

8. HUNTSBURY COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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Corporate Plan Output: Discretionary Funds	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's approval for the allocation of Discretionary Funds to supply and erect a community noticeboard on Huntsbury Hill.

The Huntsbury Residents' and Ratepayers' Association feel that a community noticeboard in the immediate vicinity of the Huntsbury Community Centre will allow the Association to communicate more effectively with local residents. An application summary form is attached.

Proposed Site

The preferred site is a planted and grassed area, beside the reservoir in Huntsbury Avenue, near Millhill Lane, about 50 meters from the Community Centre, owned by the Council's Water Services Unit. Written permission has been granted by the Water Services Unit to erect a noticeboard in this area. This site is central to the general Huntsbury area and the formed footpath provides good access. It is also close to the home of a Huntsbury Residents' and Ratepayers' Association committee member who has undertaken to look after the noticeboard.

Although the Residents' Group meets in the Huntsbury Community Centre, it is an independent group. There is a board inside the Community Centre, however, the Community Centre has limited opening hours. The nearest public noticeboards are at the Centaurus Road and St Martins shopping centres which are outside the Huntsbury Residents' and Ratepayers' Association area.

Placing the noticeboard on the Huntsbury Community Centre site cannot be recommended because:

1. The number of existing signs on the site may detrimentally affect a Resource Consent application.
2. The lack of footpath on the Huntsbury Community Centre side of the road would impede access to the noticeboard.
3. There are usually cars parked on this side of the road which could prove hazardous for people viewing the notices.

Design

The design of the proposed noticeboard is the same design as noticeboards in the Hagley-Ferrymead Wards, an example of which can be found by the Phillipstown School in Nusery Road. The structure is aluminium, 1.1 metre square, finished in "Karaka Green" baked enamel. This colour blends in with most environments. The internal backing board will be personalised with the area signature in gold lettering. To meet safety standards, the front of the board will be acrylic plastic. The boards can be locked and are graffiti resistant and easily cleaned.

Permits

It will be necessary to apply for Resource Consent and a Sign Permit to erect the sign.

Cost

The cost of manufacture and installation of the noticeboard are as follows:

Manufacture of the board	\$1012.00
Resource Consent	275.00
Sign permit	50.00
Signwriting	100.00
Installation	200.00
Total	<u>\$1637.00</u>

Community Board Objectives

This proposal meets the following Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board Objectives:

8. To promote social cohesion in the Spreydon-Heathcote community.

- 8.1 Identify, liaise with and support individuals and groups who serve and build the community.
- 8.2 Support neighbourhood-strengthening initiatives such as the provision of participation in community events, and the activities of residents' groups, volunteers and community cottages.
- 8.5 Encourage interaction at a neighbourhood level.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$1,637 from its 2000/01 Discretionary Fund to meet the costs of the community noticeboard in Huntsbury, subject to a resource consent and sign permit being granted.