

**9. 1999/00 ANNUAL PLAN  
PLANNING STATEMENT AND PROJECT PROPOSALS**

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the Council business unit responses to the 17 September 1998 Board-sponsored Planning Statement and Project Proposals schedule.

As the first step in the 1999/00 Annual Plan timetable the previous Community Board embarked on a public consultation process whereby it sought public input into the identification of “project proposals” and “general community issues”.

The outcomes of this process led to the compiling of two schedules, “A” and “B:’ the policy unit responses are now submitted for Board deliberation.

The next stage in the Annual Plan process provides for the Board to seek an audience with the respective policy units for discussion if there is any concern about the manner in which any proposal is to be handled.

To reiterate the ongoing Annual Plan timetable:

<b>Early February 1999</b>	Standing Committees meet to consider draft budgets and significant long term capital projections
<b>22-26 February 1999</b>	Strategy and Resources Annual Plan Working Party meets to consider operating and capital budgets
<b>Mid March 1999</b>	The Community Board finalises its allocation of project funds (\$250,000).
<b>25 March 1999</b>	Council meets to adopt Christchurch City Council Draft Plan : 1999 Edition
<b>26 April 1999</b>	Draft Plan released for public comment and submissions
<b>27 May 1999</b>	Submissions on Draft Plan close
<b>16-18 and 21-22 June 1999</b>	Hearing of submissions by Strategy and Resources Committee. Committee meets to consider submissions and finalise its report to the Council.
<b>1 July 1999</b>	Council meeting to consider and adopt the 1999 Plan.

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**Recommendation:** That the draft planning statement for 1999/00, subject to any amendment(s), be adopted by the Board.

**Chairperson's  
Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.

**Riccarton/Wigram Community Board**

**PLANNING STATEMENT FOR 1999/00**

Arising from its recently completed community consultation process, the Board submitted the following matters as key issues for consideration. Policy Unit responses are listed also.

**(A) Issues**

**1. Sports Grounds – Halswell Area**

The Board recently received a deputation on behalf of the combined sports clubs currently using Halswell Domain. The thrust of the submission was centred on a need for an extension of area to cater for the rapidly growing number of participants in sport, arising from the ongoing growth in population in the surrounding area.

The submission suggested that additional area could be added to the northern and southern boundaries of the existing Domain, and could be provided by way of the reserve contribution from planned additional residential subdivision adjacent to the Domain.

***Policy Unit Response***

*Land zoning and land ownership are the two issues. City Plan decisions are due out in February/March and ownership may change following zoning decisions.*

*By way of reserve contribution, 5 hectares could be available to Council and the additional 12 hectares (approximately) would need to be purchased.*

*Parks Unit supports the need for additional grounds here and their target is 8 hectares plus.*

*If the City Plan decisions allowing the first area (of up to 5 hectares) to be purchased, payable in 1999/2000, additional areas will be acquired and developed as resources allow.*

**2. “Welcome Signs”**

The Board has recently supported the provision of a new “welcome” sign on the Main South Road on the southern approach to the city. The Board considers that the Council should now continue with its approach in developing these features on *all* main routes into the city.

Additionally the Board, in response to some recent requests from the community, would be interested in the provision of signage which could define the various communities (suburbs) of interest within the city itself. While it is noted that some suburbs may be presently signed in this way, it believes that a consistent approach is required across the city.

***Policy Unit Response***

*In his report to the Environmental Committee (26 November) the Environmental Policy and Planning Unit Manager is supportive of signs at the “gateways” to the City. Funding will be sought in February into the 1999/00 budget.*

*It is recommended that the Board identify sites, signage standards etc.*

### **3. Streetscape Enhancement**

The Board acknowledges that some commendable effort has been made in enhancing the streetscape in some areas of the city. It is, however, considered that some more extensive planning is required and, in particular, in respect of tree planting to overcome ongoing losses of trees on private property.

The Board, while seeking an overall consistent approach across the city, notes that the ongoing industrial development in the Wigram ward requires some early action in tidying and beautifying this particular area.

#### ***Policy Unit Response***

*City Streets Unit includes streetscape enhancement in its programmed works. They do acknowledge that more enhancement opportunities exist. Parks Unit is responsible for tree planting in existing streets.*

*Environmental Policy and Planning Unit is also supportive of the Board's stance.*

*It is suggested that a working group be established to develop an action plan, identify areas needing enhancement and to look at funding options.*

### **4. Undergrounding**

The Board was concerned to note that the draft plan for 1998/99 did not originally acknowledge the need for an ongoing programme of undergrounding. While this matter has been redressed to some degree, it is still considered that the extent of commitment is not at a level to provide noticeable benefit to the community.

