

26. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

26.1 For members' information a schedule of the Discretionary funds distributed for the 2000/01 financial year since the allocation meeting on 15 February 2000 is attached.

26.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

26.3 For members' information a schedule of Board meetings to be held during 2001 is attached.

26.4 CONSENT PROCESS FOR THE PALMS EXPANSION

There will be a non-notified consent process for the planned expansion of The Palms complex. The plans involve the addition of a building for the Farmers (including car parking) and the removal of the block of shops at the corner of Marshland Road and New Brighton Road.

26.5 COMMUNITY TRUST FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES AT BOTTLE LAKE FOREST PARK

The Parks Unit has obtained funding of \$40,000 from the Community Trust towards the development of facilities at Bottle Lake Forest Park. The funding will be used for interpretive displays and information in the newly constructed visitors' centre, an accessible path through the forest, bicycle dirt trials for freestyle riders, and improved mountain bike facilities.

26.6 NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE, 10 TO 13 MAY 2001

At the Board's meeting on 20 November 2000, approval was given, in principle, for three Board members to attend the Conference and for travel arrangements to be made. Attendance is being co-ordinated by the Riccarton/Wigram Advocacy Team and travel bookings have been made. If the Board is able to confirm the names of those attending, further arrangements will be made, including accommodation.

26.7 UPCOMING EVENTS RE CYCLING

Three upcoming events are:

- Bike Week 2001, from 17 to 25 February 2001.
- 'Cycling 2001: Transport for Living Cities' Conference in Christchurch on 21 and 22 September 2001.
- An initial meeting to consider a Coast to Coast Cycle Route, on 19 February 2001.

Bike Wise is organising the national Bike Week and is particularly keen to encourage skills-based events. There will be a Bike to Work Day on Wednesday 21 February 2001.

The cycling conference will be hosted by the Council. The programme will involve presentations, site visits and workshops. The aim is to contribute to national policy in relation to cycling and cycle safety issues, share information on cycle facilities design and add support and skills to advocacy groups to enable them to be effective.

A letter from the Transport Planner (Cycling) has been copied to members, outlining the concept of a coast to coast route for cyclists, away from existing State highways.

26.8 ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY ANNUAL REPORT 1999/2000

Environment Canterbury has published its Annual Report for 1999/2000. A copy is held by the Advocacy Team and further copies will be obtained if members wish to receive one.

26.9 OWNERSHIP OF WINDSOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

At the Board's meeting of 20 November 2000, the Board requested that a legal opinion on the ownership of the Windsor Primary School Hall be provided to the meeting on 29 January 2001. The Ministry of Education is providing a definitive response on the ownership of the hall and this will be available at the meeting.

26.10 PROGRESS ON IDENTIFICATION OF ALL COMMUNITY HALLS AND FACILITIES IN BURWOOD/PEGASUS

The Board is aware that a project is underway to identify all community facilities and halls in the city. At the meeting of 20 November 2000, the Board requested that the Council officers working on the project report back on 29 January 2001 on the Burwood/Pegasus facilities.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Advocacy Team members working on the project have provided a list of the Burwood/Pegasus facilities identified. Some additional facilities have been added to this list by the Burwood/Pegasus Advocacy Team and a combined list is being circulated separately to Board members for verification and/or input.

The remainder of the project is expected to be completed by the end of March. A questionnaire will be sent seeking details of any additional facilities for inclusion in the database. Geodata will be contracted to provide and publish the data. It is intended that the Libraries and Information Unit manage the database as part of Christchurch On-Line.

26.11 PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS

A proposal for closer relationships and partnerships with school Boards of Trustees and Community Boards has been presented to a meeting of Community Board Chairs and Community Advocates.

This follows a number of exploratory meetings the Community Relations Manager and I have attended with the Regional Manager of the Ministry of Education and other Ministry officers.

The meeting of Community Board Chairs supported the proposal in principle and agreed to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and schools in the Board's area being the first to evaluate the project.

Board members have been invited to attend a meeting with school Boards of Trustees and school principals on Wednesday 21 February 2001.

26.12 NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 2001 WORKING PARTY

A Working Party was appointed by the Board on 1 February 1999 to plan specifically for the Neighbourhood Week 2000. The Board may wish to re-appoint the Working Party to begin preparations for this year's Neighbourhood Week, which will be held from 27 October to 2 November 2001.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Chairperson, Don Rowlands and one other Board member attend the 2001 New Zealand Community Boards Conference.
 2. That a Neighbourhood Week Working Party be set up consisting of the Chairperson, Glenda Burt, Caroline Kellaway and Andy Lea, to plan for Neighbourhood Week 2001.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:** That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.