

**This submission is on behalf of the Kennedys Bush Road
Neighbourhood Association Incorporated**

We wish to submit on the following matters associated with the LTCCP

Issue:- Strategic Issues – Section 1 Page 1 Supporting Communities

*“build new libraries in Belfast, **Halswell**, Hornby,
Linwood and Aranui, as well as a new Central Library;”*

*• build new community centres in Belfast, **Halswell** and
Hornby;*

What: - In relation to the proposal to build a new library and community centre in Halswell the council should look to partner with the department of Education, who we understand are looking to build a new school in Halswell. The aim should be for a library/Learning centre, community/arts centre, indoor sporting/fitness facilities. This combined facility would best serve people if it was sited on the new school site or near to it so that pupils could access it via a walkway. If the new school partnered with the council and local sporting bodies in regard to the existing sporting grounds then shared use could enable the new school to plan their grounds to meet the needs of the whole community. Halswell Pool should be covered for all year round use by the community and schools.

Why:- If the City Council, Education Department, schools in the area sporting bodies and other community organisations work together and have a shared facilities then the community will get bigger and better facilities to be used by all. A look at the outdoor playing fields already available and an integrated planning approach would mean that extra playing fields could be provided for within the new school grounds. Too often facilities are replicated, when with some forward planning and working together something bigger and better can be done. Most schools now do not have their own swimming pools and unfortunately children are not learning to swim competently at an early age as they did in the past. Thus covering the pool and sharing costs and use would mean schools in the area could operate a year round swimming programme. The overall aim should be one of forming partnerships for the greater good of the whole. By doing this a real sense of community will develop and funds will not be wasted by replication.

Examples below:-

<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/minister-for-education/shared-approach-to-building-great-community-facilities.html>

**From the Minister for Education
SHARED APPROACH TO BUILDING GREAT COMMUNITY
FACILITIES**

Wednesday, 02 July 2008

Victorian schools are learning the value of working with community and business organisations to combine funds and resources to build shared use halls, libraries, children's centres and performing arts spaces for all to enjoy.

Acting Education Minister Maxine Morand said the government's new Shared Facility Partnerships Guide would be a great help for schools, communities and local and state government agencies in planning for and maintaining successful partnerships.

"Schools hold a special place in local communities and the Brumby Government is committed to opening the school gates even wider through shared-facility partnerships," Ms Morand said.

"By combining resources, they will be able to build facilities such as halls, libraries, performing arts spaces, technology and recreational centres and children's centres for all to use and benefit from.

"Better facilities can benefit the whole community when schools, councils, community organisations, businesses, sports clubs and other education providers combine resources.

"While providing outstanding learning opportunities will always be the main focus of our schools, these partnerships will strengthen their role in local communities even further.

"The Shared Facilities Partnership Guide will help Victorian schools work with local councils, community organisations, businesses and other education providers to identify community infrastructure needs."

The Shared Facility Partnerships Guide will provide information about governance, creating partnerships and construction and facility management to support better sharing of infrastructure between schools and community organisations.

The Community Development Minister Peter Batchelor said shared use facilities would mean more efficient government investment without duplicating facilities already in the community.

"As local areas change, their need for local facilities and services changes too, and we need better coordination of government investment to make sure communities get what they need," Mr Batchelor said.

"Good local infrastructure is a common feature of our most liveable communities and this initiative is about working together to meet the needs of future generations."

The Shared Facilities Partnership Guide is available at www.education.vic.gov.au or www.dpcd.vic.gov.au

Also <http://www.centerforschoolchange.org/2009/shared-school-community-facilities-are-a-winning-combination.html>

*In the next ten years, the Council plans to:
spend around \$143 million on maintaining and
developing its parks network, including \$74 million for
purchasing land for new parks and \$7.5 million on a new
visitor centre for the Botanic Gardens;*

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What: Have as a priority the extensions of Halswell Quarry Park to the Summit Road, to Old Tai Tapu Road and to Henderson's Basin to cater for cyclists, horseriders and walkers. These corridors to reflect the flora of the Port Hills to encourage the rehabilitation of native bird life in the area.

• *spend around \$68 million on maintaining and improving footpaths and cycleways.*

What: Realign curbs to enable cycleways to be routed off the roads and/or wherever possible site cycleways adjacent to footpaths not outside of the curb as currently happens. Where cycleways are sited on the roadway rumble strips need to be installed to alert drivers when they drift into the cycle lane. If the council is serious about lessening the volume of cars on the roads then they need to seriously plan for cycleways that are separated from the road and people can safely use to travel quickly into town and across town. In Halswell ensure new subdivisions have cycleways incorporated into their design and where possible link these to parklands and wetlands.

Why: Good planning, linking green areas and providing the necessary off road walkways /cycleways will ensure that people in Halswell will experience a healthy environment which will be able to be used by other citizens from greater Christchurch who wish to avail themselves of the country atmosphere and the fitness benefits.

Making provision for cycleways off road and linking to the city would mean that more people would use cycles. At the moment a cyclist puts their life in their hands cycling into town.

Page 196 Energy Conversation.

What: There should be targets for minimum solar gain on every new house.

Why: -Buildings that are well placed and well designed to save energy and maximise the energy from the elements, sun, wind etc will help to reduce carbon emissions an aim of the council and society.

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'the council may require' To read – **the council will require**

Rivers and Streams.

What: The council should ensure that no development adversely effects and rivers or streams and the council does not violate its own standards for the sake of development. The goal of the council should be to rehabilitate all those rivers and streams that have been degraded. We are especially concerned of the effects that new developments may have on the Halswell River especially as it feeds into the sensitive Lake Te Waihora, a valuable source of Mahinga Kai for Ngai Tahu.

Why: The council has been lax in regard to resource consents – e.g. Aidenfield and the latest fiasco where they wish to discharge into our rivers more contaminants even now when the state of them is very poor. The Halswell river is a very sensitive river and has been subject to pollution regularly from sediment release from developments.

Submission written by Sylvia Lukey on behalf of the Kennedys Bush Road Neighbourhood.

Pge 44 Financial policies

Water supply targeted rate – full charge and half charge:

The purpose of this rate is to recover the net operating cost of water supply. It is assessed on every separately rated property to which water is supplied through the on-demand water reticulation system. The half charge is assessed on rating units which are serviceable, i.e. situated within 100 metres of any part of the on-demand water reticulation system, but which are not connected to that system.

Liability for the Water Supply Targeted Rate is calculated as a number of cents in the dollar of capital value.

Categories

Rates decimal

(cents / \$)

Revenue sought

(\$'000)

Connected 0.030265 21,791

Serviceable 0.015132 207

What:- We would expect to be consulted on as a community before paying for water via water metering, especially if that cost relates to property values.

It would be totally unfair if metering comes into force due to the large scale watering of the dry Canterbury Plains by farmers especially dairy farmers.

Sylvia Lukey On behalf of the Kennedys Bush Road Neighbourhood Association Inc