

## 11. BOARD CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

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The purpose of this report is to submit for record purposes a summary of separate meetings held during March 2001 between the Board, Residents' Groups, Police, Rangī Ruru Girls' School and Burnside High School.

### 1. RESIDENTS' GROUPS

On Thursday 15 March 2001, the Board met with representatives from the Burnside Residents' Support Group, Merivale Precinct Society and the Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association. This was the second of the Board's scheduled meetings with Residents' Groups for the 2000/01 period.

The Board was thanked for its contributions towards the recently completed enhancements in the commercial area of Merivale. Comment was also made about the current planning issues associated with the proposed millennium bridge including a request that the Council undertake a full review of the proposal.

Planning and traffic issues connected with the redevelopment at St George's Hospital were commented on. A request was also made to enhance the standard of maintenance at both the new Merivale Reserve and the Village Green in Papanui Road.

It was noted that action was presently being taken to modify the trial ripple trips in Kendal Avenue and that in due course an appraisal report would be made to the Board.

Graffiti in the Burnside area was an issue, particularly at the Kendal Avenue/Cranbrook Avenue shopping centre.

Other matters raised included the need to enhance the maintenance of the areas around graves at the Waimairi Cemetery and that arrangements were well in hand for the mid winter concert being run by the Burnside Residents' Support Group on 17 June.

The Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association has been actively involved in planning issues to do with the quarry zone. Also, concerns still existed for vehicles having to negotiate both the Buchanans and Pound Road intersections with State Highway 73 and staff were asked to arrange reviews of both locations.

Also referred to staff for investigation and/or action were the matters of applying parking limit lines in McDougall Avenue and improving the lane arrow markings at the Bishopdale Mall south car park.

### 2. POLICE

Representatives from the New Zealand Police, Papanui District met with members of the Board on Monday 19 March 2001.

Inspector Graeme Cairns provided details of the Papanui staffing structure and he tabled and explained the latest crime statistics covering the Papanui Police District. Members asked a number of questions on these matters.

Mention was also made of the LSV scheme and the potential for the Board to assist in providing some limited resources to the Police for equipment purchases etc.

All present acknowledged the value of conducting these informal discussions on an ongoing basis.

### 3. RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL

Board Members met on site with representatives of the School on Monday 26 March 2001.

A walk was undertaken around the School site with an emphasis on the boarders accommodation area to be built fronting Rhodes Street. Longer term plans for a new gymnasium/indoor pool and drama facility were also elaborated on. The potential for community use and access to these new facilities was raised as a future possibility and the Board's input into this process was highlighted.

Also discussed was the current access arrangements to the school from Hewitts Road and the possibility of utilising school land for a dedicated off road pick up and set down area. Staff undertook to further discuss the potential of this idea with the school.

### 4. BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday 28 March 2001, Board members met onsite with representatives of Burnside High School.

Members were appraised of the management arrangements to cater for the School's growing roll which presently stood at 2,300 pupils.

Given this high student population, traffic associated issues especially at peak school times continued to be a key area to address and manage in association with the Council. Greers Road, the Memorial/Greers Road intersection and proposed modifications to the access and egress points from the school onto both Greers Road and Memorial Avenue were discussed. It was **agreed** that traffic management options to address the various concerns identified await the completion of the redevelopment occurring onsite especially in relation to the Aurora Centre.

A walk was then undertaken around the school which included the new technology building, the Hewlings Stream area and the Aurora Centre presently under construction.

Staff undertook to further liaise with the school about opportunities to enhance the waterway which ran alongside the existing public cycleway within the school grounds.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the report be received.
  2. That the agreed action points be followed up by the staff.

**Chairman's**

- Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.