



## Christchurch City Council

# SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

6 SEPTEMBER 2005

AT 5.00 PM

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**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT TO COUNCIL: 16 AUGUST 2005**

The report of the meeting of 16 August 2005 has been circulated under separate cover.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the report to Council of the meeting of 16 August 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**3. OPAWA COMMUNITY GARDEN**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Lesley Symington, Community and Recreation Unit Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Ingrid de Meyer, Community Development Adviser, DDI 941-5102

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide further information to the Board in relation to the application from the Opawa Community Garden for \$7,000 from the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary Fund towards the salary of a garden co-ordinator.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The Board requested background information on Opawa Community Garden in relation to its request for funding.
3. The Opawa Community Garden is situated at 163-165 Opawa Road. The garden came into being from land left over from the Brougham Street extension. The gardens are comprised of two section lots and are owned by the Christchurch City Council. The garden has been operating for five years, and is run by volunteers and committee members. The Opawa Community Garden Committee operates under the umbrella of Opawa Community Church Trust. There are currently seven Committee members. The Committee has its own rules governing the Opawa Community Garden. The Committee meet to discuss and plan activities. Financial accounts are audited.
4. The aims of the Opawa Community Garden are:
  - To provide an opportunity for community integration
  - To provide an area of beauty, enhancing the local environment
  - To provide garden produce for participants and those in need
  - To provide an educational opportunity for both adults and children
  - To provide a therapeutic environment.
5. The purpose of the paid position is to co-ordinate the garden project and to provide more services, including more hours at the garden, which volunteers are unable to meet. Several of the community gardens around the city now have part-time paid positions to co-ordinate this work.
6. The garden's main services or activities currently include:
  - Running educational programmes for groups/individuals such as sustainable food supply, glasshouse propagation, biodiversity, household waste management.
  - Providing a place where people can participate in growing organic vegetables, flowers and fruits.
  - Providing a place where people can meet with and work with other gardeners in the area.
  - Providing vegetables for the local community.
  - Composting/ waste minimalisation.
  - Open days (held 2-3 times per year).

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7. The garden co-ordinator position is initially being set up for 10 hours per week. It is envisaged that these hours will increase in the future.
8. The two key aims and activities that the community garden wants to achieve with the addition of a paid part time co-ordinator are:
  - To make the gardens more accessible and available for individuals and community.
  - To undertake community liaison/networking and involve/host more groups and people in the garden.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

9. The Opawa Community Garden does not have legal status. Council funding is therefore limited to \$5,000 or less.
10. The Opawa Community Garden has been a voluntary, financially self-sufficient group. The Committee received a \$2,000 grant five years ago towards set up costs. They have not applied for any funding assistance since they started in 2000.
11. The total cost per annum of the part-time salary is \$12,480. The Opawa Community Garden Committee will be applying to other funding agencies to support the salary cost of the worker.

**BACKGROUND ON OPAWA COMMUNITY GARDEN**

12. Opawa Community Garden is located at 163-165 Opawa Road, on Lot 6 and 7 DP 10073. The land is owned by Council and was obtained for the Brougham Street extension. The two sections were land left over from the above road extension.
13. The community garden was established in the year 2000 and since then, all the work has been done on a voluntary basis. The Committee has now determined that it needs a paid co-ordinator to continue and extend the work of the garden.
14. The garden provides the opportunity for local people to meet and for neighbours and residents to get to know each other through the garden activities. The volunteers are limited to when they can all meet and work in the garden. Currently they meet and are available to the community only on a Saturday on a regular basis. The paid co-ordinator hours would mean there would be someone on site during the week. The volunteers and Committee will continue but they will have a paid person to co-ordinate the whole project.
15. In terms of the co-ordinator hours the Committee wants to employ a person part-time to start with, and envisages the worker will be employed 10 hours per week.
16. The Opawa Community Garden Committee are requesting a total of \$7,000 from the Community Board for salary towards this worker.

**RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICY**

17. The Opawa Community Garden links with the Council's "Growing Communities Together - Community guidelines for Christchurch City Council", adopted by Council December 2003.
18. The community garden also links with the following LTCCP Outcomes  
*"A Sustainable Natural Environment", - "Our people enjoy and value our natural environment and take responsibility for protecting and restoring it" and "A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities" - "Our City encourages a diversity of lifestyles and a sense of social connection, place and identity".*

**3 Cont'd****OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

19. Board members may be aware that recently the Christchurch Community Gardens Association employed a Community Gardens Development Worker for 30 hours per week. The purpose of this city-wide role is "to promote existing and developing community gardens in Christchurch, including their value as community resources, and issues affecting community gardens." Currently there are 12 community gardens in Christchurch. This metropolitan role will therefore support the gardens and their workers, and will assist in increasing community understanding and awareness of community gardens.

