

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

SPREYDON-HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD

AGENDA

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 1998 AT 4.00 PM AT THE BECKENHAM SERVICE CENTRE

Community Board: Oscar Alpers (Chairman), Carole Anderton,

Philip Clearwater, David Drayton, Morgan Fahey, Sonia Gill,

Ian Howell, Patricia Hunter, Ann Lewis

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This is to advise that the items on the Agenda for the meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 March 1998 at **4.00 p.m.** at the Beckenham Service Centre, are as follows:

Apologies

Leave of Absence

- 1. Petition Reconstruction of Tainui Street 1999/2000
- 2. Confirmation of Report to Council
- 3. Deputations by Appointment:
 - Tainui Street Roading Improvements
 - Summit Road Society
 - Sibleys Drain
- 4. Safety Issues Affecting Sibleys Drain on Bowenvale Avenue
- 5. Summertimes Sweet Suburbia
 - Barrington Park and Hoon Hay Park Family Fun Days
- 6. Landsdowne Community Centre
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- 12. View Terrace Stopping
- 13. Croydon Street/Southampton Street Intersection Give Way Control
- 14. Hoon Hay Road Pedestrian Islands Funds Transfer Request
- 15. Barringtons
- 16. Lincoln Road Widening to Four Lanes (Barrington Street to Torrens Road)
- 17. Colombo Street Traffic Management
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- 21. Charging for Occupation of Reserve Land
- 22. Property Purchase for Roading Lincoln Road
- 23. Property Purchase for Roading Lincoln Road
- 24. Strickland Street Property Sales
- 25. Draft Youth Policy and Strategy
- 26. Community Board Funding
- 27. Change of Meeting Date
- 28. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Public Excluded

- 29. Property Purchase for Roading 200 Lincoln Road
- 30. Property Purchase for Roading 237 Lincoln Road & 1 Whiteleigh Avenue

APOLOGIES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

At the Board's March meeting Ann Lewis requested that she be granted leave of absence for the period of 1-30 April.

Due to a change in plans Mrs Lewis has requested that this leave of absence now be granted for the period of 1-31 May instead.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Board grant leave of absence to Mrs Lewis, for the

period of 1-31 May 1998.

1. **PETITION:**

Reconstruction of Tainui Street 1999/2000

A petition has been received from 44 residents of Tainui Street regarding the reconstruction of Tainui Street.

The petition states:

"We the undersigned being residents of Tainui Street, Somerfield, Christchurch seek the support of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board in our proposals, and approval from the Christchurch City Council, City Streets Division to have the following included in the reconstruction of Tainui Street which is planned for 1999/2000

- Underground wiring
- Increased street lighting
- Feature lighting as per attached photos
- Feature lighting either side of speed hump from Somerfield Street into Tainui Street.
- Planting out of gardens either side of speed humps to include roses."

(A letter and photos presented with the petition have been circulated with the Agenda.)

The Area Engineer, Jeff Owen, comments:

"The support from the residents of Tainui Street must be applauded. It is noted from the signatories that there is unanimous support from them on the requested plan of action.

It is unknown at this stage what funds will be available in the 1999/2000 financial year. At present \$280,000 is allocated in the current Five Year Capital Expenditure Programme to this project in that year."

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.

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2. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Recommendation: That the report to the Council of the Board meeting of

3 March 1998 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of

that meeting.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT:

3.1 TAINUI STREET - ROADING IMPROVEMENTS

Lindsay Squire wishes to speak on the issues raised in the petition (Clause 1 refers).

3.2 SUMMIT ROAD SOCIETY

Gordon Kirk of the Summit Road Society wishes to speak to the Board on the Society's proposal to purchase land on the Port Hills, on the harbour side of Kennedy's Bush above Governors Bay. Mr Kirk is seeking a \$7,500 contribution from the Board towards the purchase. Note: The Society's financial statements have been circulated to members.

3.3 SIBLEYS DRAIN

Bob Simcock, a resident of Bowenvale Avenue opposes the suggestion to cover Sibleys Drain and wishes to present his concerns to the Board. (Clause 4 also refers)

4. SAFETY ISSUES AFFECTING SIBLEYS DRAIN ON BOWENVALE AVENUE

RR 7372

Officer responsible	Author
Water Services Manager	Ken Couling
Corporate Plan Output: Waterways & Wetlands Asset Improvements (Vol 3 p 9.x.x)	

The Community Board resolved at its August 1997 meeting to support the installation of a steel 'pool' fence between the footpath and Sibleys Drain from numbers 48 to 114 Bowenvale Avenue. The Board received a deputation from Mr Skurr at its March 1998 meeting requesting that the decision be reconsidered. The purpose of this report is to provide any new information available since August 1997 to assist the Board in reconsidering this issue.

IDENTIFYING THE ISSUE

The Council has accepted that it has a responsibility to isolate the hazard posed by the concrete-lined Sibleys Drain to small children who may wander directly off the public footpath or the road and fall into the drain. The City Council's direct responsibility for child safety is limited to the edge of the drain between number 48 Bowenvale upstream to the top end of the concrete lining above 114 Bowenvale Avenue. The drain itself is on the line of a Council easement on private property. Residents with the drain along their frontage are responsible

for child safety on the western side of the drain on their private property and on their private access bridges across the drain.

There are also some other safety issues which are relatively minor compared with this central issue.

RECENT BACKGROUND

In August 1997 the Board resolved to approve installation of a 420 m long steel pool 'fence' and associated landscaping between the Bowenvale Avenue footpath and the drain at an estimated capital cost of \$80,000. The Board also approved the installation of a 90 m long security fence from 114 Bowenvale Avenue upstream to prevent mountain bikers gaining easy access into the concrete-lined drain. A 25% cost share provided by the City Council to affected residents who wished to install a safety fence on their side of the drain or safety handrail on their private bridge was also supported. Two public meetings with affected property owners and consideration of a submission on the 1997/98 Annual Plan by a Council committee had preceded the report to the Community Board.

Three fencing options and three drain covering options were presented to the Board in the August 1997 officer report. The option demanded by last month's deputation was a lightweight pre-cast concrete slab cover at an estimated capital cost of \$126,000. This estimate is based on a cover designed to support a person rather than a vehicle or soil fill.

The steel pool fence design was completed and a contract was about to be advertised earlier this year when the Mayor requested that all work stop to allow Mr Skurr to bring the issue before the Community Board again. Community Board members are referred to the August 1997 report attached which includes a comprehensive description of the options available and assessment criteria.

NEW INFORMATION

Almost all property owners directly affected by the proposal have been consulted about fencing and landscaping details affecting their properties. A dark green colour has been chosen for the steel pool fence which is to be one metre high to satisfy Building Act regulations rather than 900 mm high as indicated in the August 1997 report. An estimate of \$60,000 has been obtained from a contractor for fence supply and installation. This is \$20,000 cheaper than the \$80,000 allowed for in the previous report and competitive tendering may reduce the capital cost further.

City Council structural engineers have reconfirmed the estimate for the precast concrete slab at \$126,000.

The security fence along the concrete-lined flume at the top end of Bowenvale Avenue is about to be installed. This fence is needed to prevent easy access by mountain bike riders to the concrete-lined drain irrespective of whether fencing or covering is installed downstream.

