

**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19

**BY:** Burwood/Pegasus Community Board

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the Council on the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 (LTCCP).

The focus of the Board's feedback to the Council is in relation to the proposed capital programme and the various Statement of Proposals. Where relevant and known, the bracketed project number and page references refer to the line items listed in Volume 1 of the LTCCP.

The Board **desires** to be heard in support of this submission.

## 2. THANKS

The Board extends its thanks to the Council for its intention to commit funding to a number of key capital projects in Burwood/Pegasus over the life of the Plan, particularly the following:

- Aranui – New Library (project #163, page 252)
- New Brighton – Corporate Accommodation/Boardroom (project #151, page 248)
- Marshland/Prestons Intersection – Road Network Improvements (project #77, page 259)
- New Brighton Bus Priority – Public Transport Infrastructure (project #195, page 256)
- Pages Road Bridge – Earthquake Strengthening – 2014/15
- Pages/Breezes Intersection – to address capacity and safety issues (project #201, page 260, 2013-16)

The Board strongly supports these projects being confirmed by the Council in the adoption of its Long Term Council Community Plan.

## 3. PROJECT PRIORITIES

In addition to the projects referred to in 2 above, the Board also discussed a number of other local projects and those mentioned below reflect the Board's priorities in the order that they are listed.

- (i) **Queen Elizabeth II Park – Traffic Management and Parking** (project #168, page 254/255, 2011 and 2013) **and Travis/Blue Gum Place Roundabout** (project #307, page 270/271, unfunded, 2015)

The Board is pleased to note the intention in years two and four of the plan to address the onsite traffic management and parking requirements for QEII Park.

The Board is aware that funding is available in 2010 for the IPC Games towards the athletics warm-up track, events board and public signage improvements together with upgrades at the roadside. The Board submits that it would make sense for the funding earmarked in years 2011 and 2013 for the roading and parking improvements, to be brought forward and undertaken concurrent with the upgrades proposed for the 2010 Games.

The Board would also draw to the Council's notice that during the current term of the Board, there have been requests made to it by the community seeking some strategic action aimed at addressing the traffic impacts on the local community arising from major events conducted at QEII Park. A recent example of this was the annual City to Surf event which whilst the Board acknowledges was extremely successful, it also brought with it a myriad of offsite traffic related problems for the travelling public, for the public spaces surrounding QEII Park, and for the residential neighbours adjoining the park.

The Board observed that the project details include upgrading the main road entrance from Travis Road which may include a roundabout or traffic signal controls. The Board also noted the roundabout mentioned for the adjoining Travis/Blue Gum Place intersection is an unfunded capital item for 2015.

In order to complete the full enhancement of this main entrance in accordance with the Council adopted 2005 Ten Year Concept Plan for Queen Elizabeth II Park, the Board would submit that it makes practical sense for the Travis/Blue Gum leg of the project to be undertaken at the same time as the main entrance improvements in 2013.

(ii) **Suburban Interchanges** (project 178, page 256/257)

The Board supports the planned \$14,181,000 investment in public transport infrastructure over the ten year period of the LTCCP.

The Board understands that the funding proposed will provide for three suburban interchanges and in this regard, the Board submits that the highest city-wide priority for such provision is New Brighton with seven bus routes terminating at or passing through New Brighton, with over 500 buses involved per day.

(iii) **Owles Terrace – Former Yard**

At its meeting on 11 December 2008, the Council considered a report regarding the future use of the former yard and landfill area and resolved inter alia, to adopt the recommendation from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board that stated:

- (c) *to give urgent consideration to funding the removal of stockpiles, removal of fencing, levelling and grass sowing of the balance of the site excluding area C.*

The expectation of the Board and of the local community at that time was that immediate steps would therefore be taken to give effect to the Council's decision.

Through this submission process however, the Board now understands from the staff that these remedial works are to be undertaken on a staged basis over a number of years namely, 2009/10 to 2013/14. The Board is most concerned about this apparent change in funding commitment and would urge the Council to complete the tidying up of the site without further delay.

**(iv) Pathways – Avon River Corridors (unfunded)**

In response to the opportunity provided in late 2008 for the Board to review the local capital projects, the Board requested the addition of the following pathway projects:

- New Brighton Road (Wainoni Road to Owles Terrace) – pathway along Avon River (Jubilee Walkway)
- Estuary walkway extension (Admirals Way to Kibblewhite Street)
- Wairoa Reserve to Pages Road (east side) – footpath along river corridor

The response from staff was that the city-wide pathway and track renewal and estuary walkway budgets could be applied to undertake these works.

The existing cycle lanes on New Brighton Road make the available road space very narrow in many places. As a consequence, it is the Board's considered view that cyclists should be encouraged to use the river bank pathways in preference to the road corridor.

