

# COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSIONS



**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Draft Annual Plan 2011/12

**BY:** Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board  
Christchurch City Council

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board (the Board) thanks the Christchurch City Council (the Council) for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12.

The Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson look forward to the opportunity to highlight the key points of this submission to the Council on 29 June 2011.

## 2. COMMENTS

The Board's feedback regarding the draft annual plan is below, where relevant Capital Programme item and project references have been included.

### **Transport Interchange**

The Board supports the deferral of the central city transport interchange project. The Board suggests that the current locations of the temporary bus exchanges be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure they are meeting the needs of commuters. *Item Ref. 309 - Chch Transport Interchange.*

### **Cycling and Walking**

The Board is supportive of cycleways, and notes the proposed deferral to the cycleway improvement programme. The Board requests that careful consideration be given to what specific projects to be deferred. *Item Ref. 272 – Cycleways Improvement Programme.*

The Board encourages facilities for cycling and walking around the city, and sees that this is a priority in the Hagley/Ferrymead ward. Cycleways and walkways should be designed to enhance and create new linkages around the city.

### **Undergrounding of Services**

The Board supports opportunities for undergrounding of services, where appropriate, to be undertaken in conjunction with earthquake recovery work.

### **Suburban Centres Programme**

The Board supports the Suburban Centres Programme. The Board suggests consideration should be given to inclusion of residential, along with commercial areas, in the planning. The Board notes that at the time of the writing the Council are yet to decide upon all the priority areas for master plans, and suggests that there are several areas within the Hagley/Ferrymead ward that should be considered for master plans.

### **District Plan Review**

The Board is supportive of a District Plan review, and submits that the review of the current district plan should not be delayed. *Reference to Reduction in District Plan Budget – page 28.*

### **Safety Improvements**

The Board is supportive of new safety improvements, including pedestrian safety initiatives, and pleased to see no proposed deferrals in this area. *Infra new safety improvements from item ref. 349.*

The Board supports opportunities for footpath smoothing to be undertaken in conjunction with earthquake recovery and remediation work.

### **Facilities Review**

The Board looks forward to the Council undertaking a review of Council community and recreational facilities. The Board suggests that the Aquatic Facilities Plan be included in the review, and that decisions regarding the relocation of pools due to the earthquake should not be made until the review has been completed. The Board remains committed to its previous requests for an aquatic recreation facility in the Hagley/Ferrymead ward.

### **Rates Remission Policy**

The Board is supportive of a rates remission policy, but submits that further consideration should be given to a rates remission entitlement for businesses unable to be occupied due to safety concerns with adjacent buildings.

### **Rates Penalties Increased**

The Board questions the needs for rates penalties to be increased. *Rates Penalties Increased – page 31.*

### **Events Funding**

The Board notes in an earlier draft there was a proposed increase to events and festivals funding, and supports that this has not been included in the draft adopted by the Council. However the Board submits that 2011/12 is the opportune time to review the Council's events programme.

To assist with preparation of this submission the Board invited representatives of residents groups in the Hagley/Ferrymead ward to attend a forum meeting to assist groups to learn about the Council's 2011/12 Annual Plan process, discuss and identify priorities. The priorities identified by the groups who attended have been considered in the compilation of this submission.

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank all the Civil Defence workers, Council staff and contractors for their dedication and commitment during what has been, and continues to be a challenging time for our city.

The Board looks forward to working with the Council, the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority and our communities on the recovery plans for Christchurch.



Bob Todd OBE JP  
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22 June 2011

**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Draft Annual Plan 2011/12

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board appreciates and welcomes the opportunity provided to make this submission on the Council's Draft Annual Plan for 2011/12.

The Board desires to be heard in support of its submission.

## 2. BOARD FEEDBACK

### 2.1 Recreational Facilities

The Board acknowledges the significant loss and impact on the Burwood/Pegasus community of Queen Elizabeth II Park no longer being available for local residents as the primary recreational facility in the east of the city.

The Board would therefore ask that through this Annual Plan, the Council give priority to begin an inclusive process of investigating options for the rebuilding of a dual aquatic and fitness facility in the east of Christchurch as soon as practically possible.

With the ongoing absence of Queen Elizabeth II Park, the Board would also request that the Council consider funding the provision of lifeguard services and associated operational support for alternative outdoor pools in the eastern suburbs to best meet community needs.

In relation to **Item Ref. 181** on page 38, the Board submits that consideration be given to this funding being used to contribute towards providing support to upgrade pools in schools that in conjunction with the Ministry of the Education, will enable these pools to operate a longer than usual season and remain accessible to the wider community.

The Board also acknowledges the significant impacts that have resulted from the loss of the Porritt Park complex and the adjoining rowing facilities at Kerrs Reach; a real body blow for those affected sports.