Safety measures for the drain were to be financed from funds unspent during the 1996/97 year carried forward to the current financial year. This source of funds

is available until 30 June 1998 only. It is not possible to carry forward 'carry forwards'. The steel pool fence proposal can be advertised for public tender before the end of April with a contract period of six weeks committing available funds. However Design staff advise that a concrete slab option could not be completed this financial year. There is no alternative source of funds in the Water Services budget for 1998/99 unless waterway improvement projects elsewhere which are already committed can be deferred.

Despite our inquiries we have not been able to corroborate the claim made by Mr Skurr to the Board and in recent newspaper articles that two children drowned in Sibleys Drain. A local resident who has lived at the top end of Bowenvale Avenue since 1922 had no knowledge of these drownings. Not all residents share the view of Mr Skurr and the other petitioners (see attached letter).

DISCUSSION

The City Council has a clear responsibility to prevent small children falling into the concrete-lined Sibleys Drain from the Bowenvale Avenue footpath as a matter of priority. A fence between the footpath and the drain will meet this requirement. When the same issue arose in regard to the footpath and cycleway along Linwood Main Drain south of Linwood Avenue a post and netting fence was installed. In this case the fence proposed is 'rolls royce' in comparison and will cost more than three times as much per metre to install than the Linwood fence. It will enhance the streetscape.

Responsibility for child safety is a shared responsibility. The Christchurch City Council must meet its share of the responsibility but so must Christchurch citizens meet their share. Covering the drain between numbers 48 to 114 Bowenvale Avenue does not eliminate all child safety hazards. There is ample opportunity for children to fall into the concrete-lined drain and injure themselves between 48 Bowenvale Avenue and Centaurus Road where the drain has private properties on both sides. There has never been any suggestion that the City Council is responsible for fencing both sides or covering the drain in the name of child safety throughout this reach. Once a child is in a drain an open drain is generally safer than a closed one because observation, providing assistance, and egress is easier.

There are two other particular difficulties unrelated to safety which are posed by covering a drain like Sibleys Drain. In a large Port Hills catchment like Bowenvale Avenue large debris and sediment deposition are experienced during extreme storms. Debris and sediment removal by machinery is necessary from time to time. It has been necessary once already in the life of the concrete-lined drain to use machinery in the drain itself to remove accumulated sediment and debris. If the drain was covered inspection is very difficult and the cover would need to be lifted to allow accumulated sediment to be removed.

Another advantage of open waterways is that they can intercept surface flooding during extreme events. If Sibleys Drain was covered stormwater overflows could not be intercepted by the drain.

An attractive steel pool fence which will satisfy the City Council's responsibility for child safety can be funded and completed this financial year if the Community Board confirms its earlier approval for this proposal. If the fencing - 7 -

proposal is no longer supported however it is very unclear how and when any alternative proposal can be funded.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board reconfirm its August 1997 decision to approve the following measures to be carried out during the 1997/98 financial year to improve the safety of Sibleys Drain down Bowenvale Avenue:

- 1. Installation of a 420 metre long steel 'pool' fence and associated landscaping between the footpath and the drain from numbers 48 to 114 Bowenvale Avenue at an estimated capital cost of \$60,000 (previously \$80,000) and an average annual maintenance cost of \$1,500.
- 2. Offering a 25% cost share up to \$21.50 per metre for the next 12 months to affected residents who wish to install a safety fence on their side of the drain or safety hand rail on their private bridge.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

5. SUMMERTIMES SWEET SUBURBIA BARRINGTON PARK & HOON HAY PARK FAMILY FUN DAYS

RR 7404

Officer responsible Community Manager	Writer Brent Ferigo, Community Activities Officer
Corporate Plan Output: Community Activities Officer 6.7 text 7	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of two family fun days held at Barrington Park and Hoon Hay Park on Sunday 15 February and Sunday 8 March respectively.

Both events were held in conjunction with the Council's Summertimes Events Team as part of a city wide initiative to bring Summertimes out to the suburbs under the brand name of Sweet Suburbia. The events benefited from Summertimes teams, advertising and assistance in planning and running the days. Due to the demands on Summertimes both events had no roll-over dates and were subject to cancellation if the weather had not turned out as well as it did.

Barrington Park Community Fun Day (flyer attached)

This event was also supported by both the Barrington Park Mall Merchants Association and The Warehouse. It is estimated that between 2,000 and 3,000 local people participated in the day which ran from 11am to 3pm and largely focussed on children's events and entertainment. This resulted in a number of families with young children making it a picnic day out. As is often the nature of these events I expect that if it is repeated next year the participation numbers will grow.

The top team gear and supervised casual games for children were particularly well used as were some of the entertainment activities and face painting.

The cost to the Board for this event totalled \$3,750 - this allowed people coming to the event to participate in all events freely and also targeted their spending on fundraising groups and community stalls on the day. The community groups raising funds generally reported having a successful day.

Opportunities for improving any future event have been identified amongst which would be a longer lead in time and changing the time of the year as many groups and schools were only just returning from the Christmas break and this affected the number of community groups fundraising.

Hoon Hay Park Community Fun Day (flyer attached)

This event was organised by a local committee made up of representatives from the Rowley Resource Centre, Rowley School PTA, Hoon Hay Youth Centre, Kura Kaupapa and 4YP.

Overall the Committee felt the event was a great success with excellent local community support and fundraising. The performance by the Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Te Whanau Tahi was a highlight of the day.

The fact that the day was free for the community was recognised as being very important. The day attracted approximately 1,200 local people. Feedback from stall holders was very positive as the event was a good fund raiser.

The total cost to the Board for the day was \$2,800. Again a number of areas for refinement were identified by the Committee which requests that the event become an annual one. One of the improvements suggested involves adding coping (edging) to the existing skateboard bowl to make it a lot more versatile and attractive to potential skaters.

In deciding if the Board wants to continue providing these community events members are asked to consider the Board's 1998/99 Objectives and Performance Indicators under promotion of social cohesion.

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board consider identifying funds from its 1998/99 Discretionary funds towards two community events under the Summertimes banner at a cost of \$6,500.
- (2) That officers investigate the benefits and costs of upgrading the Hoon Hay Park skateboard bowl.

Chairman's Recommendation:

- (1) That the Board allocate \$6,500 from its 1998/99 Discretionary fund towards community events at Barrington and Hoon Hay Parks.
- (2) That officers investigate the benefits and costs of upgrading the Hoon Hay Park skateboard bowl.

6. LANDSDOWNE COMMUNITY CENTRE

RR 7408

Officer responsible Community Manager	Writer Brent Ferigo, Community Activities Officer
Corporate Plan Output: Community Activities Officer 6.7 text 7	

The Beckenham Service Centre budget has in recent years included coverage for the full costs of a part time cleaner for the Landsdowne Community Centre. This was arranged at the current voluntary Management Committee's request as part of its establishment negotiations with the Council.

The Committee advised that it was prepared to take up the responsibilities of managing the Centre but that the wages, administration and associated tax requirements would be too onerous. It has since transpired that the Centre's income would not have been able to cover these costs in total. Circulated with the agenda are the 1996/97 accounts showing \$2,927 excess income over expenditure and a current bank statement of \$6,800.

The Beckenham Service Centre's budget to cover the cleaner's wages (\$4,200) has had to be removed to meet the set target requirements of the Council's 1998/99 Annual Plan.

It is advantageous to the community to have the Centre managed by a voluntary Management Committee and in line with the philosophy of the Council's Community Centre Guidelines it is generally preferable to have local facilities managed by the local community.

