

13. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE (Cont'd)

13.1 For members' information attached are schedules of funds distributed in 2003/04 for the Discretionary Funds (following the allocation meeting on 19 February 2003) and the Community Response Assistance Fund.

13.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

13.3 NOTICE OF UPCOMING REPORTS TO THE BOARD

The following reports are expected to be presented to the Board within the next month:

Reports	Meeting
• Burwood/Pegasus Leisure, Parks and Waterways Plan Update - Leisure and Parks and Waterways	16 February
• Rawhiti Domain Community Garden - Advocacy Team/Parks and Waterways	16 February
• Community Facilities Annual Review - Advocacy Team	16 February
• Parklands Library - Libraries and Information	16 February
• Request for Service Update - Advocacy Team	16 February
• Bexley Road Cycle Facilities - City Streets	16 February
• Bexley Reserve, Dog Park and Picnic Area - Parks and Waterways	16 February
• Cockayne Reserve, Removal of Wildlife Viewing Platform - Parks and Waterways	16 February
• Farnborough Street Rezoning - Parks and Waterways	16 February
• New Brighton Road/Locksley Avenue Pathway - Parks and Waterways	1 March
• North New Brighton Community Centre Update - Community Services	1 March
• Parklands/Queenspark Youth Project Update - Community Services/Leisure	1 March
• Te Pani Sculpture Garden, Traffic Calming and Landscape Work - Parks and Waterways	1 March
• South New Brighton Domain, Boat Ramp Key Lock Proposal - Parks and Waterways	1 March
• Civic Awards Criteria - Officer Working Party	29 March
• New Brighton Pier Jurisdiction - Legal and Secretariat Services	Subject to further consultation

13.4 ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY ANNUAL REPORT 2002/03

Environment Canterbury has forwarded its Annual Report for 2002/03. A copy will be available at the meeting.

13.5 NORTH NEW BRIGHTON SAND DUNES

At its meeting on 26 November 2003, the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee considered a report seeking to clarify the options and consents the Council wanted to investigate in relation to lowering sand dunes and providing better public access to North New Brighton beach.

The Committee recommended to the Council:

1. That provision be made in the six monthly review for the sum of \$78,000 required for research/gathering of information in respect of the North New Brighton dunes project.
2. That a forum be established between the Coastal Image Group and Supporters of a Natural Dune System (SANDS) to secure acceptance of common ground with this project.
3. That a copy of the above report be sent to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the Board advised of the above recommendation.

This recommendation was adopted by the Council at its meeting on 11 December 2003.

It is noted from the report that the \$78,000 mentioned is intended to provide for: land tenure/survey (\$7,000), recreation survey (\$10,000), coastal data analysis and modelling (\$55,000), and ecological surveys (\$6,000).

Board members will be informed of arrangements for the forum between the Coastal Image Group and SANDS.

13.6 CIVIC AWARDS 2003

Civic Awards were presented to three residents of the Burwood/Pegasus area: Edward Bone, Ian Jenkins and Margaret Nolan. The nomination for Margaret Nolan, made on the initiative of the Chairperson, enabled her service to the community with Home and Family, Age Concern and the Citizens' Advice Bureau to be recognised formally prior to her death.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board's Working Party to develop criteria for assessing Community Service Award nominations meet once the draft criteria for the Civic Awards are prepared by an Officer Working Party.

13.7 PROPOSED ALCOHOL POLICY

The Council's proposed alcohol policy is open for submissions until 23 February 2004. A copy has been circulated to Board members.

The proposed policy has been developed following a public submission process on a discussion document last year. The Board made a submission on the discussion document.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board consider making a submission on the Council's proposed alcohol policy.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That all Board members be invited to forward their views on the Council's proposed alcohol policy to the Advocacy Team by Friday 30 January 2004.
 2. That the Sale of Liquor Act Committee meet to prepare a submission on the Council's proposed alcohol policy prior to the next Board meeting on 16 February 2004.

13.8 PROPOSED GAMING VENUE POLICY

Public consultation is being undertaken on the Council's proposed Class 4 Gaming Venue and TAB policies. Submissions close on 5 February 2004, although it is understood that a week's extension may be possible.

A joint Community Board briefing on the proposed policy was held on 8 December 2003.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board consider making a submission on the Council's proposed gaming venue policy.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That all Board members be invited to forward their views on the Council's proposed gaming venue policy to the Advocacy Team by Tuesday 3 February 2004 to enable a Board submission to be considered at the Board meeting on 16 February 2004.

13.9 FLEMING STREET SITE MEETING

A site meeting was held in Fleming Street in North New Brighton on 15 December 2003 to discuss the traffic and policing concerns of local residents. Approximately 25 local residents attended the meeting. Also in attendance were: the Board Chairperson, the Community Advocate, Graham Lilley (Community Constable), Marie Austin (Chairperson of the North New Brighton Residents' Association) and Barry Cook (Traffic Engineer - Community).

It is understood that the police have subsequently initiated some enforcement measures in response to requests.

A further meeting of local residents is to be convened to consider the establishment of a neighbourhood support group.

13.10 SOUTHERN CENTRE (MULTI SENSORY EXPERIENCE)

Board members are invited to visit the multi sensory centre for people with disabilities at QEII Park. It is understood that few Board members have had an opportunity to see this state of the art facility. While it is metropolitan in focus, local residents are making use of the facility and a small application is being made to the Board's Project funding for 2004/05 for specific equipment.

It is suggested that the Board arrange a visit to the centre as part of the scheduled Board seminar on 4 February 2003. While at QEII, the Board may also wish to receive an update on QEII matters from the Manager or to make a visit to the new premises of the Project Employment and Environmental Enhancement Programme.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board make a site visit to the Southern Centre at QEII as part of the Board seminar scheduled for Wednesday 4 February 2004.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.

13.11 RAINBOW EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

In early November 2003, staff received notice from the Aranui Wainoni Community Childcare Centres (Incorporated) Board President that the Board had resolved to close the Rainbow Early Learning Centre on 21 November 2003 because of financial losses. At the time the centre still had funds available to cover outstanding accounts including staff entitlements and redundancy.

The Aranui Wainoni Community Childcare Centres Board had accepted also a draft proposal by the Canterbury Westland Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated (Kidsfirst) to take over management of the centre and begin operations in January 2004 as a daycare centre with the existing fees and opening hours.

As a result of the timing and nature of the situation the acting Community Relations Manager presented a report to the Council on 20 November 2003 (attached). This was forwarded to Board members at the time.

The following staff recommendations were all adopted by the Council:

- Accepting surrender of the lease by the Aranui Wainoni Community Childcare Centres Incorporated.
- Granting a lease to the Canterbury Westland Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated.
- Making a yearly operational grant of \$26,400 (provided for in the Advocacy Team budget) until June 2006.

The decision did not include E Tipu e Rea, which continues to operate in the same manner as previously.

A report will come to the Board after discussions with the Ministry of Education and Canterbury Westland Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated have taken place and following a review by staff of Council funded early learning centres in the Burwood and Pegasus wards.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board ask the Community and Leisure Committee to convene an urgent meeting with the Ministry of Education to discuss the intervention and the implication for the long term viability of daycare centres in areas of low decile rating.
 2. That representatives of the Board be invited to the meeting.
 3. That the staff involved be thanked for ensuring the ongoing operation of the facility and their prompt action in this regard.

13.12 RECESS COMMITTEE

No matters were dealt with by the Recess Subcommittee authorised to exercise the delegated powers of the Board in the period from 3 December 2003 to 26 January 2004 inclusive.