

9. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY YOUTH RECREATION NEEDS STUDY: PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

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The purpose of this report is to inform Board members on progress towards implementing the Burwood/Pegasus Youth Recreation Needs Study Implementation Strategy, which was adopted by the Board on 4 September 2000. Information on what has been achieved is listed below under the "Comments" column.

Recommendations from Strategy:

1. *Provide a range of hang-out (social interaction areas), casual and active recreation opportunities in and around The Palms (Shirley) and New Brighton Malls.*

And

That Council Officers open a dialogue with Mall owners and managers to ensure the inclusion of youth needs within Mall designs or peripheral areas that will offer appropriate and safe recreation opportunities. These opportunities, for example, would include areas for skateboarding, hacky sack, and hanging out.

Actions	Responsible	Comment
Investigate whether youth activity areas can be incorporated into New Brighton redevelopment project	Parks	Being taken into consideration.
Provide Skatejam events at malls	Leisure	A skatejam was held at Thomson Park last September with another planned for March 2001. A skate and surf event was held 17 February organized by a local surfing club. Discussions are currently underway regarding events in malls.
Work with New Brighton Project to explore possibility of youth event/activity at New Brighton Mall	Leisure	A meeting was held recently to discuss co-ordination of events in the Brighton area. Discussions have taken place between New Brighton Project and Leisure staff regarding establishing volley ball around the library.
Work with local community groups to explore possible youth activities around New Brighton Mall, particularly challenge activities based on the sea, beach, sand dunes	Leisure/Adv Team	Eastzone adventure holiday programme for 10 – 14 year olds was held in January and another is planned for the April holidays. 25 participants per programme. QEII will be running a holiday programme for this age group during April. Children's Beach Tri at North Beach was held 17 February.
Explore ideas for youth programmes etc which arise from working groups formed from "Shirley Youth" consultation	Adv Team/Leisure	Proceeding.
Encourage the Parks Unit to develop a Strategy to incorporate youth needs into initial planning when developing new and existing open space/neighbourhood recreation areas, in particular appropriately designed, sheltered "hang-out" areas along with other casual recreation facilities suitable for youth	Parks	Being taken into consideration.

2. *Encourage the establishment of cafés and plan and provide events related to music, with concerts being staged on the foreshore or local parks.*

Actions	Responsible	Comments
Facilitate a partnership of Council Units (Parks, Leisure, Coast Care, Libraries), community groups, New Brighton business sector, local young people, to jointly maximise and promote concerts/events in the Burwood/Pegasus area	Leisure/Adv Team	This has been initiated by Community Development Advisor.
Consider an area within Rawhiti Domain or the Foreshore where youth and community concerts/events may be held	Parks	Proceeding.
Encourage and support youth entertainment providers (eg 4YP, Powerhouse Youth Ministries, Christchurch Music Trust) to stage events in parks in Burwood/Pegasus area	Leisure	4YP contracted by Leisure Unit to organise the recent Seaside Sounds youth music and arts event in the New Brighton library soundshell. Power House Youth Ministries were involved in the Family Fishing Day.
Encourage and support Maori/Pacific Island communities to host cultural events/days in Burwood/Pegasus area	Leisure/Adv Team	Cultural Festival at Wainoni Park organized by Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre and funded through SCAP was held in December.
Assist with promotion of existing beach and foreshore activities eg via New Brighton Project; with local surf/boardriders clubs, etc	Leisure	Achieved via events such as Beach Tri, Eastzone Adventure holiday programme, Seaside Sounds, One Love concert and the skate and surf event.
Investigate need for and possible sighting of a café/cybercafe in Burwood/Pegasus area	Adv Team	Proceeding.
Investigate feasibility of utilising New Brighton beachfront area for events such as Family Fishing Day, Kite Extravaganza, drive-in movie for families on beachfront carpark	Leisure	A kite event was held at Brighton beach in December. Planning is underway for drive-in/outdoor movie near the library .