Prior to the Management Committee being established, the Centre languished for many years with no local interest in taking on the responsibilities of the Centre. Members will recall the Board's resolution of 25 November 1997 in response to the Centre's annual review that it continue to support the Landsdowne Management Committee in the running of the Landsdowne Community Centre.

The deletion from the Beckenham Service Centre budget will take effect on 1 July 1998.

Greg Burgess, Chairman of the Landsdowne Community Centre Management Committee will be available to speak to this item and to assist with members questions from 5pm.

Recommendation: That the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board allocate

\$4,200 from its 1998/99 Discretionary fund and consider this

item for its 1999/2000 Project funds.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board allocate

\$2,000 from its 1998/99 Discretionary fund and consider this

item for its 1999/2000 funds.

Officer responsible Community Manager	Writer Brent Ferigo, Community Activities Officer
Corporate Plan Output: Board Discretionary funds	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board on the status of its 1997/98 discretionary funds.

Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board 1997/98 Objectives

- 1. Support, enhance and promote protection of the environment.
- 2. Promote and encourage the social well-being of the Spreydon-Heathcote community.
- 3. Promote the review, development and renewal of urban Council facilities and the residential infrastructure in Spreydon-Heathcote.
- 4. Support initiatives to improve community safety in Spreydon-Heathcote.

• Residents Group Photocopying (\$3,000) - Objectives 2,4

Funding was allocated towards photocopying for group newsletters and notices. This is congruent with Council policy on support for 'official' residents groups. This amount was evenly divided between official residents groups allowing increased support.

A few groups utilise up to the maximum allowed and could utilise further support if redistributed unevenly. Overall the pool of funds were not totally used and as such the \$400 limit will be increased to \$500 as from next years allocation.

Members may recall a community awareness survey of residents groups was conducted in 1996. At this time only 16% had unprompted awareness and knowledge of residents groups, the main reason for this and having no contact was lack of information (49%).

• Business Liaison Officer (\$7,000) - Objective 2

Funding was allocated towards establishing a twelve month position to be based at the Beckenham Service Centre. This will be funded in conjunction with ACC and Employment NZ. The scheme's intention is to engender closer working relationships within the business community of Spreydon-Heathcote and primarily focus on the retail sector located in pockets to encourage closer cooperation and flow-on benefits eg stability, neighbourhood pride, securing and attracting business to the area.

An applicant has not yet been appointed.

• Addington Bush Project (\$1,200) - Objectives 1,2

Funding of \$1,000 was made to the Addington Bush Society to support establishing native habitats in the Addington area from the Board's Arbor

Day funds. The Society advises that this has to date increased 'growers' by 30 in Addington/Spreydon and will ensure a big increase in school participation in 1998.

Funding of \$200 was made to assist with the cost of providing printed information and newsletters. The funds were spent in the first month and assisted in producing more information to members. Guide books etc are now being published as an on-line web site and will be printed again in late 1998 - funded by advertising.

(Details circulated with the agenda)

• Toy Library Garage - Risingholme (\$1,000) - Objective 4

Funding was allocated towards building an entrance porch and for heaters. The effect has been a sheltered and more pleasant place for the volunteers providing this service to work in.

• St Mary's Church Lychgate (\$1,000)

Total funding was given to renovate the Lychgate, other entrance gates to the Church yard and lamp standards.

The work on the Lychgate has been completed and the lamp standards and other church gates are to be completed shortly. An ANZAC day public service will be held to rededicate the memorial Lychgate and this is being advertised in the Addington newsletter.

• Mt Vernon Farm Park Landscaping (\$2,000) - Objective 1

\$8,000 funding was requested by City Streets to cover landscaping the road reserve forming one of the entrances adjoining 23 Heybridge Lane.

The total cost of \$12,000 was proposed to be covered by \$8,000 Board funding and \$4,000 Water Services funding. At the close of the Community Board Agenda no information was made available to us on progress.

• Fun Triathlons - Pioneer Stadium (\$2,000) - Objectives 2, 3

The funds were allocated to organise and run fun triathlons for local children - primarily towards encouraging healthy active pursuits amongst children.

The triathlons have been targeted at year 7 and 8 students from all primary and intermediate schools in Spreydon-Heathcote. There will be two days of heats and one final being Saturdays 28 March, 4 April and 16 May respectively. The triathlons will consist of cycling, running and a basketball drill.

• Good Health Fun Day (\$800) - Objectives 2, 3

Due to unforeseen clashes of dates this health day was rescheduled and will now take place at Pioneer Stadium on Sunday 17 May. A broad

spectrum of health issues will be included with information, entertainment and mini seminars on nutrition, exercise, alternative medicines etc. The Recreation Officer at Pioneer Stadium is coordinating the day.

Waltham Community Cottage - Increased Rental (\$1,300) Objectives 2, 4

Funds were allocated for the year to cover an increase in rent from \$180 to \$205 per week. This was brought about by the landlord selling the cottage to Community Housing Ltd.

Community Housing Ltd plans to substantially upgrade the cottage to make it more suitable for the cottage users and this is planned to be completed by the end of May.

• Community Awards (\$2,000) - Objectives 1, 2, 4

Following a request for \$3,000 to run two sets of awards the Board allocated \$2,000. The general community awards were presented on 3 March and advertising is under way for the Youth Awards which will be presented in June.

Addington Community Facility Needs Analysis (\$5,000) Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4

The Needs Analysis was completed and reported to the Community Affairs Committee in March with the Committee's recommendations to the Board's April meeting for consideration. All funds expended.

• Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre Fence (\$1,000) - Objective 4

The funds allocated towards the costs of erecting a child-proof fence have been expended and the fence is in place. This will significantly help in ensuring a safer outdoor area for young children using the Landsdowne Community Centre.

• Christmas Tree Lights (\$4,547 reduced to \$3,817) - Objective 2

Christmas tree lights were installed on two trees over the 1997/98 Christmas holiday period. The location of these were:

- Cashmere Road
- Centaurus Road/Rossmore Terrace corner suggestion was altered to the Spreydon Library location with a cost saving.

• Suburban Summertimes Event (\$1,250) - Objectives 2, 4

The Board allocated \$1,250 which complimented funds available for this new event from its project funds. The event was held on Sunday 15 February at Barrington Park and attracted 2,000-3,000 people. A review report is being made to the Board's April meeting (refer clause +).

Education Working Party Meeting (\$400) - Objective 2

An education service providers meeting was held in March with the minutes and ensuing recommendations via the Community Affairs Committee expected to the Board at its May meeting.

• Thorrington Road Humps (\$2,500) - Objective 3

The Council has approved the installation of a road hump at the Cashmere Road threshold to Thorrington Road.

• Neighbourhood Week (\$250) - Objectives 2, 4

Allocated to provide coverage of postage and stationery for a circular being distributed to Neighbourhood Support Groups Coordinators.

• Community Pride Garden Awards (\$1,000) - Objective 1

A report advising on outcomes will be presented by the Area Parks Officer to the May meeting (also \$1,000 from Community Initiatives).

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• Community Worker - Manuka Cottage (\$5,000)

This is held pending further information that is going to the Community Affairs Committee's 21 April meeting.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

8. YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS

RR 7286

Officer responsible Community Manager	Writer Brent Ferigo, Community Activities Officer
Corporate Plan Output: Community Activities 6.7 text 6	

The purpose of this report is to gain Board approval or otherwise to pursue investigation into establishing current levels of opportunity for youth in Spreydon-Heathcote to take up apprenticeships and possible Board involvement.

