

## 6. ARANUI COMMUNITY RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Community Board on activities in Aranui.

### CONTEXT (PROCESS AND FINANCIAL) OF REPORT

Funding has been allocated to the Aranui Community and to "Aranui Community Renewal" by the Community Board on a yearly basis and by the Council for a three year period.

The Community Board funds approximately 15 community groups or activities and the Community Coordinator position.

Council funding (allocated through the 2001/02 annual plan round) provides for coordination of capital works delivery, assistance with capacity building in the community and to "projects" as they arise.

The partnership (City Council, Housing New Zealand and the Aranui community) reports to a Steering Group comprising two Councillors, Chairperson of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board, representatives of the Community Committee and the Chief Executive Officer of Housing New Zealand.

As well as reporting to that Steering Group, progress will be reported to the Community Board and to the Community Plans Special Committee. This report is the commencement of regular reports to the Community Board.

### BACKGROUND

The aim of Aranui Community Renewal is to "enhance Aranui as a good place to live".

The project aims to improve:

- The physical environment in the area, including parks, streets and other amenities.
- Social opportunities and the social environment, including enhancing community pride and capacity, strengthening connections between individuals, business and community groups, and encouraging better services to the area.
- Economic opportunities, including providing employment and work experience.
- The quality and mix of (Housing New Zealand) rental housing and the delivery of housing management.

The project has developed from a partnership between Housing New Zealand and Christchurch City Council (promoted and supported by the Community Services Committee Housing Working Party) formalised in late 2000, and is now a three way partnership including the Aranui community.

Housing New Zealand have partnered with the Council and see the advantages in partnering with other agencies to ensure the investment they are proposing to make in housing is appropriately related to other initiatives to improve overall community wellbeing, including health, education, employment and crime prevention. There is a desire to demonstrate a successful community renewal approach that can be applied elsewhere in Christchurch and New Zealand.

The project therefore involves co-ordination and collaboration across central government agencies, the Council, residents, community organisations and private sector agencies. The key role that Council can play is as a catalyst in ensuring effective co-ordination and collaboration occurs:

1. In the process of engaging with and building capacity in the community.
2. In integrating the delivery of social services by responsible government agencies and local organisations to address underlying problems.
3. In integrating delivery of planned Council and Housing New Zealand capital works in close cooperation with the community.
4. In completing through 2002 a detailed community renewal strategy which establishes priorities for action and appropriate requests for future Council resource commitment.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE LAST YEAR

Community Hui, 150 plus attendees. The Aranui Community Renewal Committee formed as the community forum representing Aranui people in the partnership.	28 March 2001
Community Consultation Co-ordinator (George Watson) appointed to temporary contract.	17 April 2001
George moves into the Marlow Road "Aranui Community and Housing Information Centre". Community volunteers, associated with the Community Committee, are helping with reception duties.	7 May 2001
Housing New Zealand Tenancy Managers based at the Information Centre mornings only at this stage.	28 May 2001
The Aranui Community Renewal committee adopted a more formal structure with Rob Davidson as chairperson and Maude Boyd as secretary.	19 June 2001
Independent researcher leads a widespread consultation process involving local people and organisations.	July 2001- August 2001
First community based maintenance contract (Grounds Maintenance) was established with Turangawaewae Trust.	July 2001
Publication of the first community renewal newsletter to the residents of Aranui	July 2001
The official opening of the Aranui Community Housing and Information Centre by Hon Lianne Dalziel, MP for Christchurch East.	3 August 2001
Draft Community Needs Analysis Report resulting from the community consultation delivered (circulated separately). To be extended by output from the Aranui Youth Forum.	31 August 2001
Volunteer Group, led by Des Everett, commenced Saturday morning street clean-up in the shopping area.	August 2001
The Aranui Youth Forum, involving 60 youth, was held.	14 September 2001
Launch of the nationwide Community Renewal Programme in Aranui, by the Minister of Housing. Demolition of 12 two-storey multi-units in Portsmouth Street started, employing six local people for four weeks.	19 October 2001
Youth Forum report delivered.	30 October 2001
Initial community consultation completed.	30 October 2001
Wainoni Park design group met at Family Centre to further develop ideas, facilitated by Parks and Waterways Unit.	November 2001
Community Committee prepared a draft Memorandum of Understanding including all three parties.	November 2001
First Community Design Workshop held for Portsmouth Street Redevelopment.	November 2001
Portsmouth Street demolition completed.	30 November 2001
The Wainoni Park design group met twice in the month under Council facilitation.	November 2001
Incorporating output from the above workshops Council Urban Design Team produced a draft plan for re-development of Wainoni Park.	November 2001
Rachael Fonotia, the Council funded Community Coordinator, began working from the Information Centre.	10 December 2001
Demolition of 5-11 Aldershot Street commenced, employing two local people.	04 December 2001
5-11 Aldershot Street demolition completed.	21 December 2001
Pilot Holiday Programme operated in conjunction with local youth organisations, funded by Council.	January 2002
Formalised agreement with Council for vacant site at 5-11 Aldershot Street to be maintained as part of Wainoni Park while longer term plans for the park are developed.	January 2002
Full time staffing of Housing and Information Centre by Housing New Zealand Tenancy Managers.	4 February 2002
Volunteer Training being set up through Supergrans, first classes to be held 15 April 2002.	February 2002
Aranui Trades Academy students start work experience on Housing New Zealand exterior painting contracts in Aranui.	5 February 2002
Pilot "Healthier Living Workshop" run by Aranui Village Mission, attracting 21 participants.	March 2002
Complaints Register set-up at Marlow Road for Community Constables information and follow-up	March 2002
Joint Housing New Zealand/Council Funding approval for Supergrans Learning Centre.	March 2002

## PLANNED ACTIONS (FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS)

Planning underway for second Hui in April.	March 2002
Third Community Renewal newsletter to be published.	March 2002
Prioritised "Key Findings" from the Community Needs Analysis, ready for April Hui.	March 2002
Planning for Wainoni Park redevelopment and consultation.	March – June 2002
Design for Housing New Zealand replacement Portsmouth Street houses confirmed.	April 2002
Project Implementation plan (2002) completed.	April 2002
Wainoni Park play equipment relocated, new recreation facility commenced.	May 2002
Housing New Zealand Portsmouth Street housing completed.	October 2002

## CONCLUSION

While staffing changes have had some impact on the project, the Council's financial commitment to the community and the achievement list above demonstrate a significant commitment to the Renewal.

Michael McNabb, Community Development Adviser and Rachael Fonotia, Community Consultation Coordinator will be in attendance to expand on the community relationships developed in the Renewal.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** For discussion.