### 2.2 Capital Programme

While the Board has numerous thoughts regarding the capital works programme, specifically roading and other infrastructure, it accepts in the current circumstances that remedial works are a priority focus for the Council for some time to come.

In relation to the rebuilding programme, the Board contends that where necessary, repairs and rebuilds throughout the city must take account of the needs of the whole community, including our residents with disabilities.

The Board accepts the proposed deferment of various kerb and channel replacements but would ask that during the deferred period, the opportunity be taken to revisit planned street renewals like Marine Parade, as the Board believes this particular street is unique and has significant scope to be included in a more holistic design and enhancement approach that could be incorporated as part of the pending review of the Coastal Reserves Management Master Plan.

In respect of bridge renewals, the Board submits that adequate funding be allocated to both repair and replace to the appropriate standard, bridges within the Burwood/Pegasus ward. The Board queries what the structure review provision of \$55,000 relates to for work on the Pages Road Bridge (**Item Ref. 166** page 38) and is this still appropriate?

The Board would appreciate receiving clarification on what is described in the Changes to Capital Programme section of the draft plan in relation to those columns headed 'Deferred Due to Timing and Deferred for Further Consideration'.

### 2.3 **Community Facilities**

The series of ongoing earthquakes has highlighted a real lack of community gathering spaces for meetings and recreational activities for our residents needs in Burwood/Pegasus.

While the Board accepts that it may not be appropriate to fund solutions in the 2011/12 Annual Plan, it views this space shortfall as an urgent priority needing to be addressed for those affected local communities.

An option suggested for the Council's consideration is to arrange for the provision of temporary buildings to be available for community use in the earthquake affected eastern suburbs. This could for example, involve a partnership(s) with an outside party/organisation including funding.

The Board considers the new Aranui Library a priority and asks for an assurance from the Council that this project remains on track for completion.

### 2.4 **Greenspace and Waterways**

The Board is supportive of the tree replacement programme, and accepts the reduction in the proposed budget but submits that replacement planting is important to still occur at the appropriate time thus adhering to approved plans such as the South New Brighton Reserves Management Plan.

Given the dominance and influences of the coastal environment, the Board highlights the importance of the shelter provided through the Council's tree plantings continuing to be undertaken throughout the ward.

The Board would also ask that allocation be made in future budgets for river dredging to occur particularly in the lower reaches of the Avon River and also in other natural drainage ways.

## 2.5 **Strengthening Communities Funding**

The Board remains committed to local Strengthening Communities funding, and submits that there should be no reduction to funding available to the Community Boards, and that consideration in fact be given by the Council to an increase in order to meet those identified needs of local communities arising from the earthquakes.

## 2.6 **Civil Defence**

The Board supports the proposed Civil Defence building but acknowledges the need for a deferral in its provision at this time (**Item Ref. 283**, page 42).

The Board would also urge the Council to resource an extension of the pilot programme trialled last year in South Brighton and Southshore for Community Resilience and Preparedness in coastal and river suburbs, including in those programmes, an emphasis on evacuation procedures for the elderly and those with disabilities.

## 2.7 **Changes to Fees and Charges (Appendix 2)**

The Board does not support the proposed increases in charges for users of aquatic leisure centres be they learn to swim, family passes, sport training or those individuals who purchase pool concessions.

The Board considers that any such increases will further disadvantage those local resident users who now have to travel across town to access these facilities and who will have to do so for some considerable period of time to come.

The Board is concerned about these consequences especially for those on low and fixed incomes and the impacts this will have on the health and wellbeing of those affected. Consequently, the Board submits that these charges should, rather than being raised as proposed, remain at their current levels.

The intended increase in charges for the use of Council managed community halls is also of concern to the Board. There is an obvious need for these facilities in eastern Christchurch post the earthquakes and it is the Board's wish that price increases should be kept to a minimum in areas where there is reduced access to those facilities/venues that remain available for use by the community.

In relation to consent fees, the Board asks what impacts on residential rebuilds do the fees have on individuals and are consent fees for rebuilds covered by insurance?

From feedback received, the Board is aware that the Council's consent fee structure is seen as excessive and accordingly, the Board would appreciate receiving clarification on how charges are calculated and justified. The Board notes that there are significant increases proposed in some areas.

Linda Stewart  
Chairperson  
**BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD**

24 June 2011





**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Draft Annual Plan

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## INTRODUCTION

The Lyttelton/Mt.Herbert Community Board (the Board) appreciates being able to make this submission on the Council's proposed Draft Annual Plan 2011/12, and wishes to specifically thank the Council for ensuring that Community Boards have an opportunity to speak to their submissions in the current difficult circumstances.