The Board therefore considers that there still be a greater level of funding allocated toward undergrounding in the city. A previous submission by the Board sought a commitment of \$10 million per annum until the majority of overhead wiring had been undergrounded. The Board would like to reaffirm its request for this level of funding.

#### ***Policy Unit Response***

*No less than three community boards identified this issue in their planning statements. Two unit responses have been received.*

*The Environmental Policy and Planning Manager, in a report to the 26 November meeting of the (Council) Environmental Committee, states that the undergrounding of the large number of older streets with overhead power and telephone wires has been a long-standing issue in the city. Over the last 30 years, considerable efforts have been made to underground the wires in the central city, through major shopping centres, and along a number of major arterial roads. There are still very large parts of the older areas of the city which have overhead wires.*

*There has been a good deal of criticism over the years that we do not underground wires when we reconstruct and rebuild roads, and local roads in particular.*

*While the central city has been substantially undergrounded, there are still a number of streets within the residential parts within the four avenues which are not undergrounded. There is also substantial areas of residential land that have not been undergrounded.*

*In terms of priorities, the major arterial roads where there are still routes where the wires have not been undergrounded would be the first priority. The second would be along a number of the scenic routes such as along the rivers and thirdly, the residential streets as they come up for reconstruction.*

*Underground wires in the older parts of the city is an environmental blight and it comes up time and time again through neighbourhood improvement planning projects, as well as when roads are rebuilt.*

*It is a matter for the Environmental Committee to also address as amenity is the prime reason why the Council seeks the undergrounding in the first place.*

*City Streets Unit notes that undergrounding of overhead reticulation is not a high priority when measured against the need to provide a "sustainable, safe, convenient, comfortable and cost effective roading system".*

*Noting the high cost (\$450,000 per km), the current policy is for allocating funds in conjunction with major road works where road widening requires the existing poles to be relocated; this is targetted to major routes (particularly entrances/exits to the city), and major tourist routes.*

*The Environmental Committee supported the need to review the policy on undergrounding of these services, the Strategy and Resources Committee will be asked to look at sources of funding.*

*The City Services Committee is also aware of the financial inadequacies of the undergrounding reticulation budget.*

## **5. Stock Truck Effluent**

- (a) The Board continues to receive expressions of concern from within its community on the ongoing spillage of stock truck effluent on local roads. In recent months the Board has been appraised of the investigatory efforts of a working party looking at this issue.

While it is pleasing to note that the matter is being addressed, the Board does not believe that progress is sufficient. The Board therefore urges that the Council's participants endeavour to expedite progress in this most serious issue.

- (b) Following a meeting of the Christchurch City Council and Canterbury Regional Council when this issue was discussed, a commitment was made by City Streets Unit to review the current preferred stock truck routes. It is noted that this has yet to be brought to the City Services Committee and the Board asked for a commitment that this will be initiated.
- (c) Another matter identified at this joint Council meeting was the question of enforcement and the Community Board asks that the Council, in conjunction with the Police, initiate a programme of enforcement using the appropriate legislation which is currently available to the Council.

### ***Policy Unit Response***

- (a) *City Streets Unit, as a member of the working party, acknowledges the Board's comments; they advise that "it is essential that these issues are resolved in a consultative way so that there is ownership by all concerned."*
- (b) *City Streets Unit advises that the working party is currently reviewing the (1997) stock routes.*
- (c) *The question of enforcement is still being pursued with Council officers.*

## **6. Motor Home Effluent**

The Board has also received interest from residents in its community regarding the need for the provision of suitable facilities to take effluent from motor homes (camper vans).

Of particular interest is the provision of such facilities on the main routes into the city. It is important that these be placed in a suitable location, enabling ease of access, and that the facilities be adequately signed.

The opportunity for installation in partnership with service stations is recommended as part of any study into "needs". The Board has noted that a number of councils have already made provision in their areas for suitable facilities.

