

Items for Annual Plan Submissions from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board

The Board's submission to the Christchurch City Council advocating for an increase in the amount of money allocated on an annual basis for footpath work.

This Board has received several requests from residents in its wards asking for the provision of footpaths. Some of these requests were from developments, which were allowed to proceed with footpaths on one side of the road only. Residents expressed concern about damage done to the berms by service deliverers such as postie and "paper boys" riding their bikes on the grass especially during winter. Safety concerns about pedestrians especially school children having to cross the road unnecessarily especially in inclement weather were raised. Some even advised of abuse from residents about walking on "their grass". Other requests have arisen from changes in lifestyles ie encouraging people to walk for health and fitness and the development of recreational facilities. An example of this in this Board's area is the Styx Mill Reserve. This has become a very popular attraction for local walkers in the Redwood and Casebrook area. Cavendish Road has become the access of choice by the walkers to the reserve. There is no footpath provided between Sturrocks Road and Styx Mill Road. The current speed limit for the major part of this section of this road is 70kph. This Board has also received requests from the Styx Residents Group for a footpath in this section as it sees the lack of a footpath as a safety issue especially with the growing number of children in the Regents Park subdivision. They have identified this road as being part of a "safer routes to school" route should a footpath be provided. Estimated costs for the footpath \$75,000.

In previous years the Council has allocated about \$50,000 p.a. In 2003/04 it provided \$250,000. It is understood that there is no money specifically set aside for new footpaths in 2004 /05.

It is also understood that there are currently \$6 million worth of requests for pedestrian facilities.

The Board submits that Council provides funding in the Budget for new footpaths in this and succeeding years as it sees this fitting in with the LTCCP's Community Outcomes for "A Safe City", a "Healthy and Active People" and "A liveable City".

The Board's submission to the Christchurch City Council advocating for more financial assistance for Orana Wildlife Park.

Whilst the Orana Wildlife Park is not in the Board's area the Board has contributed \$22,500 from its Projects Funds, \$7,500 in each of the 1999/2000, 2000/01 and 2003/04 Budgets. The funds were used to assist in the upgrading of "public" facilities. The Board did this as it recognises this facility as a significant educational asset as well as a tourist attraction to this City.

This Park is unique in that it is not a Council owned facility, as is the case in other centres eg Auckland and Wellington. From information received these facilities have Council funded operating grants of \$1.2 to \$1.5 million.

Last year this Council gave Orana Park a grant of \$175,000. The Council spent \$30 million on Social Initiatives. The Board would like to see the facility affordable for families and this might be achieved by reducing their operating debit.

The Board submits that Council allocates enough funding to the trust to cover at least their projected operating deficit after depreciation so as to ensure that the trust can maintain and continue the development of the park.

The Board sees that support of this facility fits in well with Council's Community Outcomes in the LTCCP for "A Learning City".

The Board's submission to the Christchurch City Council advocating for an additional sum of money to be allocated to community boards to support their local leisure projects.

The Board is allocated \$390,000 by Council for the funding of local projects in their wards.

Of this money the Board is required to set aside the following sums for specific projects

\$50,000 Discretionary Fund for allocation during the year

\$40,000 Strengthening Communities Action Plan projects

\$50,000 Support/employment of Community Workers

This leaves a balance of \$250,000 to spend on other projects.

The Board has allocated \$67,000 for local community leisure projects for 2004/05. This equates to approximately 27% of the balance of the Board's Project Funds and is in line with previous years.

The programme is made up the following:

Community Events (including Children's Day) \$26,000

Older Adult Recreation Fund \$5,00

Tweenager Recreation Programmes \$12,000

Youth (14-18 years) Recreation Projects \$21,000

The Recreation Adviser advises that the activities provided in these programmes are well attended and that the school holiday programmes especially are heavily over subscribed.

The Board has also allocated a further \$68,000 for the OSCAR and out of school programmes.

These two items account for 54% of the balance of the Board's Project Funds and leaves just \$115,000 for other projects.

The Board submits that Council increase the Boards Project Funds by \$50,000 and that this money be targeted for local community leisure projects.

The Board further submits that Council advocates to Central Government for further funding of the OSCAR Programmes.

