

**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council  
**ON:** Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016  
**BY:** Burwood/Pegasus Community Board  
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board (the Board) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-16 (LTCCP).

The submission addresses a range of issues, including some projects already programmed and some proposals of a long-term nature. Page references for items in the LTCCP document are detailed in brackets where relevant.

The Board would like to speak in support of this submission.

## **2. THANKS**

The Board thanks the Council for the improvements to date in the Burwood/Pegasus ward by the completion of the renovation of the North New Brighton War Memorial Community Centre and the new road for the mall. The latter was a commitment made by Council to the community in the New Brighton Masterplan.

## **3. PRIORITIES**

### **3.1 The Council and Community Boards (p25)**

The Board supports the retention of, and the continued support from the Council for, the current level of funding and delegations for the work and place of Community Boards in Local Government in Christchurch. The Board would like the functions of Community Boards as noted in the Local Government Act 2002 to be included on page 25, so that the public are aware of the role of Community Boards.

The Boards are a mechanism whereby local knowledge and input help to ensure that local needs are met and the Council as a whole is responsive to our villages by devolving responsibility to Boards. The Board is cognisant of the role it plays in contributing to the community outcomes in its area.

### **3.2 Aranui Learning Centre (p74)**

The Board would like to make the strongest possible case for the inclusion of the Aranui Learning Centre in the list of Discretionary projects: priority. It currently sits in the list of non-priority projects. The Board considers this is the most important project in the LTCCP for the ward. The estimated capital cost is \$150,000. Had it been included in the draft as a priority the Board would have given favourable consideration to making a contribution to it from its Project funding for 2006/07. The Board has done this with the North New Brighton War Memorial Community Centre in previous years.

Efforts have been made by the Council to seek funding from the Government's Community Partnership fund for the learning centre but this was turned down.

The learning centre project will encourage interest in learning for people of all ages in the community and help in a re-engagement in education. It directly contributes to the community outcomes of a city of life-long learning. There was a strong expectation in the community of a commitment from the Council for a learning centre. The Aranui Community Renewal Project has provided new housing, an upgraded park and roads, now it is time to encourage learning. Extensive consultation has been undertaken with the community to determine the needs and requirements for improved library and information services to the Aranui community. The learning centre would provide opportunities for employment within the community through job schemes and volunteers. The Board is aware and appreciative of the investment that the Council and Housing New Zealand have made in Aranui. The Council should be aware however, that the government has withdrawn early its commitment to the SCAF funding (which has ceased for all sites nationally). For Aranui this means it expires on 30 June 2006.

### **3.3 Projects Outside Criteria for Inclusion in LTCCP**

#### *Sand Dunes and Off-shore Reef*

The Board would like to draw to the attention of the Council comments made during most of the consultation meetings for the LTCCP held in the ward that there is still a strong expectation in the community for lowering/contouring the sand dunes in North New Brighton and the development of an off-shore reef for new Brighton.

The Board considers that the as work had already begun and the reports commissioned on the sand dunes there is a commitment to continue that work.

#### *Art in Public Places*

The Board is disappointed that the Art in Public Places funding has not been included in the 2006-16 LTCCP. The Board requests that the Council include in the LTCCP \$50,000 per annum for the 2006-16 LTCCP.

## **4. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS (p49)**

### **4.1 Strong Communities**

The Board supports the Goals and Objectives listed in the Strategic Direction for Strong Communities. A key way this can happen at a local level is by a Council commitment to a continuation of the current or increased level of Project and Discretionary funding and Community Development Scheme. These funds provide Boards with an opportunity to be responsive to their local communities eg PEEEPs, Supergrans, ACTIS, Travis and Bexley Wetlands (local knowledge, local input, local gain) after considering advice such as needs analysis on gaps in our local area and identifying the Board's Objectives for the 2006-09 years.

### **4.2 Strategic Direction Healthy Environment (p51-53)**

The Board supports the goals and objectives of a healthy environment. The Board strongly supports measures on reduce litter in the city (p53). Now that the city is taking over the Civil Defence Emergency Management, the Board would like to see Christchurch Neighbourhood Support included as a partner. Christchurch Neighbourhood Support currently has a strong relationship with Environment Canterbury on Civil Defence Emergency Management issues as Neighbourhood Support holds a database for all local groups in the area.

## **5. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME**

### **5.1 New Bus Exchange (p71)**

The Board supports the provision of a new bus exchange and would like to see the possibility of the current exchange being used as a tourist bus terminus explored as one option. The Board would also like to indicate support for The Palms and New Brighton for consideration as suburban bus interchanges.

### **5.2 Civil Defence Building (p72)**

The Board questions whether a separate civil defence building is necessary; could it be included in the new civic offices building and explore whether or not it could be achieved with a partnership from the government.

## **6. DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS: PRIORITY**

### **6.1 School Safety Zone Infrastructure (p72)**

The Board supports the provision of funding for school safety zone. The Board would like to see two schools from the ward included - Windsor School and South New Brighton School.

### **6.2 Avon River - Central City Strategy (p72)**

The Board supports the provision of funding for the Avon River Central City Strategy.