### ***Policy Unit Response***

*The Waste Management Unit has included into its draft 1999/2000 budget a sum of \$72,000 for campervan and stock truck effluent disposal points around the city (north, south and west); precise locations to be decided.*

*City Streets Unit is also proposing to request funds to construct laybys so that stock trucks can access these facilities.*

## **7. Resource Consents for Local Development**

Members of the Board have ongoing concerns at the extent of consultation (or lack of) relating to proposals for local development in its area. While it is acknowledged that there is a need for transparency when considering applications for resource consent, it is also considered that there would be much value in allowing local members to be appraised of plans for such development.

The Board therefore recommends that the opportunity for utilising local knowledge be further explored when setting up the process for resource consent.

### ***Policy Unit Response***

*This matter has been discussed with officers of the Environmental Services Unit. In respect of non-notified applications the (local) ward members will be appraised of any "controversial" applications; it must be noted that if an application has been assessed (under the City Plan) as being only of a non-notified nature, and as such there is no right for any elected member involvement...*

*The notified applications will be advised to the Community Advocate who can then circulate to appropriate elected members.*

*If members comment/make submissions on any notified application, this would then preclude the member from participating in the ongoing process of the application (sitting on the Resource Management Panel, for example).*

## **8. Mona Vale Management Plan**

The original management plan was published in 1988 and its review was promoted through this Board's Annual Plan last year, by the local residents group. The response from the Parks Unit indicated this plan review to be of a low priority.

On behalf of the local residents, the Community Board is supportive of an early review.

### ***Policy Unit Response***

*The Parks Unit advises that, rather than being a low priority, the review requires the acquisition of the carpark area from the Crown as a prerequisite to a comprehensive review. Property negotiation settlement is hoped for in the new year. Then the review can be thought through.*

## **9. Parking for Hagley Park Users**

The Board is most concerned that a recent opportunity was not taken to acquire land for parking in Deans Avenue for Hagley Park users. The present, and apparently increasing, use represents a danger to children and other users, and also provides for the unfortunate damage to the grassed surround of the Park.

With an increasing use of this most valuable city amenity it is considered that urgent steps are taken to develop a safe and suitable means of accommodating vehicles other than in the present manner.

Parking for Hagley Park users could be greatly accommodated by the deviation of Blenheim Road through Lowe Street, thus allowing the redundant part of Deans Avenue to be used for diagonal parking. The removal of the Blenheim Road overbridge and sale of redundant land in the immediate area will also assist greatly in the provision of off-street parking.

### ***Policy Unit Response***

*The City Streets Unit advises that the "Blenheim Road Deviation" project has been under evaluation for several years. It's scheme plan has now been assessed and it is prioritised very high.*

*City Streets Unit will be putting this project forward as a candidate for the 2002/03 and 2003/04 years in the coming budget round.*

*Parks Unit acknowledges the need for additional carparking but the peak demand is only one day a week... Progress will be reported.*

## **10. Templeton Stormwater System**

This was raised by the Templeton Residents Association last year also. Whilst there has been public and officer discussion on various discharge options for enhancement of the stormwater system (the latest information being an interim update in February 1998), there is a need for a full report on present consideration and resource consent issues.

***Policy Unit Response***

*At present Templeton township is outside the Christchurch Drainage District and stormwater rating area. The township currently discharges stormwater via a combination of private roof water to ground soakage with remaining water to ground soakage or surface discharge. Existing ground soakage systems experience reduced capacities due to siltation and creates localised flooding within the township. Furthermore, the current system does not have authorisation with regard to resource consent.*

*A detailed investigation has been carried out by the Planning and Investigation Team of Water Services Unit into flooding, surface water quality, relative risk to ground water contamination and feasibility of disposal options. In order to assess the efficiency of possible drainage options detailed hydrologic and hydraulic modelling has been carried out. It is apparent that disposal of stormwater through soil adsorption basin would be the most appropriate option for this area.*

*Achievement of an appropriate stormwater disposal facilities would involve purchase of land, construction of overflow soakage chambers, filter beds, piping etc. The Crown owns the proposed land for the main soil adsorption basin and the Council's Property Unit has been advised to proceed in the process of purchase of the land.*

*Furthermore, extension of Christchurch Drainage District and stormwater rating area are the vital issues that need to be resolved before commencing any construction work. Water Services Unit is considering the legal aspects in those issues and recommending to the Council the disposal option mentioned above.*

*It is intended to provide the Board with a full report with recommendations in due course. However, because of the legal aspects, it is difficult to predict when the report would be submitted. It is expected that these matters would be resolved in the first half of 1999.*

**11. Holiday Programmes**

Of more recent concern has been a severe shortage of access to holiday programmes for pupils in the city. A seemingly ongoing increase in parents' needs to accommodate their children during school holidays has provided a demand that cannot presently be met.