3. *Provide a range of skateboard facilities throughout the Burwood/Pegasus Community as follows:*

- *Upgrade Thomson Park as a quality skateboard park with a variety of skateboard facilities targeted at intermediate and advanced skateboarders.*
- *Also consider the need for mobile skateboard ramps for use in mall or open car park areas.*
- *Develop a range of beginner to intermediate skateboard sites at the following locations: New Brighton Mall, The Palms, Wainoni Park, QEII Park, Parklands/Queenspark Reserves.*

Actions	Responsible	Comments
Thomson Park upgrade	Parks	Parks.
Provide skate skills development workshops during school holidays	Leisure	SK8 skate skills workshops were held over the summer holidays at all local skate facilities around Christchurch.
Advise Community Board on how best to utilise \$20,000 Project funding set aside for development of skate facilities	Leisure/Park	Completed.
Mobile skate ramps	Leisure	These are stored and managed by Power House Youth Ministries and are available to community groups.

New Sites:		Further development of skate facilities is under review and/or in the community consultation process.
(a) New Brighton Mall	Parks	
(b) Wainoni Park	Parks	
(c) The Palms	Parks	
(d) QEII Park	Parks	
(e) Parklands/Queenspark Reserves	Parks	
Investigate future potential sites – eg South Brighton	Parks/Leisure	

4. *Provide additional fresh water drinking fountains and improve litter collection/cleaning in major parks within the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board area.*

Actions	Responsible	Comments
Area Parks Officer to advise on siting of future drinking fountains	Parks	Proceeding.
Issues re litter collection/cleaning to be referred to Parks Contract Supervisor	Parks	Referred to Parks contract supervisor.

5. *Explore through the work of Community Advisory Staff assistance to organisations to develop adventure/thrill-seeker type activities in the community.*

Actions	Responsible	Comments
Work with providers of adventure/thrill-seeker type activities (both local – eg South Brighton Domain Ropes Course; Bungee Rocket; surf and boardriders clubs, etc – and metropolitan) providing activities in/on the sea, river, estuary, Port Hills, etc	Leisure	Achieved via events such as Beach Tri, Eastzone Adventure holiday programme, skate and surf event. Further adventure type events are planned for older teens pending feedback from this age group.
Work with local Maori organisations to establish youth programmes based around waka ama	Adv Team/Leisure	Proceeding.
Expand leisure youth holiday programmes based on outdoor adventure	Leisure	The Eastzone Adventure Holiday Programme has been extended to run twice yearly to meet this need.

6. *Set up a small working party to explore/investigate measures which could be taken to make parks safer. Particularly Wainoni Park, New Brighton Mall and Beach and Foreshore area.*

Actions	Responsible	Comments
Establish Working Parties for each of above areas (Council staff/community reps) to report back to the Community Board/Parks Unit on issues regarding safety and recommendations for improvement	Parks	Parks.

7. *Identify, promote and negotiate for open access by youth to existing club and sporting facilities within the community eg tennis/netball courts, cricket nets. Where this is not feasible, plan for and provide open community facilities.*

Actions	Responsible	Comments
Work with Burwood/Pegasus sporting clubs to provide and promote better access for casual youth recreation	Leisure	Proceeding. The processing of Hillary Commission funding application provides the opportunity to discuss this issue with various sports clubs.

Encourage facilities in Burwood/Pegasus area to provide and promote casual youth recreation	Leisure	Proceeding.
Cricket nets	Leisure	Have yet to identify a cricket club that is willing to make practice nets available for casual use.
Produce a brochure on youth facilities (skateparks, half basketball courts) and holiday and recreational activities available to youth in the Burwood/Pegasus area	Parks/Leisure	Under discussion

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Recommendations:

1. That the information be received.
2. That staff be thanked for their ongoing input into youth recreation provision in the Board area.
3. That the Board support the installation of a fountain at Thomson Park as soon as possible and consider an allocation from Discretionary funding.