

17. HUNTSBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE - HANDRAIL

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The purpose of this report is to present a request to the Board from the Huntsbury Management Committee for a handrail to be installed alongside the path to the Community Centre.

The Huntsbury Community Centre is situated on a steep section in Huntsbury Avenue. The Huntsbury Community Centre has many elderly visitors and also runs a playgroup. The main carpark is situated above the Community Centre and the path down to the Centre is quite steep making access during winter difficult. Car parking is also available on Huntsbury Avenue. This section of path also slopes down to the main entrance. A handrail on both sections of the path would provide much needed support and safety for all visitors to the Centre.

An estimate of \$2,600 has been received for a wooden post with pipe slotted through it, being identical to the short section of fence at the top of the car park. Christchurch City Council guidelines for handrails would however prefer it to be continuous pipe.

The Property Units engineering contractors have provided a quote for \$2,986 that meets the safety standard for similar type work, and provides a top and middle galvanized pipe handrail. The middle rail would provide support for children.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$2986.00 from its 1999/2000 Discretionary Fund to install a handrail at Huntsbury Community Centre.