The Board sees the above two projects meeting the LTCCP's Community Outcomes of "Inclusive Communities", "Healthy and Active People" and "A Cultural and Fun City".

The Board make a submission to the Christchurch City Council advocating for financial assistance for the redevelopment of English Park. Playground equipment

The original plans showed the provision of an adventure playground in the park in the area between the playing field and St Albans Primary School. The idea was that this would be in a community partnership with the School and Council. The school would have access to the play equipment during school time and children accompanying parents attending functions/games at the park could use it and still be under supervision of the parent. The school has approached the Board on several occasions querying the date of installation.

The Board submits that \$60,000 be provided in the Greenspace Unit Budget 2004/05 for the provision of a playground at English Park. The Board sees the above two projects meeting the LTCCP's Community Outcomes of "Healthy and Active People" and "A Cultural and Fun City".

The Board make a submission to the Council advocating for the upgrade/replacement of the Horner Street public toilets to meet disability standards.

These toilets are starting to show their age and the toilet block design does not fit comfortably with the redevelopment of the Memorial Reserve (for fallen servicemen of Papanui) in which the block sits. The development is a partnership of the RSA and the Board. The interiors of block are frequently hit by taggers. Requests have been received from the public to have them upgraded so as to provide toilet facilities for the disabled. These toilets are the first available from town the only ones on the left hand side from Belfast. Property Assets Management Team's response to a request from the Board to have the toilets in their 10 yr programme indicates they are still in the process of identifying Levels of Service to enable prioritisation of maintenance, renewal and replacement requirements. This Board see the upgrade as having a high priority.

The Board submits that upgrade/replacement of the Horner Street Toilets be included in the 2004/05 Budget. The Board see this as satisfying the LTCCP's Community Outcomes for "A Safe City" and "A Liveable City".

The Board support Te Papanui Trust in their bid for funds for the Papanui Youth Facility, with a submission to the Budget Committee.

The Council has recognised at previous submissions to the Annual Plan process a need for a youth facility in Papanui area. Three years ago a suitable building became available and the Board put forward \$35,000 from its Project Funds for a fit-out. After a submission to the Budget Committee, Council agreed to fund the cost of the rental of \$45,000 per year for three years. Unfortunately negotiations for the premises fell over at the last minute. The \$45,000 has been carried over for the past three years while staff and the community sought suitable premises. Investigations have shown that in the short to medium term there is no likelihood of suitable properties coming onto the market or being made available. With this information St Paul's Church, Papanui made land available on their property for a youth facility. A partnership of St Paul's Church, Te Papanui Trust, Papanui Youth Development Trust and the Board was set up. To date \$12,000 of the money set aside by the Board has been spent on architect plans and other preliminary expenses. Te Papanui Trust is seeking \$220,000 in its submission to Council and this along with other monies, including the \$135,000 set aside by Council, will go towards the cost of the proposed new facility.

The Board appreciates the generous offer of land by the Church and strongly supports the Te Papanui Trust in their request for funding. The Board sees this as meeting the LTCCP Community Outcomes of "A Learning City", "Inclusive Communities", "Healthy and Active People", "A Safe City" and "A Cultural and Fun City".

The Board seek Council support for a Papanui Community Facility that includes a pool, in the budget.

The Board is aware of a need for a Community facility in the North Western part of the City. For at least the past 10 years the Board has been making submissions to Council for this facility, initially a "dry" facility to be included in the Capital Works Budget. About three years ago \$8 million was "ear marked" for 2004/05 for a new facility in the city and the Board put in a bid for that money. In the 2003/04 Budget this money was set aside for the maintenance and upgrading of existing facilities. The Board submits that with the

operating costs and state of repair of the Papanui Pool the need for a new pool facility in the Papanui area is becoming more urgent. Concerns have also been raised about the increasing operating cost of other suburban pools including those in Belfast and Edgware. It is considered that site of the present Papanui pool is limited in its scope for providing a new facility for various reasons, including lack of size and close proximity to residential properties, so as to include the range of features now expected in a modern pool complex. With the limited land available in Papanui the Board considers that Council should be looking now for a suitable site for a future development.

