

# Our Community Plan Submission Form

## Instructions

### Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission:

### By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178  
Our Community Plan  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 237  
Christchurch 8003

### By email

Please email your submission to:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

### On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form

provided on the Council's web site at

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>

Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

## Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on our draft Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one  I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR  I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission:  For yourself  On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

My submission refers to:  Full version  Page No.  Summary version  8 Page No.

Do you also want to respond to:  Development Contributions  Aquatic Facilities  Other

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Email (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature [Signature] Date 3 May 2006



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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

## Questions

See list of major projects in the summary document

① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Community Plan? page number

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② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number

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③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number

*see attached submission*

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Submission #:

Referred to:

Date referred:

Date required:

Heard:  Yes  No

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

## Community Plan Submission

To: Christchurch City Council  
From: Carol McNeil, 7 Woodville St, St Albans  
Date: 3 May 2006  
Subject: Proposed Closure of Edgeware Pool

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**Introduction** I wish to register my objection to the proposed closure of the Edgeware Swimming Pool.

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**Background** For the last two summers I have taken my now six-year-old son to swimming lessons run by the St Albans Swimming Club and held at Edgeware Pool.

We have attended these lessons four nights per week for the last two summer seasons.

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**Why we love Edgeware Pool**

The Edgeware Pool has been the perfect venue for these lessons for the following reasons:

- The lessons are friendly, fun, affordable (\$45 per season), and very successful because of their regularity – attending lessons four nights per week provides a great opportunity to practise and reinforce the skills learned from previous lessons, thus allowing the children to learn to swim much more quickly than via conventional weekly lessons at the large indoor pools in other suburbs.
- The pool is a local facility, therefore close to our homes and quick to get to after school/work. There are no traffic delays (lessons begin at 5.30 pm) and little fuel, if any, is required to get there.
- The swimming club is very well supported by members of the local community (with lessons even more popular last season than the previous one – to the extent that the junior classes were full).
- The pool is outdoors, therefore the surrounding air is fresh and free of the unpleasant smell of chlorine. Parents and caregivers can sit in the sunshine in a pleasant green and tree-surrounded environment to watch the lessons.
- The pool is heated so it is a comfortable temperature for the children, regardless of the weather.
- The pool caters for a wide range of needs, from a shallow end suitable for beginners to a deep end suitable for diving (unlike the local primary school pool).
- The members of the swimming club are predominantly from the local community and most of the younger children attend St Albans Primary School. Seeing each other outside the school environment forges a special bond between these children who are of a wide age range, from different classes and would not otherwise get the opportunity to mix together.

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## Community Plan Submission, Continued

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### Why we love Edgeware Pool, continued

- Swimming lessons provide an excellent opportunity for parents and care givers to socialise on a regular basis, thus strengthening the sense of community facilitated by the pool. I myself have made several good friendships as a result, and which would not have been made otherwise.
  - The loud and cheery encouragement and support given by the onlookers whenever a young child conquers a fear, eg, dives off the dive board for the first time, is amazing and very special to the pool and its community.
  - Active participation in the local swimming club (eg, as a committee member, coach, etc) provides an opportunity for local residents to make a positive contribution to the local community.
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### Other users of Edgeware Pool

Outside of the swimming club, whenever we have gone to the pool during public hours, it has been very well supported by local swimmers and families. Children are certain to meet up with friends from school whenever they go for a swim during the summer season. And parents are certain to meet up with other parents they know.

In addition, the pool is also used by the senior children from St Albans School for school swimming lessons. The pool is close to the school and therefore quick to get to and from during the school day.

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### Contribution to the local community

We love having Edgeware Pool in our community. It a special resource that provides an irreplaceable service to local residents because it provides a well-used gathering place and thus helps forge a sense of community among these residents. Strong communities are becoming rare in modern urban centres, and thus are all the more valuable and worth fighting to retain.

I grew up in a small provincial town with a strong sense of local community. The Edgeware Pool provides the nearest thing to this kind of community spirit that I have encountered in this city.

No large new indoor pool facility outside our suburb can replace this community resource.

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### CCC commitment

The best way to honour your commitment to making sure Christchurch remains a great place to live is by ensuring that the suburbs within Christchurch remain great places to live. Edgeware Pool is a great and much loved facility within our suburban community.

**Please keep our pool open!**

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