

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 SCHOOL PATROLS

The following letter was received from Lee Kelly, City Streets Unit, regarding school patrols:

“The Christchurch City Council is committed to road safety initiatives that impact positively on the well-being of children in our community.

The Road Safety for Schools Steering Group was set up to widen the scope of the Council’s involvement with schools and their pupils.

One area that this group oversees is the installation of school pedestrian crossings.

It has been suggested that the Christchurch City Council should acknowledge and reward children who operate school patrols and warden crossings.

Christchurch children currently operate approximately 41 patrolled crossings and 37 warden crossings throughout the city.

Year 6-8 children (9-12 years) are trained by Police Education Officers and operate the crossings under the guidance of school staff members or by parents approved by the school.

It is not an easy job. However, despite the behaviour of some motorists the school patrols are operated efficiently and professionally day after day, rain or shine.

As Community Boards are actively involved in all aspects of their community it seemed appropriate that recognition of these children should come from the Boards.

What has been suggested is that each Community Board could host a morning tea or afternoon tea for the primary/intermediate school patrols in each Board’s area.

Each child could receive a small gift pack along with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Mayor.

I would like to recommend that your Board consider this proposal.

Road Safety for School members would be happy to work with each Community Board in all aspects of planning for the function.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the Board support this proposal.

5.2 DRAFT AIR PLAN FOR CHRISTCHURCH

The following letter was received from Richard Johnson, Canterbury Regional Council, regarding the Draft Air Plan for Christchurch:

“Thank you for your comments on the Draft Air Plan for Christchurch. Over 700 individuals and organisations have participated in the ongoing consultation process by making written comments on the Draft Air Plan. Many people have also asked to be heard in support of their comments.

At this stage, it appears that hearings for this purpose will be conducted by a committee of elected members of the Regional Council this year. If you have indicated in your comments that you would like to be heard, you will receive an additional notice from us after the first part of this year indicating the time and date of the hearing. If you have not indicated you wish to be heard, but have since decided that you would like to participate in a hearing, please let us know. Similarly, if you have decided that you no longer wish to be heard, please advise us to that effect.

You also have the option of asking to be heard along with others making similar comments.

Once hearings have been conducted and all comments have been taken into account, the Council will formally notify the Air Plan for Christchurch as a proposed regional plan. It is anticipated that this will occur in June this year, after which time another round of submissions and hearings will occur.

The consultation process is lengthy and involved, but the Council feels it is important that the public be provided ample opportunity to participate in the important debate about the ways to address Christchurch’s longstanding wintertime air quality problems.

Again, I thank you for participating in this important process.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the information be received.