

20. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.
- 20.3 For members' information a schedule of Board meetings to be held during 2001 is attached.

20.4 WETLANDS AWARDS 2002

The Department of Conservation is now calling for nominations for its Wetland Awards 2002. Established to encourage the conservation and wise use of wetlands by identifying, recognising and celebrating best practice in wetland management, research and education, the awards are open to all and include consideration of self-nominations.

A maximum of five awards is considered each year, considering nominations for Agency Projects, Private or Community Projects, Educational Effort, Proven Programmes and Lifetime Personal Achievement.

Nominations close on 30 September 2001.

20.5 CHRISTCHURCH CYCLE CONFERENCE 2001

The 'Cycling - Transport for Living' Conference is to be held at the Chateau on the Park, Christchurch on 21/22 September 2001. Attendees will include: cycle advocates, town and transport planners, transport and road design engineers, local body and national level politicians, health and education professionals, national governmental organisations, and local government organisations.

20.6 CLEAN UP THE WORLD

This year 'Clean Up The World' is being held from Monday 17 to Sunday 23 September. The theme is 'Year of the Volunteer'.

The Board has allocated \$500 of its 2001/02 Project funding to support residents' associations in cleaning up communities.

20.7 BURWOOD/PEGASUS FUNDING ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The Burwood/Pegasus Funding Assessment Committee met on 23 May 2001 to assess applications for funding under the Hillary Commission Community Sports Fund and Community Development Scheme. The minutes of the meeting have been circulated separately for members' information.

20.8 WALKING SCHOOL BUS GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

A new guide for parents and teachers with step by step instructions on how to set up walking school buses in communities is now available on EECA's website at <http://www.eeca.govt.nz> and follow the transport signpost or at <http://www.pinnaclesearch.co.nz/wsb.htm>.

Walking School Buses are a fun, safe and active way for children to travel to and from school with adult supervision. Each bus walks along a set route with at least one adult driver, picking children up at designated stops and walking them to school. The guide is based on research from a trial project in Christchurch which resulted in several schools in Christchurch setting up networks of up to nine walking school buses walking different routes almost every day.

Carolyn O'Fallon of Pinnacle Research has written the new guide with assistance from Christchurch City Council and EECA, and funding through the Foundation of Research, Science and Technology.

The guide includes a ready-made set of tools to help parents and teachers to start a network of walking school buses including a survey form, letter to parents and route planners. The guide also has tips and advice on how to keep the buses going successfully.

20.9 NATIONAL WALK A CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY - 9 NOVEMBER 2001

The first national Walk A Child to School Day will be held in partnership with the Hillary Commission as part of national Push Play Day/City on its Feet on Friday 9 November. EECA will be producing a Walking School Bus promotion pack, incorporating the Walking School Bus guide, to launch as part of the event.

20.10 NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 27 OCTOBER TO 2 NOVEMBER 2001

The Joint Board Coordinating Committee for Neighbourhood Week 2001 met on 8 June 2001. Attached are the minutes of the meeting.

20.11 CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2001

The Council is seeking nominations for these annual awards presented in recognition of outstanding contributions by individuals, groups, organisations or companies to the City's environment. The three broad categories are:

- Natural environment.
- Built environment.
- Services to the environment.

Awards will be based on:

- The overall quality of the project or service.
- The impact on the environment.
- The degree of innovation shown.
- The permanency of the proposal or service.
- The achievement of City Plan and strategic objectives of the Council.
- The impact on the City as a whole.
- A positive impact on the Council's infrastructure.

In 2000 awards were presented to the McLeans Island Recreational Area, the New Brighton Pier Library/Clock Tower and the Christchurch Beautifying Association.

Applications close on Friday 27 July 2001.

20.12 TIMETABLE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS 2001

It is proposed that the Board adopt the following timetable for this year's Community Service Awards:

Early July	Open nominations and advertise
Mid-August	Nominations close
3 September	Board considers nominations and selects award recipients
Later in September	Presentation of awards.

20.13 BROAD PARK PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting was held at Broad Park on Saturday 2 June 2001 to discuss the maintenance and future development of the park. The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate is preparing a report on the outcome of the meeting for the 30 July meeting of the Board.

20.14 PARKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE EXTENSION

A meeting of the Parklands Community Centre Working Party was held on Monday 11 June 2001, including a site visit to the Centre.

The laying of the sports floor has been delayed because of a problem with the concrete floor slab not drying. The completed Community Centre is now likely to be available to the community in early August.

- Recommendations:**
1. That consideration of a nomination(s) for the Department of Conservation's Wetland Awards 2002 be included in the public excluded section of the meeting.
 2. That the Board nominate a Board member to attend the Christchurch Cycle Conference 2001 as its representative.
 3. That consideration of a nomination(s) for the Council's Environment Awards 2001 be included in the public excluded section of the meeting.
 4. That the above programme for the Community Service Awards 2001 be adopted.

**Chairperson's
Recommendations:**