A member of the Board, Carole Anderton, has requested that staff investigate and report on the current level of apprenticeships available to youth in Spreydon-Heathcote.

Canterbury Development Corporation's current objectives include it playing a lead role in coordinating, integrating and facilitating the activities of all those agencies and community groups influencing economic development, job creation and training in Canterbury.

Brigid Lenihan from Community Development Corporation (CDC) advises that they have recently been piloting matching training for unemployed specifically toward industry. A recent example which involved funding from NZ Employment (\$20,000) trained 16 unemployed people and worked in conjunction with Hanafins. At the completion 14 of the people gained employment. Basically CDC is the catalyst in identifying specific skill shortages with employers and organising up-skilling of unemployed.

CDC indicated they would be happy to tailor a similar pilot utilising unemployed youth from Spreydon-Heathcote. The concept cost would be around \$10-20,000 obviously depending on the number of participants and the level of training required.

In regard specifically to apprenticeships it is recognised that generally employers are more reluctant than they used to be to invest in apprenticeships.

Recommendation: For discussion.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.

Officer responsible Community Manager	Writer Brent Ferigo, Community Activities Officer
Corporate Plan Output: Community Activities 6.7 text 7	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the Christmas holiday programme subsidised by the Beckenham Service Centre.

In response to requests two one-week long holiday programmes were organised through the YMCA over Christmas. These programmes were subsidised by funds from the Beckenham Service Centre, ran from 5 January to 9 January and catered for children 5 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years.

The Service Centre has piloted Christmas programmes several times in past years resulting in medium to low enrolment levels.

Both programmes were geared up to take 65 children each, only 32 enrolments were received and the programmes had to be cancelled with all but one taking up the option of retaining their subsidy and being transferred to a town centre based YMCA programme running on the same dates.

In retrospect it appears that at the prices offered adequate programmes were being offered locally over the Christmas period. At these same costings all of the mid year programmes have reached the 65 capacity. The subsidy provided reduced the costs per week from \$53 to \$50 and \$35 with a Community Services Card.

This raises two issues: Is there a need for provision of a Council subsidised programme over Christmas in Spreydon-Heathcote? and is the level of subsidy being offered sufficient? Clearly the demand shown over the Christmas period does not justify our involvement, however we will continue to monitor this and respond to any changing trends.

In light of these current factors:

- Council's Community Development and Social Well-Being Policy and particularly its outcome - equitable access to opportunities and community resources and mention of emphasis towards people on limited income.
- Council's Recreation Sport Policy which along with commitment to making a significant contribution to the quality of life of its residents particularly children and youth by supporting a broad range of recreation and services and programmes, it prioritises programmes for children, youth, people with disabilities and people on limited incomes.
- Comparisons with other Christchurch Service Centres and Board supported subsidy levels for similar programmes.

We will be increasing the subsidy level for children whose parents/guardians have a Community Services Card. YMCA has recently increased its charges from \$53 to \$58 per year per child per week. Our new subsidy level is planned to be applied starting with the July 1998 programme:

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with Community Services Card \$25.00without Community Services Card \$55.00

These subsidies will continue to be covered throughout 1998/99 from the Beckenham Service Centre budget.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM CRIME FUND SUBCOMMITTEE

RR 7412

Officer responsible Community Manager	Writer J McLauchlan, Asst Community Activities Officer
Corporate Plan Output:	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcomes of the "Community Safety from Crime" Fund Subcommittee and to present for consideration the Subcommittee's recommendations.

Chaired by Sonia Gill, the Subcommittee comprised Phil Clearwater, David Drayton and Trish Hunter. In January the Subcommittee used local focus group research to assist in setting allocation criteria. The Subcommittee resolved to give preference to projects, events or activities which seek to improve family life or build a sense of community, with the focus on preventative projects. Examples included parenting courses, recreation for children, youth and neighbourhood events.

Advertising of the fund occurred through the Council of Social Services newsletter, the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board newsletter, mail outs and a press release. Applications were invited from January, and closed 1 March 1998.

In total 18 applications were received to support \$90,186 worth of projects. Of the original fund of \$20,000:

- \$2,000 was earmarked for Parenting with Confidence Christchurch South.
- Under delegated authority \$1,500 was allocated by the Subcommittee to Beckenham School PTA for a community fair/fun day.

This left a total of \$16,500 for allocation.

Thirteen applications were directed to other funding options, and five were short-listed and applicants invited to talk to the Subcommittee (Applications circulated with agenda). After hearing from the groups the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations to the Board for its consideration.

(Note that recommendation (6) is made should Parenting with Confidence NOT require the extra funds. Currently the Parenting with Confidence does not expect to need to access the funds.)

Recommendations

1. That the Board allocate \$840 from its 1997/98 Community \$840 Safety from Crime Fund to Rowley School for Effective Parenting Courses. 2. That the Board allocate \$10,075 from its 1997/98 \$10,075 Community Safety from Crime Fund to Waltham Out of School Hours (WOOSH) for staff wages. 3. That the Board allocate \$2,500 from its 1997/98 \$2,500 Community Safety from Crime Fund to the New Zealand Fire Service Juvenile Fire Awareness Programme for equipment. 4. That the Board allocate \$3,085 from its 1997/98 \$3,085 Community Safety from Crime Fund to the Cross Over Trust for its Manaakitanga Clubs.

\$16,500

- 5. That the Board allocate \$5,000 from its 1997/98 Community Initiatives fund to Manuka Cottage for the employment of a part-time recreation worker, with one of the worker's tasks being to investigate the need for a full-time youth worker in the Addington area.
- 6. That, should the \$2,000 earmarked for Parenting with Confidence Christchurch South not be required, the Board allocate \$2,000 from its 1997/98 Community Safety from Crime Fund to the Cross Over Trust for its Parenting Network initiative.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendations be adopted.

11. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Officer responsible	Writer
Community Manager	Shona Willis, Committee Secretary
Corporate Plan Output: Elected Member representation	

The purpose of this report is to submit the report of the Community Affairs Committee meeting of 19 March 1998 where the Addington Needs Analysis Research was presented.

The report is attached.

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations be

adopted.

12. VIEW TERRACE STOPPING

RR 7405

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Jeff Owen, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Advanced Transport Planning 9.6 text 12	

The purpose of this report is inform the Board of the current situation of the proposed Road Stopping of View Terrace.

In 1993 a series of meetings were held with the residents of View Terrace, elected members and Council officers. Following these meetings a report addressing the concerns of these residents was submitted to the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board.

The Board resolved to approve in principle the residents' request to close View Terrace to through traffic and construct a vehicle turn-around.

The project is considered a low priority by the City Streets Unit and has not been included in the five year capital works programme.

The project has been included in the submissions or "wish list" proposals for consideration for the Board's project funds for the last four years. As a consequence of higher priority works also being submitted the View Terrace project has failed to receive funding to date.

In May 1997 the Area Traffic Engineer requested the Legal Surveyor to proceed with the legal road stopping process. At that time there was a suggestion to fund the road stopping and turn-around area by the sale of a portion of the stopped road as a residential section. Unfortunately this idea has caused numerous complications leading to the stopping process being stalled.