It is understood that similar problems have arisen in other areas of the city, and that the recent change to four term years has provided for the increase in demand.

The matter of the incapacity to meet this demand was also raised at a recent meeting with the principals of the Hornby Cluster Group.

The Board requests that an early review of the options to address the increased demand is carried out by the Council.

***Policy Unit Response***

*The Recreation and Arts Team, Leisure Unit, are presently reviewing the provision of holiday programmes in Christchurch. This review will be completed in late February - early March 1999, and will identify areas (as specific as schools) which are in need of holiday programmes.*

*A full report will be presented to the Board outlining the results of this review. It is anticipated that there will be a need for further programmes in the Riccarton/Wigram Board, and a request will be made for partnership funding to provide further programmes in the Riccarton/Wigram communities.*



## (B) Prioritised “Project Proposals” for 1999/00

WORK CODE	WHERE	DESCRIPTION	EST COST	BOARD PRIORITY	PROGRAMMED?	OFFICER COMMENT
<b>CITY STREETS</b>						
RO03	Pound/Yaldhurst Roads	Safety Improvement (roundabout)		1		Local concern. Safety improvements to be dealt with by Transit NZ
RO03	Yaldhurst Road (West of Pound Road)	Safety Improvement (rural threshold)		3		Transit NZ road. Transit do not see this as an appropriate treatment
RO10	Halswell/Halswell Junction/Sparks	Safety Improvement (roundabout)		2		Transit NZ are considering this project
RO11	Halswell Road (Pool to Church)	New footpath	5,000	3	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO11	Seymour Street (South Hornby School)	Pedestrian facility	35,000	1	Y	1998/99
RO11	Wigram Road (at ‘S’ bend)	New cycle lane	15,000	1	N	Not seen as a high priority, beyond the 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO11	Halswell Road (Hendersons to Dunbars)	New footpath	19,000	1	Y	2000/01
RO11	Dunbars/Wigram	New footpath	14,000	1	N	Not seen as a high priority, beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO11	Cashmere Road (at Westmorland)	New kerb and channel	25,000	1	N	Issue of flooding on footpath to be addressed
RO11	Halswell Junction Road (Branston to Springs)	Amenity Improvement	30,000	2	N	To be considered for 1999/00 or later
RO12	Sonter/Treffers	Safety Improvement	5,000	1	Y	1999/00
RO12	O’Halloran Drive	Safety Improvement	30,000	1	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO12	Amyes Road (at Tower)	Safety Improvement	6,000	1	Y	1999/00
RO12	Roberts Road (at Gilberthorpes)	Safety improvement	35,000	1	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO12	Neill Street (at Springs)	Safety improvement	35,000	1		Next priority in Hornby LATMS

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RO12	Suva Street (at Middleton Grange)	Safety Improvement	45,000	1	Y 1999/00	Ranked 7 (NI)
RO12	Suva Street (at Hansons)	Safety Improvement	35,000	2	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO12	Lochee Road	Safety Improvement	15,000	3	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO12	Jones Road and Railway Terrace	Safety Improvements	5,000	1	N	Local concern. Ideal board funded project
RO12	Sabys Road and Quaifes Road	Safety Improvements	45,000	1	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO12	Bartlett Street	Safety Improvements	5,000	3	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO12	Cashmere/Hendersons	Safety Improvement	100,000	1	Y 1999/00	Ranked 7
RO12	Milnes/Sparks/Sutherland	Safety Improvement	100,000	1	Y 1999/00	Ranked 21
RO12	Cashmere Road (at Penruddock)	Safety Improvement	20,000	1	Y 2001/02	Ranked 49
RO12	Birmingham/Magdala	Safety Improvement	60,000	2	Y 2003/04	Ranked 63
RO12	Amyes Road (at Branston Intermediate)	Safety Improvement	20,000	1	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO12	Springs Road (near Amyes)	Safety Improvement	15,000	1	Y 1999/00	Safe Routes to School
RO12	Maidstone/Withells	Safety Improvement	6,000	3	Y 2002/03	Pedestrian Initiatives
RO12	Main South Road (at Sockburn Service Centre)\	Safety Improvement	?	2	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year
RO12	Clyde Road (at Avon)	Safety Improvement	60,000	2	N	Beyond 5 <sup>th</sup> year