The Board wishes to highlight that many of the points raised in this submission are directly related to the *Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board – Lyttelton Community Recovery Plan* which evolved from a series of public consultations and reflect the views of the community towards the recovery of Lyttelton. The Lyttelton Community Recovery Plan includes eight main recommendations (attached) which were formulated through the process of developing the plan and are, the Board believes, a very accurate portrayal of the communities wishes.

In regards to the earthquake recovery, the Board would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for the initiative it took when prioritising the Lyttelton Master Plan in the Suburban Centres programme.

The Board wishes to make comment and/or suggestions on the following specific issues:

<b>Renewal Programme</b>	(Reference Numbers 198-205 and 234-236)
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**Water and Wastewater Reticulation and Mains Renewal**

The Board appreciates Council's need to find savings in the budget but would advocate that funding should not be cut from the renewals programme for water and wastewater (\$7.2m identified in Draft).

The Board believes that the situation, particularly in Lyttelton, would have been worse following the earthquakes if some of the water and wastewater renewals had not already been completed. Continuing investment in upgrading infrastructure is essential for Lyttelton's earthquake resilience.

<b>New Reserve Purchases</b>	(Reference Number 303)
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**Neighbourhood Parks – Land Purchases New**

The Board requests that a portion of the \$2m remaining in the Draft Annual Plan for the purchase of Neighbourhood Parks, be allocated towards the purchase of the Dublin Street Reserve (47 Dublin Street, Lyttelton)

<b>Capital Programme – New Projects</b>	(Reference Numbers 397 & 415)
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**New Wastewater and Water Reticulation – Charteris Bay**

The Board supports the retention of these two projects in the Draft Annual Plan.

## Cemeteries

### Cemetery Repairs following Earthquake

It is not clear from the plan how funding is allocated for cemeteries maintenance and repairs, so the Board requests that funding be included in the budget for repairs to the two Lyttelton cemeteries following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, which have caused landslides plus damage to fences, gates and retaining walls. In particular land stabilisation is urgently needed in the eastern cemetery, as highlighted by the community and included in the Boards' Lyttelton Community Recovery Plan. (Page 4 Volume 2)

Greenspace in Lyttelton is very limited and the two cemeteries play an important role as recreation reserves as well as their primary function.

## Structure Renewals

(Reference Number 162)

### Retaining Wall Renewals

The Board supports the retention of funding for retaining wall renewals and wishes to highlight Recommendation 4 in the Boards' Lyttelton Community Recovery Plan where the community has expressed a desire for the restoration of the red stone retaining walls in Lyttelton.

A large number of the retaining walls which need to be repaired are on road reserve, and the Board presumes that these will be reinstated as part of earthquake repair work. The Board wants to ensure that the design for the reinstatement of the walls allows for them to be "faced" in locally sourced red rock, as funding allows. The Board understands the red volcanic rock has been safely stockpiled by staff/contractors for future re-use.

## Increases to Events and Festivals Funding

The Board supports the continued funding of events and festivals that benefit the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert area, particularly the Lyttelton Festival of Lights, Le Race and the Festival of Cycling. The Board feels that these events boost the morale of people and are particularly important at this time when so many are under stress due to the devastation caused by the earthquakes.

## Additional Heritage Planning Staff

The Board supports the addition of a heritage planning staff member so that Community Boards can continue to receive good levels of heritage support bearing in mind the challenge of rebuilding. There is a strong link between the towns character and its economic and social recovery.

## Additional Urban Design Planning Staff

The Board also supports the addition of an urban design staff member particularly in light of the expected demands of the earthquake rebuilding activity.

The Board plans to establish a Design & Appearance Committee for Lyttelton as identified in the Lyttelton Community Recovery Plan (page 13 Volume 2) and this will involve input from staff with urban design expertise.

## District Plan Review

### Reduction in the District Plan Budget

The Board submits that the \$2.8m originally budgeted for 2011/12 to allow for an earlier review of the District Plan should be retained. The Board has prepared a list of 10 reasons (attached) to support this view.

## Strengthening Communities Funding

### Community Board Funding

The Board thanks the Council for not budgeting to reduce funding through the various Strengthening Communities Funds. The Board believes that in the current economic climate the call on those funds will be even greater than in previous years to support and strengthen community groups post earthquake.

## Fees and Charges

### Recreation and Sports

The Board strongly opposes any increase in the fees and charges for space hire of Council facilities, swimming pools and memberships. Board members feel that recreation contributes to the wellbeing of people particularly during these times of added stress.