There is a need to purchase a second weed harvester so that the river can flow freely as it goes eastward. This issue also arose at public meetings held during the consultation period of the LTCCP. This has a particular impact on safety (people falling in the river) and the growth of weeds means could inhibit water sports, particularly as there is no provision for the flatwater facility.

## **7. DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS: NON-PRIORITY**

The Board would like to express its disappointment that the following projects have been considered as a non-priority:

### **7.1 Aranui Learning Centre (p74)**

The Board has noted this on page 1 of its submission.

### **7.2 Water Reuse (p74 and p215)**

The Board would support the inclusion on funding for \$200,000 for a feasibility study for the re-use of water such as rain water. Good quality drinking water should not be used to water lawns and flower beds. This is an important issue for residents in east Christchurch with sandy soil who do not wish to use the valuable resource on their gardens in summer because the demand is high. A pilot programme using rain water retention in conjunction with the New Brighton Community Garden and private gardens would benefit the environment. The issue was raised by the Southshore Residents' Association in their deputation last year. The Australian experience in this area of sustainable resource use needs to be tried in east Christchurch.

### 7.3 **Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust Development**

The Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with this organisation and a management plan was developed. The Board would be disappointed if there was not money set aside in the budget to honour those commitments.

## 8. **COUNCIL'S PROPOSED SAVINGS**

### 8.1 **Rationalise Community Libraries and Mobile Library Service (p86)**

Although this does not have a direct impact on our area rationalising of community libraries and exiting the mobile library service were issues that were raised at all public meetings held in the ward on the LTCCP. With the current climate of increasing petrol prices, a large part of the community will have to travel further to get to a library. The Board considers that closures should not take place until consultation has been carried out with affected communities.

### 8.2 **Use New Zealand Post for all Council Payments (p86)**

The outsourcing of Council payment transactions should be given careful consideration and cost savings should not be the only criteria. There should not be a decrease in service levels to ratepayers if payments are outsourced. For example, at the Shirley Post Shop (at The Palms) there are often long queues, rate payments due on 15 December could clash with a time of high customer use the Post Shops. The outsourcing **should not come at the cost of reducing counter services** now provided at the six Council Service Centres. The staff at counters at the Service Centres are the "face" of the Council and they are able to provide in-depth Council information and advice that would not be expected from NZ Post staff. The Board strongly supports the retention of customer services at the Service Centres.

### 8.3 **Close Four Suburban Pools (p86)**

The Board supports the proposal to close these pools based on the cost to the ratepayer of each swim and the provision of the Aquatic Facilities Plan. However, the Board notes that, while the community in the Board's area is not affected by closures of either pools or libraries, the community was concerned about the effect of these closures on the rest of the people of Christchurch.

### 8.4 **Reduce the Number of City Scene (p86)**

A majority of the Board supports the proposal to reduce the number of issues from 10 to 9 and considers that this could be reduced further to six editions (a two-monthly publication).

### 8.5 **Areas Considered for Raising Fees (p87)**

A majority of the Board does not support the proposal to increase off-street and on-street parking charges as it could impede people visiting the central city.

### 8.6 **Additional savings**

To offset the requests made by the Board for the projects it would like to see in the LTCCP the Board considers that 2% could be removed from the programme of streets and transport improvements (p73).

**9. PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR 2006-16 FROM 2005/06 SUBMISSION:**

9.1 The Board supports the completion in the 2006-16 LTCCP of the following projects that were identified in the Board's submission on the 2005/06 annual plan:

- Locksley Avenue pathway project.
- Artwork in New Brighton to commemorate the area's surfing heritage.
- Farnborough Street traffic management.
- Bexley Wetland walkways.

9.2 **Street Cleaning Service Levels** - The Board supports an increase in the level of service in relation to the quality and frequency of street cleaning. An improvement in the service provided not only has an effect on the streetscape but also may bring an improvement in the quality of water entering the stormwater system.

**10. COMMENTS ON COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

**10.1 City Development (p91)**

The Board comments that the value of any inner city revitalisation may be lost if residents and visitors do not feel safe in the central city.

**10.2 Community Support (p97)**

The Board values the contribution made by the Council to community support both via Boards and metropolitan and sees the huge benefit to the community at a local level. The Board would not want to see a reduction in the current level of funding to the various contestable funding schemes.

The Board is supportive of the portfolio of housing complexes that the Council provides for the people of Christchurch. However, the Board would prefer to see dedicated complexes for elderly tenants. Board members do get concerns raised with them from tenants who do not feel safe with some of the tenants in mixed complexes.

**10.3 Democracy and Governance (p109)**

The Board support the maintenance of the current level of service to the Boards.

**10.4 Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways (p127)**

The Board supports the current level of funding for the parks, open spaces and waterways budget.

As noted earlier in the submission the Board requests that an additional weed harvester is provided. It is needed to cope with weed growth in our rivers. Every summer there is a problem for water sports at Kerrs Reach. Without an alternative flat water sports facility the maintenance of Kerr's Reach will continue to be important. The breakdown of the existing machine could jeopardise sport in this area.