In February of this year another on-site meeting was arranged with all residents of View Terrace and the Area Engineer. Following this meeting a new proposal was developed stopping a portion of View Terrace. A copy of the plan showing the area to be stopped is attached.

This proposal was developed to mitigate the previous complications that had been encountered. The existing physical roadway will be stopped to vehicular traffic by a barrier at the top of the terrace. It will be classified as an "accessway" for pedestrians and cyclists. The originally proposed turn-around will not be formed in the interim. As all residents access their properties by travelling uphill no-one will be disadvantaged by not providing the turn-around area. Residents are happy to have the few service vehicles that need to use the terrace turn on their driveways as this is the situation at present. Some minor driveway adjustments may be needed in time.

The 1993 traffic safety concerns are still valid today and possibly to a greater degree. More vehicles are now using this roadway as a downhill shortcut to Centaurus Road from the upper Huntsbury Avenue area.

The City Streets Unit is supportive of this proposed road closure.

Recommendation: (1) That the information be received.

(2) That the legal road stopping process be completed so that the vehicle barrier can be installed.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendations be adopted.

13. CROYDON STREET/SOUTHAMPTON STREET INTERSECTION GIVE WAY CONTROL

RR 7406

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Jeff Owen, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Advanced Transport Planning 9.6 text 5	

The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to install a give way control at the above intersection.

Motorists and residents have expressed concern at the number of vehicle conflicts that occur at this intersection. My own observations concur with their concerns.

Most motorists cut the corner at speed. This can be attributed to the roadway width of 14 metres and large radius corner roundings. The right turning vehicle from Croydon Street to Southampton Street is very vulnerable to a conflict situation. At present it has right of way over a right turning vehicle into Croydon Street. Generally the vehicle entering Croydon Street cuts the corner by travelling down the left side of the vehicle exiting Croydon Street.

The Sydenham Neighbourhood Improvement Plan recognises that some form of traffic calming is needed at this intersection. A splitter island on Croydon Street will solve this problem but unfortunately no funds are available for this work at present.

A Give Way control on its own will not completely solve the corner cutting problem but will go a long way by providing some guidance to vehicle

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positioning on the roadway. The splitter island can be constructed at a later date when budget provision allows.

It is noted that the Bowenvale 27 bus traverses this intersection.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That a give way control be placed against Croydon Street at

its intersection with Southampton Street.

14. HOON HAY ROAD PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS FUNDS TRANSFER REQUEST

RR 7407

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Jeff Owen, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output:	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the failure of a Board funded project and to request that the funds be transferred to another project.

BACKGROUND

Due to the Council's commitment to improve pedestrian safety throughout the City, in March 1997 the Board allocated \$15,000 of its project funds to the installation of pedestrian refuge islands on Hoon Hay Road. In August 1997 the City Streets Unit issued a road works information leaflet proposing to install four pedestrian refuge islands at various locations along the section of Hoon Hay Road from Upland Road to Sparks Road. These were located to coincide with the pedestrian and cycle demand from the nearby schools. This leaflet was distributed to properties in Hoon Hay Road and the surrounding area. A copy of the road works information leaflet is attached.

The leaflet welcomed public comment to the proposal. Public opinion to this project was strongly against the proposal. Most of the immediately affected residents ie: those with a proposed island outside their properties, have signed a petition verifying their opposition. At the Hillmorton LATMS meeting in December 1997 a large number of Hoon Hay Road residents attended and expressed their opposition to this proposal.

At this point in time it is proposed not to proceed with the four pedestrian refuge islands. However the painted flush median as outlined in the road works information leaflet will be installed but in a modified form. This will be funded from the City Streets Road Marking budget.

PROPOSAL

As part of the capital works programme the Board may be aware of the impending kerb and channel renewal works in Hasting Street East (Waltham Road to Vienna Street) in the 1998/99 year. Hasting Street East is a boundary road between the Hagley and Heathcote wards. Waltham School and a preschool front onto this section of the street. At present funds are available to renew the kerb and channel only. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has

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recently allocated \$10,000 of its 1998/99 project funds towards traffic calming and pedestrian facilities.

It is requested that the Board reallocate the \$15,000 from the Hoon Hay Road pedestrian refuge islands project to the Hasting Street East (Waltham Road to Vienna Street) project for traffic calming and pedestrian facilities.

This would provide \$25,000 to upgrade the existing pedestrian crossing at the school gate and provide traffic restraints at Waltham Road and Vienna Street intersections.

Recommendation: That the Board reallocate the \$15,000 set aside for the Hoon

Hay Road pedestrian refuge islands to Hasting Street East (Waltham Road to Vienna Street) traffic calming and

pedestrian facilities.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

15. BARRINGTONS

RR 7414

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Jeff Owen, Area Engineer: Beckenham
Corporate Plan Output: Traffic Signs and Markings	

The purpose of this report is to gain Board support for kerbside parking restrictions and traffic management in the vicinity of Barringtons. The recommendations appended to this report are to be considered by the City Services Committee and then submitted to the Council for approval.

BACKGROUND

Attached is a copy of a report received by the City Services Committee at its February 1998 meeting. The report outlines the proposed measures to be taken to provide a safe and convenient environment for people visiting the area.

COMMUNITY VIEWS

In February 1998 a road works information leaflet was distributed within the immediate vicinity of the mall to gain residents' views of the proposals. Residents and businesses that were considered to be directly affected by the kerbside parking alterations were personally contacted for their views. Most comments received related to kerbside parking changes.

The only outstanding matter is a concern expressed by Mrs D Small of 246 Barrington Street. Mrs Small objected to the proposal to introduce kerbside parking outside her home. At present a 'zebra' pedestrian crossing exists outside her property. This crossing will be removed resulting in kerbside parking being introduced in this area. Her opposition to this change steams from the location of a restaurant and bar on the opposite side of the road. Mrs Small expects problems if restaurant patrons are able to park in the area.

With the present and future demand for parking in this area it is considered essential that as much kerbside parking space as practicable be provided. Unfortunately due to these circumstances, we have been unable to accede to Mrs Small's request.

BUS ROUTE

The City Services Committee, at its meeting in February, endorsed the proposals to improve traffic management in the vicinity of Barringtons subject to a bus stop being incorporated inside the mall area adjacent to the mall entrance. Since the meeting the Canterbury Regional Council have been in discussion with the developers as to the most appropriate route for a bus through the mall car park. The original route proposed has some width restrictions. A compromise plan has been agreed to by the mall owners and the Canterbury Regional Council with a bus stop in Athelstan Street adjacent to a covered walkway into the complex.

The City Streets Unit endorses this concept which will maintain bus service to the mall and result in the releasing of premium kerbside parking space in Barrington Street adjacent to the library.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

- Athelstan Street kerb and channel renewal commences Monday 30 March.
- Traffic signals to be installed at the Athelstan/Barrington Street intersection by the end of April.
- Barringtons is due to open mid May 1998.

CONCLUSION

The traffic management plan for the roads abutting "Barringtons" will provide a safe environment for all road users, catering for through, as well as local, traffic. The aim is to have all work completed prior to the opening of the new mall at the end of May 1998. As Barrington Mall is of a metropolitan significance the recommendations will be considered by the City Services Committee but the Board is requested to endorse these recommendations.

