

## 23. WESTLAKE CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY

<b>Officer responsible</b> City Streets manager	<b>Author</b> Paul Burden, DDI 372 2508
Corporate Plan Output: Advanced Transport Planning 9.6 text 12	

The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Board for traffic management associated with the annual Westlake Christmas light display.

The Board will be aware that the Christmas light display in Westlake attracts thousands of visitors each year. Last year the Board gave financial assistance to the Residents' Association for some traffic management initiatives to mitigate the adverse effects. This funding (\$2,500) went towards establishing an offstreet carpark in Dunbars Road and providing security officers for patrolling the area. These initiatives proved quite successful and it is proposed to repeat them this year. The carpark is already established from last year therefore funding is sought only for security staff. The security firm "Main Event Security" did a great job last year. They patrol the area in the 4 nights leading up to Christmas day, monitoring general security of private properties, littering and other inappropriate behaviour. Residents are given their mobile phone contact prior to the event and can contact them directly on the night.

This is not an event run by the Council. As such the residents are trying to the best they can under extreme circumstances. The continued financial assistance from the Board would go a long way towards satisfying many of the concerns held by residents.

**Recommendation:** That consideration be given to making a contribution towards the initiatives of \$1,500 from the unallocated Riccarton/Wigram Traffic Works fund.