**OPTIONS**

20. The following outlines some of the options that the Community Board could choose:
- (a) Grant \$7,000 to Opawa Community Garden towards the salary of a paid co-ordinator.
  - (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested.
  - (c) Decline the application .

**PREFERRED OPTION**

21. Given that the outcomes of the Opawa Community Garden Project align with the city's Community Outcomes and Council's Strategic Directions, the preferred option is to grant a significant amount of the funding requested, to assist with the initial establishment of the part-time position. The group has a stable history over the five years it has been operating, and receive excellent support from the Opawa Community Church Trust.
22. The Garden Committee has run this community garden solely through volunteers for the past five years and is now needing a paid position to further develop, expand and co-ordinate the project. A major factor contributing to the success of Strickland Street Community Garden is the presence of a paid co-ordinator. A paid position will assist this group to be more accessible and provide more services and social connection with the local community. This position will also help assist the group further plan its development as a group.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board allocate \$5,000 towards the salary of a part-time garden co-ordinator at Opawa Community Garden from the Board's 20005/06 Discretionary Fund.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be supported.

**4. PALATINE TERRACE TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager City Environment
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Don Munro, Transport & City Streets Unit Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Kirsty Ferguson, Consultation Leader, DDI 941-8662

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval of the preferred option to do nothing at this time in relation to traffic calming measures along Palatine Terrace.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The Council has historically received requests to address traffic speed issues in Palatine Terrace from the residents, who identified vehicles travelling at high speeds as a problem, and requested speed humps and traffic calming.
3. Consultation was undertaken with residents in September 2004, and there was only a 25% response rate. Of the 10 responses received, seven identified a traffic speed problem in the vicinity of Palatine Reserve, and three indicated that they perceived no traffic speed issue.
4. The preferred option is to do nothing at this time. Any traffic speed reduction measures identified as part of the consultation undertaken in conjunction with the Heathcote River Management Plan can be investigated and progressed within that process.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

5. The neighbourhood improvement works for Palatine Terrace were programmed in the Transport and City Streets Unit's capital programme for implementation in the 2005/06 financial year. However, as no further action is proposed at this time, there will be no financial considerations in relation to this project.
6. There are no legal implications for this project.

**BACKGROUND ON PALATINE TERRACE TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT**

7. The Council has historically received requests to address traffic speed in Palatine Terrace from the residents, who identified vehicles travelling at high speeds as a problem, and requested speed humps and traffic calming.
8. Consultation on traffic speeds was undertaken with Palatine Terrace residential owners and occupiers between Buxton Terrace and Centaurus Road in September 2004, to ascertain whether this problem has since been resolved or reduced.
9. A letter was delivered to all residential owners and occupiers in Palatine Terrace, which asked residents to confirm if there was a problem with traffic speed in their street. A cut-off slip and freepost envelope were provided to encourage the residents to express their concerns, if they had any.
10. It was explicitly stated that this initial feedback would determine if the project proceeded or not. If it was found that there was a general concern relating to traffic speed in Palatine Terrace from residents, the Council would consult further with residents regarding the types and locations of options to be investigated.
11. There was a 25% response rate, with ten responses received in total. Of these responses, seven indicated that there was a speed related problem, and three considered there was no problem.
12. Where no response was received from residents, it was assumed that they had no problem with traffic speed in Palatine Terrace. This was explicitly stated in the letter sent out for consultation.
13. It was therefore concluded that:
  - (a) The lack of response indicated that residents do not now consider there to be a traffic speed issue in Palatine Terrace.
  - (b) Any concerns held by the seven respondents about traffic speed in Palatine Terrace seemed to arise in and around the Palatine Reserve area.

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- (c) Of those respondents who indicated that they do not consider there to be a speed problem, one resident commented "no more speed bumps". There are speed bumps at the eastern end of Palatine Terrace, which appear to be having an impact on reducing traffic speed.
- (d) Given the low level of comment relating to the speeding issue, the project team determined that there would be little value added to the project by undertaking a speed survey.

**OPTIONS**

- 14. The potential options to address speed issues in residential streets such as Palatine Terrace include:
  - (a) Speed humps.
  - (b) Chicanes.
  - (c) Road narrowing.
  - (d) Police enforcement.
- 15. Two respondents identified speed humps as an option, one identified chicanes, and one respondent suggested implementing speed restrictions and pedestrian islands.
- 16. It should be noted that the Capital Projects Team, Greenspace Unit are working to produce a Heathcote River Management Plan. As part of that Plan, Palatine Terrace's road and infrastructure may be assessed for improvement works. If works within the proximity of Palatine Terrace are proposed involving the impact on the horizontal or vertical alignment of the road, then potentially, speed reduction measures (i.e. humps, chicanes, and platforms) may be considered as part of such works in the vicinity of the Palatine Reserve. It has been suggested that any such measures should be evaluated in conjunction with the location of the pedestrian bridge between Palatine Terrace and Eastern Terrace.

