


3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(b) **Mr Roger Dowling, Suburban Swimming Pools**



Mr Roger Dowling made a deputation in support of the upgrading, enhancement and retention of all five suburban swimming pools in Christchurch – Belfast, Woolston, Edgware, Papanui and Templeton. He presented a large colourful poster designed by Papanui children in support of retention of their pool. Mr Dowling believed that suburban pools instilled a sense of community, with whole families attending, and gave young people an activity thereby keeping them out of trouble. He noted the benefits for serious swimmers in being able to train locally, the open air pool being more desirable on hot days and the opportunity for young people to hold pool parties.

In discussion, it was pointed out that no decision had been made to close any of the three community pools in the Shirley/Papanui community, but that a further complex in Papanui had been proposed. Members were aware of the minimal maintenance being undertaken by the Council and were mindful of Occupational Health and Safety requirements and costs.