

15. BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY YOUTH RECREATION NEEDS STUDY - PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to update Board members on the Burwood/Pegasus Youth Recreation Needs Study Implementation Strategy. This report comments on achievements and new initiatives since the last report presented 26 February 2001.

Recommendations and Summary of Actions:

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	Update/New Initiatives
Investigate whether youth activity areas can be incorporated into New Brighton redevelopment project	Parks	Review required of impact of Thomson Park skate facility and need for further facilities at New Brighton. No budget is available for new facilities.
Provide Skatejam events at malls	Leisure	Two skatejam events were held at Thomson Park, September and March plus skate workshops as part of summer holiday programmes. A skate and surf event was held in February organized by a local surfing club. Staff are continuing to hold meetings with Youth Alive Trust, Powerhouse Youth Ministries, New Brighton Project and New Brighton Mall (re New Brighton Mall) and Waipuna/Hebron, YFC/St Stephens Shirley, Youth and Cultural Development, Powerhouse Youth Ministries and The Palms Mall management (re The Palms Mall) to develop youth recreation activities/facilities.
Work with New Brighton Project to explore possibility of youth event/activity at New Brighton Mall	Leisure	The New Brighton Library amphitheatre and foreshore have been the venue for a number of events targeting youth over the summer months. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea Side Sounds • One Love Concert • Surf and Skate Event • Plus family oriented events, Fire Works display and Kite Day • New Brighton Project host a number of community events in the Mall. Youth events tend to be focused around the New Brighton library amphitheatre, which is a multi use area and also has basketball half courts for casual use.

Actions	Responsible	Update/New Initiatives
<p>Work with local community groups to explore possible youth activities around New Brighton Mall, particularly challenge activities based on the sea, beach, sand dunes</p>	<p>Leisure/Adv Team</p>	<p>Eastzone Youth Programme has been extended to run three times per year during term holidays. Demand for this programme has increased dramatically with the July programme fully booked on enrolment day.</p> <p>Children's Beach Tri at North Beach was held 17 February. For next year's event a new format is being considered.</p> <p>Staff have been meeting with Blaze Youth and the Community Connections Nga Ngaru Trust in exploring sea, beach and sand dune based youth activities around the North New Brighton Community Centre area.</p>
<p>Explore ideas for youth programmes etc which arise from working groups formed from "Shirley Youth" consultation</p>	<p>Adv Team/ Leisure</p>	<p>Meetings with community and youth organisations based in The Palms/ Shirley area and with The Palms Mall management are continuing. A letter is being sent to all organisations that indicated ongoing involvement following the April 2000 public meeting regarding The Palms/Shirley youth issues and concerns. The letter is asking for an assessment of current youth issues from those organisations.</p> <p>Staff have provided a copy of the Burwood/Pegasus YRNS to The Palms Mall management and have met with management in exploring ways to include youth recreational facilities and programmes/services in the Mall's proposed extensions.</p> <p>Youth projects in the vicinity of The Palms/Shirley have included the establishment of a Rock Solid group for intermediate school aged children, Legal Arts graffiti art/community murals with Orion, after school programme established at Hammersley Park School and Waipuna/Hebron youth worker presence in The Palms Mall complex.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Parks</p>	<p>Youth needs are to be considered in any new park development along with the needs of other user groups. Quality consultation is essential to ensure youth participation so that needs are accurately identified. It is important that youth facilities are not built in isolation but are developed in association with other facilities that attract a wide cross-section of the community into the area providing informal supervision and encouraging family participation.</p> <p>Development of the social and recreational facilities on Wainoni Park has been incorporated into the Aranui Community Renewal where community members of the Renewal Committee are now involved in this development process with Parks and Waterways staff.</p>

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	Update/New Initiatives
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	<p>Burwood/Pegasus CDA and CRA staff meet twice yearly with Library, Parks and Waterways (including Coast Care), Legal Arts of CRU, the Youth Advocate and Leisure Unit staff to co-ordinate and co-work youth projects.</p> <p>The two monthly B/P Community Networking Forum, the twice yearly B/P Youth Workers Forum and the Aranui Community Renewal Committee's weekly Community Group meetings are providing liaison and collaborative project opportunities.</p> <p>Leisure and Advocacy staff work closely with youth agencies to provide support in staging youth events. Blaze Youth Centre and Powerhouse Youth each have been funded to host Youth Dance Parties, which include graffiti art, skate boarding, break dancing, and video games. Further support is given to these groups by staging holiday activities at their venues, which introduces young people to these facilities. This group received Hillary Commission funding to purchase equipment for skate workshops and to send members on coaching courses.</p>
Consider an area within Rawhiti Domain or the Foreshore where youth and community concerts/events may be held	Parks	Parks and Waterway Unit is currently revising the Rawhiti Park Management Plan and will consider an area for events. To date the preferred site for youth events has been the New Brighton Library amphitheatre and Thomson Park, however consideration is given to other sites when selecting venues for youth and community events.
Encourage and support youth entertainment providers (eg 4YP, Powerhouse Youth Ministries, Christchurch Music Society) to stage events in parks in Burwood/Pegasus area	Leisure	<p>4YP was contracted by Leisure Unit to organise the Seaside Sounds youth music and arts event in the New Brighton Library amphitheatre. Power House Youth Ministries assisted with the Family Fishing Day and hosted the recent Youth event.</p> <p>Funding support from the Community Response Fund was allocated to the Christchurch Music Society's One Love Concert in New Brighton.</p>
Encourage and support Maori/Pacific Island communities to host cultural events/days in Burwood/Pegasus area	Leisure/Adv Team	<p>Cultural Festival at Wainoni Park organized by the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre Committee and funded through SCAP was held in December 2000.</p> <p>CRA and CDA staff have developed project support relationships with the Aranui Rangatahi Trust, B.Pacific, Aranui High School Whanau Group and Pacific Island Evaluation that have involved hui and fono, cultural events, noho marae, manu korero competitions, pan pacific programmes, cultural workshops, holiday programmes and after school programmes.</p>

