

# SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD

## ANNUAL SUBMISSION

The Board appreciates the opportunity to present a submission to the Council's draft Community Plan for 2006-16 and wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

### 1. NEW LEISURE CENTRES (pg.73)

The Board strongly supports the funding of a new indoor aquatic leisure facility with a partnership in the Papanui area. It is a much needed facility in this area with the increased of growth in the ward with all residents and schools extremely supportive of this being built there.

The Board acknowledges that there is a shortage of land for a Community aquatic facility and with the offer of a partnership of the land this can only be an advantage for the rate payers of Christchurch. Therefore it is important that this project proceed in 2007 rather than lose the opportunity.

The Board has developed excellent relationships with both Northlands Mall and Papanui High and are keen that these partnerships are maintained and fostered by Council throughout this process.

### 2. SERVICES AND FACILITIES CONSIDERED FOR REDUCTION (pg.86)

#### a) Rationalise Community Libraries (pg 86 & 104)

The Board does not support the closure of any neighbourhood libraries, especially Redwood library. Local school children, schools and their parents need access to books and computers to do their homework and research when they do not have computers at home. There are many senior citizens, in this community and increasing numbers, due to new developments who use this library. It is especially important that this local library is retained so that the 150 elderly residents who live in Council housing complexes. in the area. Closing the library would deprive these residents from ready access to books especially the larger print books and availability of the 'get well' bags. These 'get well' bags are used continuously. Local schools also use this library a lot and those parents who are home schooling their children..

Instead the Board supports the continuation of all current libraries, especially as this is an essential element of the Community Outcome for developing a city of lifelong learning.. The 14 libraries as listed on page 104, even though there are 15 libraries currently supported by the Council being Bishopdale, Central, Fendalton, Halswell, Hornby, Linwood, New Brighton, Papanui, Parklands, Redwood, Shirley, South Christchurch, Spreydon, Sumner, Upper Riccarton.

The Board also supports the maintenance and development of the libraries for Banks Peninsula as part of our current library network which the Board believes provides an excellent standard of service in meeting the information, learning and recreational needs of all its residents.

The Board submits that the Council, in terms of making savings in this area, should review the patronage of customers and lending to see if any savings can be made by shortening the hours of operation in meeting the demands of the community

**b) Exit Mobile Library**

The Board does not support the disestablishment of the mobile library as many of the Shirley Papanui residents who use this reside in the rural part of the ward and are not able to drive or have access to good public transport.

**3. USE OF NEW ZEALAND POST FOR ALL COUNCIL PAYMENTS**

The Board does not support the outsourcing of CCC payment transactions, with NZ Post.. The Board has huge concerns of the lack of customer service currently being experienced by residents at Post shops. Many of our elderly community would be disadvantaged because there is no seating provided at many Post Shops. Many of the Post Shops have limited space for those in with mobility frames, wheelchairs or scooters.

The Board notes that customers using the customer service desk at the Papanui Library prefer to speak to someone face to face about their problems such as graffiti, pot holes, street litter, mail not being collected etc as well as rates. This is an excellent way of maintaining communication with the residents.

In some areas such as Belfast residents would not be able to pay any accounts, as there is just a Post Office agency. The shortest route for Brooklands and Kainga residents would be to go to the Post shop in Kaiapoi. Currently they pay their rates at the Papanui Service centre when they go to the library or visit the mall.

**4. CLOSURE OF EDGEWARE AND BELFAST POOLS**

The Board believes that both outdoors pools, Belfast and Edgware need to continue operating until they are no longer able to comply statutory regulations.

**5. REDUCTION OF CITY SCENE**

The Board would support reduction of city scenes to five issues instead of 9 which is a projected saving of \$110,000. Resulting from feedback during the Long Term Council Community Plan many were not aware of the city scene. Residents stated that radio and local television was a more effective way for Council to inform its community.

**6. RAISING PARKING FEES**

The Board agrees that these fees should be raised to discourage the use of single commuter traffic, and encourage the use of public transport and/or car pooling. At some stage in the near future the Board submits that a review should take place of the parking fees for suburban Christchurch especially around the large malls.

