

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 THOMSON PARK - TREE REMOVAL

On 17 March the Board hosted a public meeting in the North New Brighton Community Centre on the matter of tree removal and replanting in Thomson Park. In excess of 30 people were informed of the proposal and the associated rationale. The majority of those present were in favour of the proposal. Given that the Board has previously supported the plan, subject to public consultation, the matter, together with written and verbal submissions will now be considered by the Parks and Recreation Committee on Wednesday 7 April 1999.

16.5 BOARD SEMINAR

A Board Seminar was held on 16 March where members were briefed on design proposals for New Brighton Mall, were updated on traffic and crime trends in New Brighton and were informed of developments relating to Neighbourhood Support Groups in the Burwood/Pegasus community. A report on New Brighton Mall will be presented to the Board at the May meeting and liaison with the New Brighton Police and the Safer Communities Council Co-ordinator will be ongoing. At the seminar there was also endorsement of the Safer Community Council's proposal for the Board to create close links with Neighbourhood Support Groups.

16.6 BOARD TOUR OF BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY

On 6 and 13 March 1999 Board members had the opportunity to update their knowledge on community issues and view first hand some of the major projects underway in Burwood/Pegasus.

16.7 BURWOOD/PEGASUS FAMILY FISHING DAY

Circulated separately from the Agenda is a copy of the report of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board sponsored Family Fishing Day. There was a surplus of \$228.30, which has been returned to the Board's 1998/99 Discretionary Funds.

16.8 CIVIC AWARD - NOEL BRIGGS

A nomination to recognise the contribution of Noel Briggs to the community was supported by Board members in relation to the annual Civic Awards. This application was forwarded on the Board's behalf.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the nomination of Noel Briggs for a Civic Award be endorsed.
 3. That the Board organise annual forums with local Police and local Neighbourhood Support Group Network Co-ordinators to strengthen the Neighbourhood Support Group Network and to build a relationship between the Co-ordinators and the Board.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendations be adopted.