

16. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

- 16.1 A resumé of the Board's 1998/99 discretionary expenditure to date is attached for information (*see page 37*).
- 16.2 For members information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached (*see page 39*).
- 16.3 Attached for members information is a schedule of Board, Subcommittee, and Working Party meetings to be held during 1999 (*see page 41*).

16.4 MAORI FAMILIES SUPPORT TRUST

At the Board's 31 May 1999 meeting a request for financial assistance from the Maori Families Support Trust was considered with a decision being held over, pending additional information being supplied. The Advocacy Team has received this information and has distributed it to Board members under separate cover. The Trust's original request to the Board was for assistance to meet accommodation rental costs of a Housing NZ unit in the Aranui community. This information has been received and has been distributed under separate cover to assist members with its deliberations.

16.5 HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Attached for information (*see page 43*) are reports from the three holidays programmes held in April 1999, they were Queenspark Nippers, Parklands Pandemonium and Wainoni/Aranui Funny Bones.

16.6 STREET TREES – LIGGINS STREET

An issue has arisen over problems of shading and excess leaves caused by street trees in Liggins Street. The Area Parks Officer is currently in the process of seeking the views of residents in Liggins Street on their desires for the future maintenance of the trees. To date 75% of residents have been approached, and a report to the Board will follow when full consultation has been undertaken.

16.7 THOMSON PARK TREES

Following a meeting with the "Save Our Trees" Group, discussions are continuing with residents along Bowhill Road to assess their views as to the future of the pine and macrocarpa trees on the Thomson Park frontage, Marine Parade. These views will be will then be conveyed to the "Save Our Trees" Group for their comment. Once this process is completed their reply should enable the Area Parks Officer to approach the two residents groups involved. Their responses and the Parks Unit's assessment will then be put to the Board.

16.8 SOUTH BRIGHTON MOTOR CAMP - 'FORT KIWANIS'

The letter to the Board's last meeting from the leasees of the camp, was written before they knew of the full extent of the work being undertaken by the Leisure Unit. The playground is being brought up to safety standards and the 'adventure' part of the complex is being substantially retained. I understand discussions are being held between the leasees and the Financial Advisor, Leisure Unit, as to the installation of new, standard, play equipment where the old swings and rocker were.

The leasees state that they are happy with the work undertaken to date.

As far as signage goes, they appreciate the new, large retro-reflective signs on the new Bridge Street/Bexley Road roundabout, but would still like some more along Marine Parade. As this is a City Streets/Parks/Resource Consent matter, they have been requested to write in to the Area Engineer with more details such as size, materials and sites.