SCHEDULE (REFER ATTACHED PLAN)

- 1. That the 'zebra' pedestrian crossing adjacent to No 247 Barrington Street be removed.
- 2. That the 'Give Way' control on Athelstan street at Barrington Street be revoked.
- 3. That 'traffic signals' be installed at the Athelstan Street/Barrington Street intersection.
- 4. That all existing parking restrictions on Barrington, Athelstan and Milton Streets in the vicinity of Barrington Mall be revoked.

- 5. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the north eastern side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 25 metres from its intersection with Athelstan Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.
- 6. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the north eastern side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 42 metres from its intersection with Athelstan Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.
- 7. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the north east side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 54 metres from its intersection with Athelstan Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 44 metres.
- 8. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes (at any time) on the south western side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 16 metres from its intersection with Athelstan Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 6.0 metres.
- 9. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes (at any time) on the south western side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 28 metres from its intersection with Athelstan Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.
- 10. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the south western side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 15 metres from its intersection with Stourbridge Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 27 metres.
- 11. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the south western side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 67 metres form its intersection with Stourbridge Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 8 metres.
- 12. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the south western side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 81 metres from its intersection with Stourbridge Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 7 metres.
- 13. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the north eastern side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 20 metres from its intersection with Kinver Place and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- 14. That a 'motorcycle stand (time limit) 30 minutes" be created on the north eastern side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 48 metres from its intersection with Athelstan Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.
- 15. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the north eastern side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 11 metres from its intersection with Athelstan Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 52.5 metres.

- 16. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes (at any time) on the south western side of Barrington Street commencing at a point 27 metres from its intersection with Frankleigh Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- 17. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes (at any time) on the northern side of Milton Street commencing at a point 8 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 36 metres.
- 18. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the northern side of Athelstan Street commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 24 metres.
- 19. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the northern side of Athelstan Street commencing at a point 41.5 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- 20. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the northern side of Athelstan Street commencing at a point 79 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 48 metres.
- 21. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the southern side of Athelstan Street commencing at a point 73.2 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 72 metres.
- 22. That a 'bus stop' be installed on the northern side of Athelstan Street commencing at a point 127 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 18 metres.
- 23. That a 'taxi stand' be created on the northern side of Athelstan Street commencing at a point 189 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 35 metres.
- 24. That a 'motorcycle stand (time limit) 30 minutes' be created on the southern side of Athelstan Street commencing at a point 64.8 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 2 metres.
- 25. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the southern side of Athelstan Street commencing at a point 47 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 12.5 metres.

Recommendation: That the Board recommends to the City Services Committee that the changes in kerbside parking alterations and traffic management attached in the above schedule be approved.

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Recommendation: For discussion.

16. LINCOLN ROAD WIDENING TO FOUR LANES (BARRINGTON STREET TO TORRENS ROAD)

The attached report by Michael Thomson, Traffic Engineer, was submitted to the City Services Committee at its 10 March 1998 meeting. The Committee recommended to Council:

- 1. That the scheme as outlined in the report be approved.
- 2. That the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board be informed of the scheme.

This recommendation was adopted by Council at its 25 March meeting.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

17. COLOMBO STREET TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The attached report by Michael Thomson, Traffic Engineer, was submitted to the City Services Committee at its 10 March 1998 meeting. The Committee recommended to Council:

- 1. That the information be received and the scheme be approved subject to the provision of a pedestrian refuge in the median between Hutchinson Street and Hastings Street.
- 2. That the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board be informed of the scheme.

This recommendation was adopted by Council at its 25 March meeting. It was also resolved that Faraday Street be permanently stopped if possible.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

18. CONTROL AND SIGNAGE OF LEFT TURN SLIP LANES AT SIGNALISED INTERSECTIONS RR 7275

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Michael Thomson, Traffic Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Street Markings and Signs 9.6.0	

The purpose of this report is to seek Board comment to the Council on the proposals to change the control of signalised intersection slip lanes where required, in accordance with the national guideline. These slip lanes are most commonly used to assist left turning traffic, however, in some locations, right turning traffic may benefit from such designs ie one way streets.

There has been a general lack of consistency in the control and signing of slip lanes. Conflicting signage has resulted in a lack of understanding by many motorists, particularly of the meaning of the 'Free Turn' sign. By signing slip lanes consistently and in accordance with the 'Road and Traffic Standard No 9' (Guidelines for the Signing and Layout of Slip Lanes), motorists will become more aware of their obligations when using slip lanes.

The Land Transport Safety Authority and Transit New Zealand are working towards complete removal of all 'Free Turn' signs and replacing them with either 'Tun Left at Any Time With Care' signs or installation of 'Give Way' controls for the turning traffic where appropriate. All slip lanes associated with traffic signals on City Council controlled roads have been upgraded to comply with the standard. Transit New Zealand, through their consultants, have requested that the Council resolve the following give way controls on State Highway intersections within the city.

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to Council:

- 1. That the left turn traffic movement on the Brougham Street east approach, at its intersection with Opawa Road, be controlled by a 'Give Way'.
- 2. That the left turn traffic movement on the Brougham Street west approach, at its intersection with Opawa Road, be controlled by a 'Give Way'.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendations be adopted.

19. PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY NAME

RR 7399

Officer responsible Environmental Services Manager	Author Bob Pritchard
Corporate Plan Output: Subdivisions	

The purpose of this report is to obtain the approval of the Board for two proposed right of way names.

(1) EAST/96/323 W A Manson 200 Huntsbury Avenue

This subdivision creates ten new sections. These will be served by a formed and sealed right of way. The owners have submitted two names for this right of way:

- TIROROA LANE (Long view or extensive view)
- TIROHANGA LANE (Beautiful View)

(2) SPR/98/91 M Barrett 15 Wychbury Street

This subdivision creates eight sections off a formed and sealed right of way. The owner has submitted the following names in order of preference:

- GEORGE EDWARD LANE (The christian names of the developer's late father)
- STOICAL LANE (A name suggested by the developer's late father for his racehorse)
- BARRETT LANE.

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Board choose one of the names provided in clause 1.
- (2) That Barrett Lane be declined as being too similar to Bareta and Barnett, and that the Board choose between the remaining names STOICAL and GEORGE EDWARD.

Chairman's Recommendation:

- (1) That Tiroroa Lane be approved as the name for the right of way at 200 Huntsbury Avenue.
- (2) That the Board approve the name Stoical Lane for the right of way at 15 Wychbury Street but that the subdivider be requested to suggest an alternative more appropriate name.

20. WATER EXPO RR 7301

Officer responsible Water Services Manager	Author Christine Heremaia and Craig McGregor
Corporate Plan Output: Education Programme Volume 3 Page 9.3.5	

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Water Expo programme, an educational programme to increase children's environmental awareness of the city's water resource.

The Water Services Unit has a responsibility to encourage environmental awareness of this resource in accordance with Policy 2.9.1 in the City Plan. This policy states:

To encourage greater public awareness of important natural features and habitats within the city, particularly waterways, the coast and their margins, the Port Hills and indigenous grasslands.

The Council's Environmental Policy Statement also states that:

The Council will promote an awareness within the community of environmental matters as they affect the city.

In 1996 the Council adopted the recommendations of the Children's Strategy Research Report which included ensuring that policies were good for children and that children's views and perspectives were taken into account in planning. They are also the next generation who will be managing and using this important resource.

The Water Expo Programme focuses on children year 6 to year 10.

