

24. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

- 24.1 A resumé of the Board's 1999/2000 discretionary expenditure to date is attached for information (*see page 59*).
- 24.2 For members information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached (*see page 61*).
- 24.3 Attached for members information is a schedule of Board, Subcommittee, and Working Party meetings to be held during 1999 (*see page 63*).
- 24.4 **GRASS MOWING - BEXLEY**

At the March meeting of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board, a report was tabled on the standard of grass mowing in the Bexley area, and the measures being undertaken to remedy the situation. At that meeting the Board requested a further update for its October meeting.

During the last six months there has been a reduction in the amount of grass growth, as would be expected for this time of year. Because of this, mowing operations have not caused any significant problems, apart from a period of excessively wet weather, when the maintenance regime was amended to avoid damaging the turf. As soon as ground moisture conditions allowed, the regular mowing regime reinstated. (No rectifications have been issued during this period for lack of performance by the contractor.)

The contractors for this area have advised that they have taken delivery of extra mowing equipment for this season, so the extra resources necessary to meet their contractual requirements are in place.

24.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Anglican Care's community worker at St Andrews House reports that the project and its programmes are receiving good community support. Two of the programmes have had to move from the "House" to the new community room because of numbers attending. Some 25 children and carers attend a music and movement group. A menopause support network has been established as has a clothing recycling network group. A popular craft co-op group providing low cost craft ideas is attracting good interest. A new idea that is being developed based around touring various budget, low cost factory outlets in the City. A training programme identifying specific interest areas is assisting volunteers upgrade their skill levels

Activities based around the Dallington Cottage are also encouraging community participation. The Dallington Residents Association has succeeded in forming a well established group of residents. During the past few months they have published several newsletters and participated in the "Clean up the World Day". The Cottage has continued to host an over 65's weekly activity morning. A group of community artists now meet in the centre twice weekly. Research is currently being undertaken with local parents to establish an out of school care programme for the area. It is likely a church based youth group will use the facility as a base shortly. Support is being canvassed to open the centre each day for a number of hours and provide a meeting place for the community.

The South East Aranui Project has attracted a small nucleus of residents who have attended two soup and buns community luncheons. From this group a residents action committee has been formed. Shortly a number of activity sessions will be commenced providing passive recreational opportunities for locals.

24.6 FRUIT AND NUT TREES ON PARKS

Further to previous reports to the Board, I can now advise that 62 trees have been planted in the following reserves:

Avondale Park:

- 3 Castanea sativa (Sweet Chestnut)
- 2 Juglans regia (Walnut)
- 5 Pinus pinea (Stone Pine)
- 2 Arbutus unedo (Strawberry Tree)
- 1 Mespilus germanica (Medlar)

Queenspark Reserve:

- 12 Pinus pinea
- 3 Castanea sativa
- 4 Carya illinoensis (Pecan)
- 11 Olea europeae
- 1 Peach Blackboy

Delamere Reserve:

- 3 Olea europeae (Olive)
- 3 Pinus pinea
- 1 Corylus avellana (Hazel)
- 2 Arbutus unedo
- 1 Cydonia vulgaris (Quince)

Curzon Reserve:

- 1 Cydonia vulgaris
- 1 Ficus carica (Fig)
- 1 Lemon
- 5 Olea europeae

24.7 SALTWATER POOLS FEASIBILITY STUDY

Advice has been received from the New Brighton Project (Mainstreet) that a feasibility study is to be commenced on the installation of saltwater pools at New Brighton.

Funding for this study has been provided through the Board Discretionary Fund together with financial assistance from the Pier and Foreshore Society.

24.8 ZONE 5 COMMUNITY BOARD FORUM - 17 SEPTEMBER 1999

The Zone 5 Community Board Forum held in Christchurch on 17 September 1999 was attended by 46 delegates, representing 15 community boards in the zone. Appreciation of the interesting programme and the opportunity to meet with other Board members was expressed by many delegates. The Darfield Community Board advised that it would run a similar forum in March next year.

24.9 FORMER NEW BRIGHTON LIBRARY WORKING PARTY

At its meeting of 23 September 1999 Council resolved to sell the former New Brighton Library building in spite of a number of strong community submissions to the Board and budget review committee that consideration be given to retaining this property for community use. The Working Party, set up by the Board to seek community views and investigate the options available for community use, should now be disbanded.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board receive another report regarding grass mowing in the Bexley in six months.

**Chairperson's
Recommendation:**