**PREFERRED OPTION**

- 17. The preferred option is to do nothing at this time in relation to traffic speed reduction measures along Palatine Terrace. Such measures and associated investigations may be progressed further if the outcomes associated with the Heathcote River Asset Management Plan involve works on Palatine Terrace.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve that no further traffic speed reduction work be undertaken at this time along Palatine Terrace.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.

**5. TRANSPORT AND CITY STREETS UNIT – UPDATE ON CURRENT ISSUES**

Richard Bailey will be in attendance to discuss current issues.

**6. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	Group Manager Community Services
<b>Unit Manager responsible:</b>	Lesley Symington, Community and Recreation Unit Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Maria Moran, Community Recreation Adviser, DDI 941-5107

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for an application for funding from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Funding is being sought by a 14 year old boy, James Correia, living in the St. Martins area towards costs associated with representing the Mainland Soccer Federation at the Gold Coast Cup; an event for players in the 14 years age group to be held in Australia in September this year.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2005:

<b>Activity/Competition</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Air fare (incl taxes)	September 2005	\$744.00
Accommodation	September 2005	\$816.57
Gear	September 2005	\$ 50.00
Transport	September 2005	\$ 67.42
Entry fee	September 2005	\$ 31.83
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$1,709.82</b>

4. The Correia family are very supportive of the applicant in his involvement in soccer. Mr Correia plays soccer at Masters level and assists James with his training and Mrs Correia has just completed a referees course. This is the first time the applicant has come to the Board for funding. This selection is based on recent performance.

**BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST**

5. The selection for the Gold Coast Cup in Australia represents an opportunity for the applicant to compete at international level for the first time. The applicant won his place in the team after being involved in several trial events this year. The Mainland Soccer Federation team comprises eighteen members from throughout Canterbury.
6. The applicant and his parents have been involved in a variety of fundraising activities for some time.
7. The fluctuations in the currency exchange rate have had the effect of increasing costs since the initial budget (above) was drawn up, with the total costs now anticipated to be approximately \$100 greater than that shown.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board resolve to allocate \$500 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund

## 7. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	Group Manager Community Services
<b>Unit Manager responsible:</b>	Lesley Symington, Community and Recreation Unit Manager
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for an application for funding from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Heather Targett, a 16 year old girl living in the St. Martins area, towards costs associated with representing New Zealand at the 2005 World Youth Sportclimbing Championships to be held in Beijing, China, in August this year.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2005:

Activity/Competition	Date	Cost
Air fare (incl taxes)	August 2005	\$2,000
Accommodation and expenses	August 2005	\$1,500
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$3,500</b>

4. The applicant is a member of the Christchurch Flying Geckos Climbing Club and the New Zealand Sportclimbing Federation.
5. The Targett family are very supportive of the applicant in her involvement in climbing. This is the third time the applicant has come to the Board for funding. This selection is based on recent competition form, including the National Cup event where she came first in the Under 18 and second in the Open competition.

### BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

6. The selection for the World Youth Championships represents an opportunity for the applicant to compete at international level for the second time. The applicant won her place in the team after a training camp at the end of July. The New Zealand Youth team comprises 8-9 members from throughout New Zealand.
7. The applicant and her parents have been involved in a variety of fundraising activities for some time, including raffles and sausage sizzles, and have raised \$1,300 to date.
8. The applicant is very focused on her sport, training five days a week. She has travelled four times to the North Island this year for competition and training.
9. The applicant was not advised of her selection for this event until late July following the National Cup event.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board agree to allocate \$500 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant travelling to Beijing to represent New Zealand at the World Youth Sportclimbing Championships.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.



**8. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 22 AUGUST 2005 MEETING**

The report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 22 August 2005 is attached.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the report of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee of 22 August 2005 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

**9. UPDATE OF BOARD FUNDS**

Attached are schedules with up-to-date information regarding the Board's 2005/06 Project, Discretionary, SCAP and Youth Development Funds, together with a copy of the Board's Outcomes and Measures.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be received.

**10. UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER**

The Community Board Principal Adviser will update the Board on current issues.

**11. BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Board members will have an opportunity to provide updates on community activities/Council issues.

**12. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (IF ANY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
STANDING ORDERS 4.1.1 TO 4.1.5)**

**SEMINAR MEETING – 6.15 PM**

**1. MOORHOUSE AVENUE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

Lee Kelly from the Transport and City Streets Unit will be in attendance to discuss Moorhouse Avenue traffic management and safety improvements. An information leaflet has previously been distributed.

**2. SPARKS ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Kirsty Ferguson from the Transport and City Streets Unit will be in attendance to discuss the Sparks Road safety improvements project. Information regarding this project has previously been distributed.