

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Woolston Development Project

The following letter of thanks has been received from Diann Lowry, Manager, Woolston Development Project.

“On behalf of the Woolston Development Project, I would like to extend our thanks to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for the contribution of \$15,000 towards our family Support Worker Project from Project Funds.

The salary subsidy is very appreciated and we would like to acknowledge the Board's commitment to the families in this community by supporting organisations such as the Woolston Development Project.

Thank you all once again.”

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4.2 International Year of the Volunteer Fund 2001

The following letter of thanks has been received from Claire Milne, Community Worker/Coordinator, Phillipstown Community Centre.

“We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for supporting our application under the International Year of the Volunteer Fund.

This will enable us to offer training, expenses reimbursement and acknowledge for the volunteers who support the Phillipstown Community Centre.”

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4.3 Woolston Mainstreet Inc

The following letter of thanks has been received from Roydon Smart, Chairman, Woolston Mainstreet Inc.

“On behalf of the Woolston Mainstreet Inc., I thank you for your contribution of \$1,000 plus GST which has been used to purchase and erect ‘WOOLSTON VILLAGE” signs and posts at both ends of the Woolston Village shopping centre on Ferry Road.

Since the installation we have received favourable comments from members of the community.

The financial and practical assistance from the Board and Linwood staff has been much appreciated.”

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4.4 Redcliffs Public Library

The following letter of thanks has been received from Audrey Nettleton, Secretary, of the Redcliffs Public Library.

“Community Board Project Fund 2001/2002

On behalf of our library I would like to express to the Board our sincere thanks for this grant and for the continued support we always receive from members of the board.”

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4.5 Deans Avenue Precinct Society

The following letter of was received by the Chairperson from Brian Molloy, Chairperson of Deans Avenue Precinct Society, who writes:

“Further to our telephone conversation concerning this proposal.

We have examined the existing electric barbecue recently installed in North Hagley Park, alongside the Armagh Street entranceway to the car park, and between Victoria Lake and the old RSA Bowling Club building. This unit is coin operated (50c), stands on a concrete pad, and consists of one stainless steel hotplate with a brick bench top and surround. The unit is protected by an attractive wooden shelter. We understand similar barbecues have been installed elsewhere in the city (e.g. Spencer Park).

We have obtained approximate prices of the necessary components of this unit from the manufacturer’s (DA Christie Pty. Ltd) agent, Playsafe (NZ) Ltd, Kaiapoi as follows:

Concrete pad	\$ 250
Access door	285
Bricks for surround	300
Stainless steel hotplate	2167
Kitset shelter	<u>2260</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$5262</u> + GST

There are several optional components. One of these – single stainless steel bench top – we believe would be more hygienic and easier to clean than the standard brick bench top. This would add a further \$1365 + GST to the total above, giving an approximate cost for materials of \$6,627.00 + GST.

This figure does not include the cost of labour for assembly, and the services of an electrician. In addition, it would be necessary to supply electricity and water to the unit, and also stormwater drainage. We understand that a permanent water supply to the new Azalea beds in Nancy’s Woodland has just been laid on and could be used. The siting of the barbecue unit would need to be considered carefully and supported by appropriate seating and refuse bins.

We believe this proposal is very worthwhile and would enhance greater public use of a unique part of South Hagley Park, with its charming woodland, daffodils, and beds of Azaleas. Accordingly we seek the support of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to purchase and install a single, coin-operated electric barbecue as we have outlined above.

We look forward to your response.”

The Community Advocate comments:

A report from Warwick Scadden, the Parks and Waterways Advocate, on the proposals for an Electric Barbeque in South Hagley Park is included in this agenda. Please refer to clause 12.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That this item be considered with clause 12.

4.6 Buckleys Road Bus Stop

The following letter has been received from Ruth Carson, a resident in Buckleys Road, concerning the Buckleys Road Bus Stop. (See clause 8).

“My initial reaction is disappointment and concern over continuing problems exiting and entering the driveway at 35 Buckleys Road. The thought of having buses parked all along the frontage, and maybe right across the driveway, feels very daunting to me.

Exiting the driveway – *When exiting my driveway I may continue to experience the dangerous manoeuvre of pulling out with a bus on the right-hand side of the driveway blocking the view of oncoming traffic. This may be exacerbated by there also being a bus on the left-hand side of the driveway. The driver of any bus on the left-hand side of the driveway will not see a vehicle exiting the driveway until it is out in the lane of traffic. This is particularly dangerous and very unpleasant for me (and anyone else) exiting this driveway, hence my strong unease with this situation.*

Entering the driveway – *Every time there is a bus at the stop when I approach the driveway in order to enter the section it is a moment of severe anxiety as to how to handle the situation. I have tried*

stopping behind the bus and waiting for them to move on, but if they are not planning to move on they just ignore me. If they are dropping off and picking up passengers I can be fairly sure that they will soon move on but I have no way of knowing. This too is unpleasant for me (and anyone) else entering this driveway.

Agreement – *If agreement could not be reached with the service station owner to place a bus stop outside the service station, then why would you recommend to extend the bus stop along the front of numbers 35 and 37 Buckleys Road when the owners of these properties do not agree with this proposal?*

These problems may be different for me if buses, especially the Orbiter, are stopping further along the road but they will continue to be a problem at times and they will be a problem for 37 and 41 Buckleys Road residents as well. Therefore more people will be endangering themselves as they exit and enter their driveway on Buckleys Road.

Requests – *I can see that I may have very little input in the decision making process but there are two requests I put to the Council regarding this situation no matter what decision the Council makes.*

1. *That there be more rubbish bins provided along the section of footpath where bus patrons are waiting and that rubbish is collected and cleaned up every day.*
2. *That bus services management come up with some sort of indication protocol for example:*
 - i) *When waiting to make up time bus drivers use the left indicator the whole time so that traffic coming up behind the bus can clearly see that the bus is stopped and waiting at the kerb.*
 - ii) *When planning to leave the kerb bus drivers indicate for a minimum of three seconds and check for vehicles all along the bus including the right front wheel before moving off.*

I'm sure that eventually I will learn to live with this situation and learn the best way to handle the problem but I appreciate the chance to express what it is like for those of us who live beside this bus stop. Thank you for giving my letter your consideration."

Chairman's

Recommendation: That this item be considered with clause 8.