The Jubilee Walkway through South New Brighton is becoming more popular and the South New Brighton Residents' Association has requested historical interpretation and signage. Progressively, the Board would support the Jubilee Walkway should be linked to the Locksley pathway.

The Board would support funding being made available to prepare an updated Management Plan for the South New Brighton Domain. Aging and unsafe pines and macrocarpas need to be replaced in a planned way. The South New Brighton Residents' Association has been asking for this and has offered to assist planting projects.

#### 10.5 **Recreation and Leisure** (p129)

The Board supports the current level of funding for recreation and leisure in the city. In particular the Board values and support the range of events and festivals provided for.

In 2005 the Council developed the **QEII Concept Plan**. As part of the Board's submission on the plan it sought the development of new entranceways to QEII Park at Travis Road and Bower Avenue as identified in the 10-year Plan. The Board requests that these are provided for in the plan. This road is a major arterial road and there are safety issues for people entering QEII Park.

The Board supports the hosting of successful sports events eg World Cup Rugby in 2011 and suggests that the Council gives support to a bid for, at the very least a semi-final. The Board would also like to see Christchurch bid for the Commonwealth Games.

#### 10.6 **Refuse Minimisation and Disposal** (p137)

The Board urges the Council to sort out the issues regarding the options for refuse collection. The Board supports the investigation of a large kerbside, inorganic collection - similar to that in Auckland.

#### 10.7 **Regulatory Services** (p143)

The Board supports stronger efforts being made in enforcement of noise, graffiti and litter control.

#### 10.8 **Transport and City Streets** (p149)

The Board supports the provision of off-street cycle linkages, particularly on roads with a high vehicle per day count. Comments made at public consultation during the LTCCP questioned the need for cycleways and kerb buildouts and whether or not they are meeting the objectives for road users.

The Board supports the inclusion and implantation of all the streets capital works programme in its area. The Board also would like to ensure that there is sufficient movement within the budget to implement projects that are identified as particularly urgent safety issues eg Pine Avenue/Bridge Street.

The Board would like to draw to the attention of Council that there are long-term flooding problems in Cygnet Street.

The Board requests that Marine Parade be considered for undergrounding and kerb and channel.

#### 10.9 **Wastewater** (p157)

Even if the costs of the tenders to build the ocean outfall pipeline are marginally higher, the Board asks the Council to consider giving preference to micro-tunnelling techniques over dig and lay construction. Micro-tunnelling would reduce the environmental damage to the Estuary and disruption within the South New Brighton area.

#### 10.10 Water Supply (p163)

The Board greatly appreciate the quality of the water supply in Christchurch and supports protection of the aquifers, also the encouragement of water conservation.

#### 10.11 Stormwater (p214)

The Board is concerned with the public health risk of stagnant and contaminated water including mosquitos (eg Horseshoe Lake). The Board suggests that the Council consider the use of traps and retrofitting of drainage into the Avon and Heathcote Rivers. Options should also be considered to address water quality degradation eg street sweeping and sump cleaning.

The Board would also like the Council to consider more education on the use of cleaning products, house use of water eg flushing, waste disposal units, chemicals.

### 11. COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS (p229)

The Board supports consultation with the community prior to significant change in ownership of Council assets eg Lyttelton Port Company.

### 12. POLICY ON DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE (p291)

Red Bus and City Care should be seen as important assets to the city providing an essential service to the community so therefore significant changes in ownership/operation should be only undertaken in conjunction with widespread community consultation.

The Board considers that Red Bus and City Care should remain on the listed of Strategic Assets. The Board does not support their deletion. It is important that the city has public transport that is controlled publicly and the Council needs it for its infrastructure.

The **Board is very concerned** that the land and buildings as a whole owned by the Council for its **public rental housing provision is not included in the list of strategic assets** in the draft LTCCP, when it was listed in the previous 2004-14 LTCCP. The Board requests that the Council reinstate this in the list of strategic assets. The Board is concerned that while mention was made in the draft plan of the deletion of Red Bus and City Care there was no reference also to the Council's public housing.

## LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

<b>Name:</b>	Burwood Pegasus Community Board (Supplementary)
<b>CC:</b>	
<b>Sent:</b>	Fri 5/05/2006 13:45
<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>Supplementary submission from the Burwood Pegasus Community board</p> <p><b>City Streets.</b> The Board is seriously concerned about the effect that an increasing volume of traffic from north of the City will have on an already very busy Marshlands Road. As the new township at Pegasus becomes established and Woodend and Kaiapoi continue to grow the volume of traffic entering the City each day will surely increase. This will impact on Marshlands Road, Briggs Road, Akaroa Street and Hills Road, Shirley Road and North Parade. It is not the intention of the Board to request any funding to increase the road space but to request the Council to advocate strongly for the introduction of an alternative transport system e.g park and ride, into the City.</p> <p>Glenda Burt, Chair, Burwood Pegasus Community Board. Ph: 385 9890 Cell 021 127 8762 151 Queensbury Street, Christchurch, 6</p>