**7. COMMUNITY BOARDS AND ASSOCIATED FUNDING FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS (pg. 25, 45, 109, 101 & 111)**

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 Board submits that Community Boards are integral to the Councils' goals of promoting participation in the democratic processes by advocating for and providing advice to Council on the needs of its community by making it easy for members of our community to understand Council processes. A recent example is with the latest LTCCP consultation the Shirley Papanui Community Board members were able to engage with their residents resulting in a large number of submissions from their local community organisations, chartered clubs, rural communities and from Northlands and the Palms mall..

The Board supports the continued services and funding provided by the Council for all eight Community Boards, as outlined in this plan.

They also support the continued level of discretionary funding which includes Project Funding currently been provided to the Boards annually as grants to local community groups to be maintained at the same levels.

#### **8. AUDIT AND DESIGN OF ALL EXISTING AND NEW TOILETS**

The Board requests Council to continue funding Crime Prevention through Environmental Design safety audits..

The Board also submits that any new toilets being designed for use in parks close to children's play areas, should also be designed so that parents are able to view from the outside children using the toilet. This could be similar to the European models where the doors are designed so that the feet are seen and heads if people are standing. Clear perspex could be used for entrance ways into toilets and common wash areas clearly seen. This may prevent future cases, of children being abused by someone lurking inside the toilets while grandparents/caregivers wait outside.

That Horner Street public toilets do not meet disability standards. They show their age and the toilet block design does not fit comfortably with the redevelopment of the Memorial Reserve (for fallen servicemen of Papanui) in which the block sits. The development is a partnership of the RSA and the Board. The interiors of block are frequently hit by taggers. Requests have been received from the public to have them upgraded so as to provide toilet facilities for the disabled. These toilets are the first available from town the only ones on the left hand side from Belfast.

Property Assets Management Team's response to a request in early 2004 from the Board was to have the toilets in their 10 yr programme. This Board see the upgrade as having a high priority and that the Council approve the replacement/upgrade of the toilet in this years Annual Plan.

## **9. SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE INFRASTRUCTURE (pg 72 & 85)**

The Board would also like to see more enforcement of the 40 km/h zone outside schools and that large 40 km/h signage is implemented. This will ensure that motorists are legally required to slow down.

The Board believes that electronic signs outside schools particularly where there are four lanes, all schools who have a speeding history outside of them. It is paramount that the CCC make access safe for all residents especially school children trying to cross busy roads..

At a recent meeting with local school Principals commented on the effectiveness of being able to employ a teachers aide/warden to help children cross intersections where there is turning traffic. This funding came from a small road safety fund.

The Board does not support a reduction in the funding of these programmes as road safety continues to be an important and recurring issue in the Shirley/Papanui community particularly around schools.

## **10. LOCAL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

The Board recently identified a number of issues it wishes to address during the current term. These include such matters as roading and road safety improvements, new footpaths, remedying localised flooding problems, city plan related issues, eg gated communities, consultation issues.

The Board appreciates that it can make a contribution to resolving some of these issues in the form of allocating its own project funding, however would prefer to work in partnership with business units through the implementation and consultation phases of their work programmes.

The Board is especially keen to be involved in assisting in the prioritising of specific projects including any ongoing funding support that may assist, particularly as it impacts at a local level. The Board seeks the endorsement of the Council for this approach to be taken.

**11. FUNDING FOR NEW FOOTPATHS (pg 77, 154 & 155)**

The Board is disappointed that Council as a strategic priority did not accept the \$2 million proposed for new footpaths.. This Council has a safe city strategy and it is very important that our streets have footpaths on both sides of the road for accessibility and safety for both pedestrians , people with disabilities and our elderly population. In the Shirley Papanui community ward Cranfors street and Husseys road do not have any therefore putting our community at risk.

The Board is concerned that peoples' lives are at risk and this is one area of the plan that the Board would like the Council to review its decision. The Board would support Council identifying capital funding for new footpaths targeted at safety improvements for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic where there have been identified risks.

For any new development proposals, the Board requests that the developer provide footpaths on both side of the road for all members of our community to use.