The Board submits that Council makes a commitment to providing a Community Facility, with a pool by setting aside funds in the LTCCP 10 year capital expenditure programme for the purchase of land in the Papanui area. The Board sees this as meeting the LTCCP Community Outcomes of “Inclusive Communities”, “Healthy and Active People”, and “A Cultural and Fun City”.

The Board supports the submission of the Redwood Primary School for funding to overcome the shortfall of \$50 000 for the construction of a community hall.

Earlier this year the Board received a deputation from the Redwood Primary School seeking financial assistance to complete their project to develop a school / community hall on the school grounds in Prestons Road, Redwood. The deputation advised that the school had actively fund raised during the year but they will be \$50,000 short of the planned \$563,000 project. They also advised that they felt that they had exhausted all other sources of funding. They wish to have the hall completed free of any debt. As this deputation was made after the Board had allocated its Project Funds for the 2004/05 it was suggested by the Board that they could make representation to Council during the draft budget processes. The Board undertook to support the School in their application. The Board also advised that they would provide funding from its Discretionary Funds for the proposed stage lift.

The Board sees the provision of a community facility in this area as a priority. The present school hall is located away from the street and the access at night with no other activities on site is considered to be unsafe. The only other community facilities in the area are the school halls at Belfast Primary, Northcote Primary and Marshland. The halls are seen as being situated in other communities. The Board would welcome such a facility as this as it has had to in the past arrange meetings in premises not entirely appropriate. There are also three elderly persons complexes in the immediate area with only one having a community “lounge”. This lounge is also in constant demand.

The Board submits that \$50,000 be provided in the Council’s 2004/05 Budget for the completion of the Redwood Primary School Hall/ Community Centre. The Board see this as satisfying the LTCCP’s Community Outcomes for “Inclusive Communities” and “A Cultural and Fun City”.

The Board supports the bringing forward of the Belfast wastewater pipeline into the 2004/05-06 programmes.

The Board has for sometime been concerned with the possibilities of ecological damage to the environment should the Belfast Wastewater Treatment Plant fail and discharge sewage into the Otukaikino Stream through overloading or other problems. This concern has intensified over recent years with the intensive urban development in the area. Resource Consent Applications are adding the possibility of further residential development.

The Board submits that it strongly endorses the bringing forward of the wastewater pipeline into the 2004/05 Budget. The Board sees this project meeting the LTCCP “Community Outcomes” of “A Sustainable, Natural Environment” and “A Liveable City”.

That budget provision is made for all waterways construction and maintenance to be in accordance with Safer Parks policy

The Board asks that sufficient funds be set-aside in the Greenspace Budget for further “naturalising” of waterways as well as the maintenance of existing naturalised streams. Continual maintenance is required to prevent overgrowing as is occurring in Erica Reserve and Regents Park Reserve and the Papanui Stream walkway (a relatively new Reserve) to a degree that it is considered that these parks would no longer meet the Council’s Safer Parks Policy. There is also a concern that pathways are becoming overgrown to such an extent that they are no longer readily accessible by the disabled.

The board submits that sufficient money be provided in the 2004/05 budget to allow for further naturalisation of streams and especially to ensure sufficient funds for their ongoing maintenance. The Board sees this as meeting the LTCCP “Community Outcomes” of “A Sustainable, Natural Environment”, “Healthy and Active People”, “A Safe City”, “A Cultural and Fun City” and “A Liveable City”.

That budget provision is made for the investigation into the loss of base flow in the Upper Kaputone Stream.

The Board is concerned about the loss of flow in the Kaputone Stream west of the Main North Road. A request was made by the Board for a report identifying the problems with the stream’s base flow. There has been no spring-fed base flow since mid 2003. The report identified several possible reasons/factors for the loss in flow but stated that without extensive monitoring over a sustained period and the development of various models, no definite cause or causes could be determined. The report estimates the cost of these works to be in the region of \$25,000 to \$30,000.

The Board submits to Council that \$30,000 be provided in the 2004/05 Budget to investigate the causes for the loss of base flow in the upper Kaputone Stream. The Board sees this as meeting the LTCCP Community Outcomes of “A Sustainable, Natural Environment”, “A Liveable City”.