The Board submits that the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists would be significantly improved if these works were carried out utilising the funding sources advised by the staff.

**(v) New Brighton CCTV Cameras (unfunded)**

The Board was recently approached by the New Zealand Police to fund the provision of a portable camera to be used by the police as a deterrent for crime in the mall and the surrounding New Brighton area.

The Board submits that this is a community issue and accordingly would ask for the appropriate Business Unit(s) to be requested to consider the possibility of providing this technology in and around the New Brighton Mall, preferably by way of arranged partnerships involving the police, the Council and the local community.

**(vi) Rawhiti Domain – Multi-Sports Facility – Public Squash Facilities (unfunded)**

In 2008, the Board was consulted and responded on the proposal to retire the squash facilities from Queen Elizabeth II Park.

Whilst it accepted the Council's decision with reluctance and disappointment at the time, the Board expressed a desire that replacement public squash facilities should be included in the future design of the multi-sports complex proposed for Rawhiti Domain.

By way of this submission, the Board reiterates that it still has this same desire given the fact that the Burwood/Pegasus community no longer has access to public squash facilities run by the Council.

**(vii) New Brighton – Public South Carpark (unfunded)**

Arising from ongoing feedback from the New Brighton community and from visitors to the area, the Board submits that there would be benefits for the south carpark to be extended to better accommodate the growing usage and visitation that is occurring. The carpark is a popular parking destination particularly with older visitors who like to sit in their cars and take in the sea views. The congestion that arises especially at weekends, is becoming more frequent and in the Board's view could be better accommodated and managed through increasing the size of the existing carpark.

**(viii) Horseshoe Lake Reserve at Lake Terrace Road**

The Board seeks the provision of barriers/gates at the carpark entry points off Lake Terrace Road to better control and manage vehicle access and the resulting anti social activity that is occurring in this area especially at night.

Based on information from staff, the Board understands that these improvements are able to be funded from the carpark renewal budget and accordingly, the Board would request that the Council confirm this possibility.

**(ix) Suburban Public Artworks - Funding (unfunded)**

The Board understands that there is currently no operational budget available to fund the provision of suburban public artworks as had been the case in the past.

So as to enable Community Boards to choose to be involved in the oversight and delivery of public artwork projects in their respective areas, the Board would request that the Council make funding provision for this to occur.

**(x) New Brighton Pier – Fishing Facility (unfunded)**

The Board is aware that anecdotally, there is a desire for a dedicated “clip on” fishing structure to be added at the end of the pier. Although the Pier Liaison Group is now in place to oversee the activities occurring on the pier, the fishing history and associated interactions around fishing have not always been to a standard deemed acceptable to pier users and the community.

The Board draws this idea to the attention of the Council and indicates a willingness to be further involved as required.

**4. OTHER MATTERS****(i) New Brighton Revitalisation – 2002 Master Plan**

The Board understands that a number of the key elements of the Council’s adopted 2002 Master Plan for the revitalisation of New Brighton are not included in the Council’s future budget programme.

The Board expresses to the Council its disappointment that this appears to be the case given the extensive consultation and engagement that took place at the time and of the community expectations that still remain.

One particular aspect for which the Board would request be attended to as a maintenance item is for the existing gravel path located between the whale pool playground and the pier terminus building to be sealed. The area is currently an eyesore and does not fulfil its purpose of enabling pedestrians and others to move around the area without observed difficulties.

As part of its forward work programme, the Board intends to revisit and review the contents of the Master Plan.

**(ii) Hagley Oval – Cricket Venue**

The Board has no particular view on the merits or otherwise of the proposal to establish a test cricket facility at Hagley Oval.

The Board does however submit that the Village Green at Queen Elizabeth II Park should be retained as a quality cricket venue given the Council's considerable financial investment in that facility.

Accordingly, the Board supports the retention of funding to provide public toilet facilities at the Village Green.

## 5. STATEMENT OF PROPOSALS

In brief, the Board comments as follows:

- **Early Learning Centres**  
By majority, the Board favours Option (b) being to outsource the provision of the QEII Park pre-school facility.
- **Trust for Charitable Purposes**  
The Board supports the establishment of a trust for charitable purposes, but need to know that the Inland Revenue Department has approved the establishment of such a trust.
- **Christchurch Town Hall**  
The Board supports by majority, the transfer of the Christchurch Town Hall to a council controlled trading organisation.
- **Sustainable Energy Strategy**  
The Board supports the establishment of a charitable trust to implement the Council's sustainable energy strategy.
- **City Tram Route - Extension**  
The Board by majority, does **not** support the proposal to extend the city tram route.



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