**12. CLEANLINESS OF STREETS/LITTER**

The Board during its consultation on the Long Term Council Community Plan received many criticisms about the levels of service and it is now time that Council took a strong active lead in addressing these issues.Targeted initiatives last year for the central city along with anti litter education programmes are endorsed, however the Board submits that more attention now needs to be given to suburban locations to ensure that the communities expectations over the cleanliness of streets and litter collection measures are effective.

The Board also seeks a higher level of enforcement of the Litter Act provisions and any associated Council by-laws particularly outside fast food outlets.

**13. PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE STYX PROJECT (pg 72)**

The Board supports funding being set aside to purchase land in the future for the Styx project. This would, in the Boards opinion, enable the good work and progress that has been made to date on this project succeed. Funding could be included under strategic land purchases.

#### **14. COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

The Board supports the building and development of a community facility and library in Belfast and Papanui. Belfast is one of the fastest growing areas in the city and the board is willing to work to facilitate good partnerships with key stakeholders in the area.

#### **15. PARK AND RIDE**

The Board supports the concept of park and ride to reduce the amount of traffic coming in from the outer suburbs. The Board would encourage the Council to work with Environment Canterbury, Transit and others in developing a strategy to alleviate the pressures on our infrastructure.

#### **16. DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY**

The Board supports this concept. The Board supports the maintenance of the Banks Peninsula infrastructure.

#### **17. WASTE MINIMISATION (pg 71)**

The Board would encourage the Council to minimise waste and maximise recycling.

#### **18. GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION**

The Board would encourage Council to make a submission to Government on behalf of the community to fund the implementation of legislation that impacts on local government.

## **19. ACCORDANCE WITH SAFER PARKS POLICY**

The Board asks that sufficient funds be set-aside in the Greenspace budget for further “naturalising” of waterways as well as the maintenance of existing naturalised streams. Continual maintenance is required to prevent overgrowing as is occurring in Erica Reserve and Regents Park Reserve and the Papanui Stream walkway (a relatively new reserve) to a degree that it is considered that these parks would no longer meet the Council’s Safer Parks Policy. There is also a concern that pathways are becoming overgrown to such an extent that they are no longer readily accessible by the disabled.

The Board sees this as meeting the LTCCP “Community Outcomes” of “A Sustainable, Natural Environment”, “Healthy and Active People”, “A Safe City”, “A Sustainable, Natural Environment”, and “A Liveable City”.

## **20. THAT PROVISION IS MADE FOR THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE LOSS OF BASE FLOW IN THE UPPER KAPUTONE STREAM.**

The Board is concerned about the loss of flow in the Kaputone Stream west of the Main North Road. There has been no spring-fed base flow since mid 2003. The Council staff carried out investigations to better understand the effects of urbanisation on surface and groundwater flows. The results of this investigation was presented to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board on 23 June 2004.

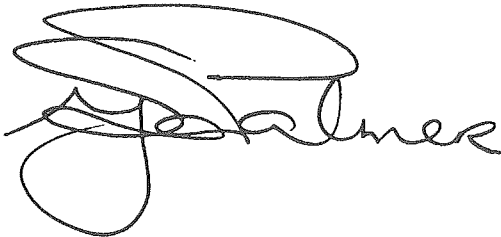
A report identified several possible reasons/factors for the loss in flow but stated that without extensive monitoring over a sustained period and the development of various models, no definite cause or causes could be determined. This report led to the Council allocating \$30,000 to continue further investigations.

In March – April 2005 a survey of the Upper Kaputone Stream was carried out. The survey has identified that there is a significant sediment build-up in the Kaputone Stream channel within Englefield Reserve.



There is \$17,000 left from the allocated \$30,000 budget. This money will be spent towards mitigation measures adopted by ECAN, CCC and the residents. In addition, to this money further funding in order of \$30,000 - \$40,000 will be required. Please note that this funding is an estimate for one of the mitigation measures. If another mitigation measure is adopted then this funding may not be sufficient.

The Board submits to Council that between \$30,000 - \$40,000 be provided in the 2006/07 Budget to investigate the causes for the loss of base flow in the upper Kaputone Stream. The Board sees this as meeting the LTCCP Community Outcomes of "A Sustainable, Natural Environment", "A Liveable City".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Palmer'. The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a prominent 'Y' at the beginning.

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