

11. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

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Speed Check Trailer

Trial runs of the speed trailer are being held every weekday from Friday 23 February 2001 in Colombo Street between Thorrington Road and Ernlea Terrace. It is hoped to have technical problems with the data collector resolved before the Board meeting. The trailer is having a marked effect on traffic speeds and if this were to continue, the Board and/or Council should consider increased use of trailers at strategic sites such as near schools and accident "black spots".

Spencer Street Angle Parking

To make up for parking places lost with the widening of Lincoln Road, it was decided to investigate the installation of angle parking in Spencer Street. This would increase spaces available from 13 to 24. Funding would be provided from the \$138,000 Neighbourhood Improvement Plan implementation budget. There is now some doubt about the need for this parking and City Streets Unit is carrying out a survey of businesses and residents in the immediate area.

Christchurch Street and Garden Awards

Christchurch Beautifying Society undertook a tour of winning streets. The tour also took in some of the former winners' gardens. The outstanding character of these streets and premises make them well worth a visit, not only for their aesthetic appeal but also as examples of what is achievable where neighbours and Council co-operate to produce the kind of outcomes we might expect from "Liveable Streets" projects. Features common to nearly all the winning streets were broad berms, street trees and trees on properties, underground wiring and very few front fences. Prizes will be presented on 27 March 2001.

"City Scene"

A four page Spreydon-Heathcote feature has been booked for the May 2001 edition of "City Scene".

Colombo Street Developments

Former Caltex Service Station Site (cnr Brougham and Colombo Streets) - a resource consent has been obtained for the construction of a health food outlet operating as a fast food takeaway and eat-in restaurant.

Boons Bakery Site - the hearing ended on 15 February 2001. A decision will be available within 15 working days.

Former Mitre 10 Site - there has been no indication yet of what the future plans are for this site.

Sydenham Rugby Club - no information is available yet on plans for the club site. The building has been demolished.

Street Disturbances

The Council has formed a Street Racing Sub Committee to consider a bylaw and other preventative measures, and to consult with this Board and Riccarton-Wigram Community Board.

Art in Public Places Sub Committee

The Sub Committee met on Wednesday 21 February 2001 and produced a draft brief. This has been referred to the Council's Arts Adviser, Rhonda Thomson, and Director of Arts in Industry, Debra McCormack, who will be meeting with community and business representatives on Wednesday 28 February 2001.

Colombo Boulevard

A discussion document, Sydenham Town Enhancement Strategy, has been produced by Environmental Planning and Policy staff for discussion and further staff input at a meeting on 27 February 2001.

Recommendation: That the information be received.