Actions	Responsible	Update/New Initiatives
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 Youth holiday programme, Seaside Sounds, One Love concert and the Skate and Surf event. New programmes and activities are currently being explored with Community Connections Nga Ngaru at North New Brighton.
Investigate need for and possible siting of a café/cybercafé in Burwood/Pegasus area	Adv Team	The Blaze Youth Centre is in the process of establishing a café as part of its overall youth facility which includes recreation hall, skate board area, movie theatre and music studio. The Dallington Community Centre has established a community cyber café with establishment assistance through SCAP funding and the Community Development Scheme. Community cyber café/community computer and Internet rooms has been discussed with the Aranui Community Renewal, Supergrans, SeniorNet New Brighton, Community Connections Nga Ngaru, Powerhouse Youth Ministries and St Andrews House.
Investigate feasibility of utilising New Brighton beachfront area for events such as Family Fishing Day, Kite Extravaganza, drive-in movie for families on beachfront car park	Leisure	A kite event was held at Brighton beach in December. Other suggested activities will be considered as budgets allow. New Brighton Project have been funded via Hillary Commission to set up beach volley ball 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	Update/New Initiatives
Thomson Park upgrade	Parks	Complete
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. Leisure staff currently supporting Eastside Surf, Snow and Skate to develop skate boarding workshops for schools and holiday programmes. This support includes identifying relevant training for club members to undertake in order to gain the necessary skills to plan and implement skate workshops and events.
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.

Actions	Responsible	Update/New Initiatives
New Sites: (a) New Brighton Mall (b) Wainoni Park (c) The Palms (d) QEII Park (e) Parklands/Queenspark Reserves	Parks Parks Parks Parks	An assessment of the impact of Thomson Park is required and a review of the need for a skate park at New Brighton. This will be undertaken this year. A skate facility in Wainoni Park will be considered as part of the Aranui Community Renewal. The Palms Management does not support a skate park at the Mall. The proposed Parklands facility was abandoned due to strong community opposition. Further consultation is being undertaken and QEII may be considered for a skate park as part of this process. CDA, CRA and Parks and Waterways staff have commenced a community consultation process with Parklands residents that will involve ideas and solutions to address community needs and will include youth issues such as skate facilities.
Investigate future potential sites - eg South Brighton	Parks/Leisure	No budget is currently available for additional skate facilities

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	The APO advised the Community Board at the budget meeting for 2000/01 of sites identified to have drinking fountains installed as part of future developments. Fountains have been installed at Broadhaven and Burwood Parks and one is planned for Thomson Park. Other proposed reserves are Queenspark, Parklands, Clare, Bower and South New Brighton Domain. Current funding allows for approximately two drinking fountains per year.
Issues re litter collection/cleaning to be referred to Parks Contract Supervisor	Parks	Rubbish has been monitored over the last 12 months and additional bins have been installed at Burwood Park, Broadhaven Park, Royal Park, Sea Eagles Reserves, and the Pier.

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

Actions	Responsible	Update/New Initiatives
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 Youth programme, skate and surf event. South Brighton Ropes course has been used in the Eastzone programme.

Actions	Responsible	Update/New Initiatives
Work with local Maori organisations to establish youth programmes based around waka ama	Adv Team/ Leisure	There has been no further progress with a 2000 year waka ama project presented by the Mangamaunu ki Waitaha Trust. CDA and CRA staff are currently engaged with local Maori organisations in establishing programmes based on Maori tikanga. This includes the Aranui Rangatahi Trust, Agape Street Ministries, Aranui High School, Tamariki o te Atua, Nga Hau e Wha Marae, Turangawaewae Trust.
Expand leisure youth holiday programmes based on outdoor adventure	Leisure	The Eastzone Youth Holiday Programme has been extended to run three times per year. Community Board and Community Development Scheme funding support for holiday programmes/camps include outdoor challenge programmes based at Kaikoura, Hanmer Springs, Arthurs Pass, Living Springs and Wainui.

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	Update/New Initiatives
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	Wainoni Park is currently being investigated as part of the Aranui Community Renewal. The setting up of the Parklands Community Forum and a community consultation process will include safety issues around local parks. Some of these issues relating to Parklands Reserve are already being addressed in the extension work to the Parklands Community Centre. Working parties have not been set up for other sites, however the Safer Parks Policy is adhered to in design.

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	<p>Through the Eastzone Youth programme, participants are introduced to a number of local sports clubs. To date these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karate. • Golf. • Under water hockey. • Kayaking. <p>The aim is to make participants aware of the recreational opportunities available in their community and to provide the opportunity for on going affiliation should there be a desire to so.</p> <p>The processing of Hillary Commission funding application provided the opportunity to discuss this issue with various sports clubs.</p>
Encourage facilities in Burwood/Pegasus area to provide and promote casual youth recreation	Leisure	The current review of the Rawhiti Management Plan will provide the opportunity to discuss how to promote better access for youth and to investigate ways to make facilities open to public use.
Cricket nets	Leisure	Have yet to identify a cricket club that is willing to make practice nets available for casual use, however this could be achieved through the above process.
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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Recommendation: That the information be received.