The focus of the programme will be on information technology such as the computer and web sites. This technology is being rapidly introduced into schools and will encourage interactive participatory learning by the children as well as provide a lot of information easily. It is important that the Council provide local information, in order that Christchurch children understand their local resource as well as the situation worldwide.

Last year Craig McGregor and the Water Services Unit jointly applied to the Royal Society of New Zealand for a Science and Technology Teacher Fellowship in order to develop this programme and to run a pilot Water Expo competition. Craig is the Deputy Principal of Wharenui School. The application was successful. Craig has now taken a year off school and his replacement is being funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

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The programme has three main components:

1. Web Site

The development of a children's web site on the Water Services Unit's home page. It will contain information on Christchurch's water resource, teacher and student work sheets, links to the school curriculum and information about the competition. Opportunities will be provided for students to e-mail their questions to the Water Services Unit and having their answers posted to the web.

2. Audio conferencing

Audio conferencing will involve linking several schools at the same time by telephone and enabling them to interview an expert on a particular aspect of the water resource.

3. **Competition**

The culmination of children's study will be their (optional) entry into one of the following competition categories: photographic essay/poster, video presentation, computer multimedia presentation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received

21. CHARGING FOR OCCUPATION OF RESERVE LAND

RR 7325

Officer responsible Parks Manager	Author John Allen, Area Parks Officer/Team Leader Consents
Corporate Plan Output: Consents - Sub Output: Leases Vol 3/9.4.8	

The purpose of this report is to inform Board Members of a paper that has been sent to all sports clubs and community groups who occupy reserve land to encourage discussion on how to charge for such occupation. This is a metropolitan issue which is being addressed by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Council resolved at its meeting on 26 November that the draft discussion paper presented to it be circulated to the affected sports clubs and community groups for comment.

THE NEED FOR THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The need for this paper arises primarily because of inequity between existing sports clubs and community groups (SCCG). The inequity is largely as a result of the varied policies of the different territorial authorities prior to Local Government amalgamation in 1989. It exists in two forms:

1. Between SCCG on reserve land and private land. Those on private land pay rates (subject to remission) while those on reserve land do not pay rates.

2. Between existing SCCG leasing reserve land, there is a wide disparity in current annual rent levels. A comparison between two rugby clubs reveals one paying 10c while another pays \$300.00 for one seventh of the area.

In addition to existing charging inequity, from 1 July 1998, the Local Government Amendment Act No 3, 1996 will come into force. This Act requires, among other financial management responsibilities, that the Council conduct prudent management of its assets and expenses.

Reserves are Council assets and fall within the ambit of the Act, and therefore charging for occupation must be developed in line with the requirements of the Act. Other factors to be considered are: maintenance of public participation in these SCCG and consistency with the requirements of the Proposed City Plan.

ESTABLISH A FAIR AND EQUITABLE CHARGING POLICY

The goal, which is set out, in the discussion paper is to establish a fair and equitable charging policy by firstly establishing equity through a level playing field for all SCCG.

The proposal is that:

- All SCCG, whether on reserve or freehold land pay rates (subject to remission).
- All SCCG on reserves have rent calculated at a standard per square metre rate.

Secondly, establishing fairness by balancing prudent management of the asset and expenses with promotion of community development.

- Prudent management is achieved through recovery of costs and expenses
 whilst at the same time setting rents that take into account the value of the
 reserve itself.
- Promotion of community development is achieved firstly by ensuring that the proposed total charges (ie rent plus rates) will not create an unreasonable financial burden on SCCG. Rate remission and low rent levels ensure this. Secondly by phasing in the proposed charges to provide a sufficient adjustment period.

THE PROPOSED APPROACH TO CHARGING

The proposed charging policy applies to preferential use of reserve land under one hectare. This is the building footprint and may include a green-space area around or attached to the building which used in association with it. The proposed method is a rate levy and rent charge.

Rates would be levied as per the existing rating policy on freehold land which includes a standard policy of partial remission.

Rent is calculated by use of a standard formula. This sets a rate per square metre which varies dependent on the type of land use, (ie building or greenspace), and the area of land taken. The rent payable will be the greater of either; a minimum rent to cover essential administrative costs or application of the formula.

- The effect of the proposed charges is that over 75% of rents go down but when rent is added to rates then nearly all SCCG incur an increase in total charges. Despite this overall increase the proposed charges compare favourably with other Local Authorities.
- A phase in period for the proposed charges is proposed to ensure the avoidance of significant adjustment difficulties for SCCG.
- The proposed rate charges would not be applied until twelve months after formal adoption of the policy, ie no sooner than 1 July 1999.
- The proposed rent would take effect after formal Council adoption of the policy, ie not before 1 August 1998, when existing leases expire or rent reviews fall due.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council is presently seeking the input of SCCG who occupy reserve land. A paper in which the important issues and options are outlined has been prepared to encourage discussion on how to charge for such occupation.

A choice of the options has been made by Council staff and developed into a proposed policy.

The Council is now seeking the input of SCCG to consider firstly whether all the important issues and possible options have been covered. Secondly whether the choice of options is appropriate. An assessment of charges that would be applied using the proposed policy has been provided to the SCCG so they can determine the effect on their organisation.

The Council consider that it is important SCCG consider the issues. All affected SCCG have therefore been supplied with a copy of the discussion paper. If any SCCG are uncertain as to how or why the proposed charges are set, they have been asked to direct their inquiries to Felix Dawson 371-1966, Lewis Burn 371-1522 or John Allen 371-1699.

A questionnaire has been sent to the SCCG concerned, requesting them to complete and return it as soon as possible, but before 29 May 1998 to The Property Unit, PO Box 237, Christchurch. C/- Felix Dawson.

A hearings committee of the Parks and Recreation Committee has been established to consider all written and oral submissions. A final charging policy will not be developed until after completion of this process. A period of nearly three months has been allowed to ensure that SCCG have sufficient time to undertake full discussion, and prepare any written and/or oral submissions. Those SCCG wishing to make submissions will be given adequate notice of the hearing date, which is expected to be in mid to late June 1998.

A copy of the information pack supplied to all SCCG is available at the Service Centres or the Parks Unit.

Recommendation: The information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That this report be referred to the Community Affairs

Committee for comment.

22. PROPERTY PURCHASE FOR ROADING - LINCOLN ROAD

RR 7309

Officer responsible Property Manager	Author Property Services Officer, Stephen Cribb 8/2/46/16
Corporate Plan Output: City Streets 9.5.0 (Property Purchases)	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council's that approval be given for a total property purchase of a designated road widening property in Lincoln Road required for the proposed four laning of Lincoln Road between Whiteleigh Avenue and Torrens road.

Negotiations have concluded for the acquisition of the whole property because the road widening required necessitates demolition of the existing dwelling.

200 Lincoln Road Address: DJ&SEStewart **Owners:**

 1011m^2 Area:

Lots 3 DP 479 **Legal Description:**

Zone: Living 3

Valuation: The Government Valuation as at 1

September 1995:

LV: \$57,000 VI: \$49,000 CV: \$106,000

Details of current market value, assessed on the Council's behalf by Robertson Young Telfer Limited and on the owner's behalf by Ford Baker Limited are included in the

Public Excluded Section of this report.

The property contains a 1910's style **Comment:**

> bungalow that has been added onto with an overall floor area of 226m² and converted

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into three self contained flats.