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<b>PARKS</b>						
PA15	Paeroa Reserve	Reserve enhancement		1	N	This work will be completed in 98/99
PA15	Shands Reserve	Reserve enhancement	5,000	2	N	Will be considered for a year 6 project
PA15	Kyle Park	Reserve enhancement	45,000	1	Y(part) 2001/02	Additional funding through a bid from the unspecified capital provision will be made for 99/00 to undertake landscape works associated with the detention pond
PA15	Broomfield Reserve	Reserve enhancement	10,000	1	N	Will be considered for a year 6 project
PA15	Westlake Park	Reserve enhancement	120,000	2	Y 1999/00; 001	A total of \$120,000 is provided in the 5 year capital plan for the continued development of this park
PA15	Middlepark Reserve	Reserve enhancement	5,000	3	N	Will be considered for a year 6 project
PA15	Colman Reserve	Reserve enhancement	2,000	1	Y 2003/004	Funds provided for a road frontage fence. Other suggested improvements are not considered a priority over the next 5 years
PA15	Warren Park	Reserve enhancement	5,000	1	Y 2003/004	Funding is provided for additional shelter planting in 2003/004
PA15	Colchester Park	Reserve enhancement	1,000	1	N	This reserve has been recently developed and further improvement is not a priority over the next 5 years
PA15	Carmen Reserve	Reserve enhancement	7,500	2	Y 1999/00	Continued development of this reserve is programmed for 1999/00
PA15	Templeton	Reserve enhancement		1	N	This reserve has been recently improved and further work is not a priority over the next 5 years
PA26	Warren Park	Play equipment	40,000	1	Y 2003/004	Programmed for renewal in 2003/004
PA26	Middleton Park	Play equipment	25,000	1	Y 2003/004	Programmed for renewal in 2003/004
PA26	Upper Riccarton Domain	Play equipment	30,000	2	Y 2003/004	Funding set aside for renewal in 2003/004
PA26	Halswell Domain	Play equipment	12,000	2	N	No specific funding provided but upgrading funds set aside in 2001/002 to 2003/004 could be applied depending on other competing projects

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PA26	Templeton Domain	Play equipment	15,000	1	N	No specific funding provided but upgrading funds set aside in 2001/002 to 2003/004 could be applied depending on other competing projects
PA30	Halswell Domain	Hardcourt surfacing for tennis/netball/skateboarding	30,000	1	N	There is already an area on the Domain used for netball practice as well as a tennis club. Suggest investigating extended use of these facilities before providing additional hard surface areas
PA30	Wycola Domain	Hardcourt surfacing for tennis/netball/skateboarding	?	1	N	Tennis/netball courts, a half court and a skateboard facility already exist on this park. It is acknowledged that the skate facility will need upgrading/modifying but no funding is provided in the 5 year capital plan at this time
PA30	Templeton Domain	Hardcourt surfacing for tennis/netball/skateboarding	30,000	1	N	A decision needs to be made on whether facilities are provided at Kirk Reserve or Templeton Domain and to define what is required. Funding can be considered once these issues are resolved
PA30	Kirk Road Reserve	Hardcourt surfacing for tennis/netball/skateboarding	30,000	1	N	A decision needs to be made on whether facilities are provided at Kirk Reserve or Templeton Domain and to define what is required. Funding can be considered once these issues are resolved
PA30	Francis Reserve (\$25,000)	Tennis courts	25,000	1	Y(part) 1998/99	\$15,000 is currently available for the provision of a recreational facility on this park. This is likely to go towards either a playground or contribution to a tennis court depending on community needs
PA39	Kyle Park (\$40,000)	New toilet block	45,000	2	Y 2003/004	The existing toilet is programmed for renewal in 2003/004

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<b>Property</b>						
<b>PR02</b>	<b>Kirk Road Reserve</b>	New community facility	1.4m	1	Y	1999/00 Property Unit's budget
<b>PR02</b>	<b>Wigram</b>	New residential (in part) development	-	1	N	No specific detail – needs analysis or costing
<b>PR</b>	<b>Riccarton</b>	Community Centre internal alterations	?	1	N	Although a needs analysis has been completed there is no plan giving specific detail for an amount to be included in the budget