Redcliffs, Estuary etc. Lowering a few sand hills from Beach Rd to Bowhill Rd from 8m to 5m has huge potential.

The beach is accessible to the able-bodied but not accessible to the disabled. A promenade and raised car parking areas on a lower 5m dune would allow for wheelchairs, prams, bikes, skateboards and for the elderly to sit in their cars and view the ocean in warmth.

This concept would totally enhance our foreshore for generations to come. This project has been in the pipeline now for some years. Please put it ahead of the Scarborough Monks Bay walkway. Sumner needs to be relieved of its congestion.

We used to have natural sand dunes we now have manmade sand hills.

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Art in Public Places Page 78 & Parks interpretation, artworks, furniture Page 79

ACTION

For CCC to consult with the various Youth organization, schools, tertiary institutes

WHY

Tagging and graffiti are rife in our city. Perhaps if our Youth could have their various forms of art placed in high profile areas in the inner city and their own suburbs it may help them to take ownership.

For example huge art walls placed around the city /suburbs that are repainted every few months by Schools and youth groups.

ISSUE

Thomson Park

ACTION

- For CCC to further develop this park as a beach skate park with skating facilities ranging from beginners to advanced.
- For CCC to install a full size basketball court

WHY

- To allow for a wider range of options when Youth organizations use the North New Brighton War Memorial Community Centre
- Our Youth are our future leaders lets get them active, healthy and reaching their full potential

These are a few of the projects CCNNT are and will be working on with the support of the Community. We will be approaching CCC at some stage to partnership in them.

Please remember that the beach is a destination for ALL of the city to enjoy.

Money spent on these projects is not for the exclusive use of North Beach residence. It is a metropolitan beach and we wish to encourage the whole city to take advantage of our coastline.

We do not wish to present our submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered.

Thank you

Your sincerely



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Chairperson

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