Construction is of timber frame with weatherboard cladding that has been rough casted over and corrugated iron roof. Outbuildings comprise a double garage, a single garage and two detached sleepouts.

Proposed Settlement: Agreement has been reached and settlement

can be achieved on the Council payment of a negotiated figure that is between the

respective valuations.

Source of Funds: Annual Plan and Budget - City Streets Page

9.5.0

Code: 25867/090

DISPOSAL OF RESIDUAL PROPERTY - 200 LINCOLN ROAD

Following the Council purchase of the property as outlined above it is proposed to legalise an 83m² road widening severance shown on the attached plan and demolish the house and garages at a cost of approximately \$1,000 and dispose of the balance area at not less than the minimum reserve price assessed by Robertson Young Telfer Limited.

This action will release the funds for the purchase of further severances along Lincoln Road.

In order for the disposal to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act it will be necessary to pass the following resolution:

Resolution

That pursuant to Section 230 of the Local Government Act 1974, the Christchurch City Council hereby resolves to dispose of the property described in the following Schedule:

Schedule

All that parcel of land containing 928m² or thereabouts (subject to survey) being Part Lot 3 DP 479 being the balance of the land contained in CT 27F/948.

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Council approve the acquisition of the property at 200 Lincoln Road at the settlement figure including in the public excluded section of this report.
- (2) That the resolution pursuant to Section 230 of the Local Government Act be adopted.
- (3) That the residual property be offered for sale by public tender at not less than the minimum reserve price for the residual property as assessed by Robertson Young Telfer Limited.

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(4) That in the event of no acceptable tender being received the Property Manager be authorised to negotiate a sale at not less than the minimum reserve price assessed for the residual property.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to Council that the above

recommendations be adopted.

23. PROPERTY PURCHASE FOR ROADING - LINCOLN ROAD

RR 7443

Officer responsible Property Manager	Author Property Services Officer, Stephen Cribb 8/2/46/33
Corporate Plan Output: City Streets 9.5.0 (Property Purchases)	

The purpose of this report is to obtain the Board recommendation to Council's that approval be given for the total property purchase of a designated road widening property in Lincoln Road required for the proposed four laning of Lincoln Road between Whiteleigh Avenue and Torrens Road.

Negotiations have concluded for the acquisition of the whole property because the road widening necessitates the removal of the building from the front of the property. As a consequence of this, the owners have exercised their rights under Section 64 of the Public Works Act 1981 requiring the Council to purchase the whole property.

Address: 237 Lincoln Road and 1 Whiteleigh Avenue

Owners: The Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral

Association

Area: $627\text{m}^2 \text{ and } 703\text{m}^2$

Legal Description: Lots 2 and 3 DP 22425

CT's 33B/290 and 33B/291

Zone: Living 3

Valuation: The Government Valuations as at 1 September

1995:

237 Lincoln RoadLV: \$45,000

LV: \$45,000

LV: \$45,000

VI: \$145,000 VI: \$40,000 CV: \$190,000 CV: \$85,000

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Details of current market value, assessed on the Council's behalf by Robertson Young Telfer Limited and on the owner's behalf by Simes Limited are included in the Public Excluded Section of this report.

Comment:

The property at 1 Whiteleigh Avenue contains a 1920's style bungalow that has been added onto with an overall floor area of 180m².

Construction is of timber frame with weather board cladding and corrugated iron roof. The building is used for storage purposes and is only in fair order.

The property at 237 Lincoln Road is a large brick commercial building which is currently the administration headquarters of the Canterbury A & P Association. The building was constructed in the 1920's and has a floor area of 367m².

Proposed Settlement:

Agreement has been reached and settlement can be achieved on the Council paying the mean of the valuations assessed by Simes Limited and Robertson Young Telfer Limited details of which are included in the Public Excluded Section of this report.

Recommendation: That the Council acquisition of the properties at 1 Whiteleigh

Ave and 237 Lincoln Rd be approved on the settlement terms

set out in the report.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman.

24. STRICKLAND STREET PROPERTY SALES

RR 7460

Officer responsible Community Manager	Writer S Willis, Committee Secretary
Corporate Plan Output: Elected member representation	

The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the outcome of its representation to the Environmental Committee meeting.

The Committee decided at its 12 March meeting:

- 1. That a working party be formed with representation from the Environmental Committee and Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board to consider possible restrictions or controls on the design criteria prior to the sale of the Council owned property.
- 2. That the Sydenham Residents' Association be invited to attend the meeting of the working party to speak on the issues.

At the time of writing the agenda the number of members on the working party had not been determined. It is proposed that a verbal update will be given at tonight's meeting.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Board appoint a member(s) to represent it on the

working party.

25. DRAFT YOUTH POLICY AND STRATEGY

RR 7461

Officer responsible Community Manager	Writer S Willis, Committee Secretary
Corporate Plan Output: Elected Member Representation	

Over the past 12 months the Youth Strategy Working Party of the Community Services Committee (comprising Councillors, staff and community representatives) has developed a Draft Youth Policy and Strategy. The completed draft document is about to be distributed for comment.

Community Board consideration of this draft document and feedback is sought in time for reporting to the 8 June 1998 meeting of the Community Services Committee.

It is anticipated that this consideration of the Draft Strategy will be undertaken during May and that a small team led by the new Youth Advocate, Robyn Moore, will attend the 5 May 1998 meeting of this Board to outlined the study and its outcomes.

This advance notice of the steps to be followed is given at this stage as the Board may wish to consider how it wishes to deal with this matter.

Recommendation: That the Board consider how it wishes to deal with the Draft

Youth Policy and Strategy.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report and presentation be referred to the

Community Affairs Committee for action.

26. COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDING

RR 7462

Officer responsible	Writer
Community Manager	Shona Willis, Committee Secretary
Corporate Plan Output: Community Board Funding	

Discretionary Funds

The attached schedule details funds spent to date.

Community Initiatives

PROJECT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Mabel Howard Reserve (Opening Day)	\$300	\$18,000
(3 March)		
Community Graffiti Art Project (3 March)	\$6,128	\$11,572
Community Pride Garden Awards (3 March)	\$1,000	\$10,572
Addington Bush Society (3 March)	\$1,500	\$9,072
Native Trees Please (3 March)	\$5,000	\$4,072
Manuka Cottage (Part-time Rec Worker)	\$5,000	\$72

Recommendation: For information

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

27. CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Chairman, Oscar Alpers, will be unavailable to attend the 7 July Board meeting and has requested that the Board consider changing the date to Tuesday 30 June.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Board reschedule its 7 July meeting to 30 June.

28. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 1998, AT 4.00 PM

SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD

28. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The Chairman will move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting, namely clause no.29 & 30.

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the resolution in relation to the matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of the resolution are as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THE RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THE RESOLUTION
29 PROPERTY PURCHASE FOR ROADING - 200 LINCOLN ROAD	GOOD REASON TO WITHHOLD EXISTS UNDER SECTION 7	SECTION 48(1)(a)
30 PROPERTY PURCHASE FOR ROADING - 237 LINCOLN ROAD & 1 WHITELEIGH AVE	GOOD REASON TO WITHHOLD EXISTS UNDER SECTION 7	SECTION 48(1)(a)

The resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item 29, 30 Protection of Privacy of Natural Persons Section 7(2)(a)

NOTE

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- "(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof)
 - (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
 - (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the local authority."