## Head to Head Walkway

The Board strongly supports the Head to Head Walkway and is disappointed over its lack of progress since the plan was conceived several years ago. Board members believe the walkway deserves its own profile and should appear as a line item in the both the Annual Plan and the Long Term Plan. (The Board understands that there is budget allocated to the development of the Head to Head Walkway, however it is difficult to confirm this as the project does not appear as a line item in either Plan.) The Board also believes that the Head to Head Walkway should be given status as a metropolitan project as it will benefit the entire city.

Because so many of the hillside tracks around the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert area have been closed because of slips and the danger of rockfall, the need for the coastal walkway has increased. The Board submits that funding from the maintenance budget for the hillside tracks could be diverted to continue the development of the coastal tracks on the Head to Head Walkway. The Board also respectfully requests that it be consulted on prioritisation of funding for tracks and walkways in the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert area.

In recognition of the importance of the Head to Head Walkway, the Board has also included a recommendation under the Social Environment and Community Services section of the Lyttelton Community Recovery Plan (Page 17 Volume 2).

The Board appreciates the opportunity to speak in support of its submission.



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**Extract from Lyttelton-Mt Herbert Community Board – Lyttelton Community Recovery Plan**

To recover from the effects of the earthquake Lyttelton Community needs:

- 1. A plan for the renewal of Lyttelton Town Centre developed with genuine community participation, and incorporating many of the suggestions made.**
- 2. Heavy port traffic off Norwich Quay**
- 3. Public access to the inner harbour waterfront**
- 4. Restoration of red stone retaining walls**
- 5. In general, to make the most of what heritage remains, then build anew**
- 6. More gathering places including...**
- 7. A replacement performance/film venue**
- 8. Cruise ship terminal facilities, designed to enable a contribution to the local economy**

# 10 Reasons

## - to Review the District Plan Sooner rather than Later

Deputation to Christchurch City Council from Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board  
Annual Plan 2011/12

1. The natural character of Banks Peninsula contributes significantly to the economy of Christchurch City through tourism. Existing district plan provisions do not ensure the long term maintenance of this character, and it is uncertain whether they will ensure the sustainable management of landscape and ecology as resources.
2. The rate of change is rapid, and outcomes do not always maintain or enhance landscape quality e.g. Purau Properties rural subdivision.
3. There is a disconnect between rules and objectives which makes it unlikely anticipated outcomes will be achieved.- e.g. rural lifestyle subdivisions are approved on the basis of detailed plan provisions yet do not meet the plan's objectives.
4. Variation 2 eroded Section 6 protection in some locations e.g. in Lyttelton Harbour headlands previously protected are now more likely to be developed and the development is likely to be more intense e.g. coastal land east of Purau including Purau Headland and Moepuku, where a rural subdivision application with 30 dwellings is pending.
5. The subsequent appeal on the 4 ha minimum lot size altered the balance embodied in the Environment Court's decision and is likely to result in rural dwelling densities greater than the community wants to see in their environment.
6. Active implementation\* reduces opportunities for community involvement in decision-making and can result in outcomes which do not necessarily align with community aspirations e.g. Black Point, where planner emphasis was on keeping buildings off skylines, whereas the community was equally concerned about beach accessibility.
7. 'Active implementation' can have the effect of creating mistrust between the Council and the community, with a perception council planners are "working for the developer".
8. Section 35 Report on the Banks Peninsula section has identified a number of improvements which would be welcomed by the community and which should be implemented without delay.
9. Merging the two plans would go a long way to assisting Christchurch City and Banks Peninsula to achieve a single identity.
10. In the Court decision on the Sez Investments appeal Judge Jackson identified a need for reconsideration of the Banks Peninsula landscape provisions because of the change in district boundaries resulting from amalgamation. Assessment of what constitutes "outstanding" now needs to be made on the basis of a district which includes Christchurch City.

*"More importantly, we draw attention to the fact that PBPDP's discussion in Chapters 12 and 13 is based on the superseded premise that "Before a feature qualifies as outstanding it needs to be out of the ordinary within Banks Peninsula". Banks Peninsula was amalgamated with the district of Christchurch City on 6 March 2006 so the appropriate test is now against the landscapes of the whole of Christchurch City including that part (the urban area) which some inhabitants of Banks Peninsula like to call "the swamp". As things stand any party to any RMA proceedings about development on the peninsula can claim that, despite the PBPDP's provisions any or all of Banks Peninsula is now an outstanding natural landscape or feature in the context of the district as a whole, particularly since that issue has not been determined by the Council, let alone the Environment Court."*

## Attachment 2

*'Active implementation' is practice used in the administration of the District Plan to implement those plan chapters having a high degree of flexibility and discretion applied in achieving outcomes. 'Active implementation' means in order to better understand and achieve the outcome of the District Plan there needs to be a high degree of engagement, discussion, co-operation between Council staff and the party undertaking the proposal.*

See p8 of the Section 35 report "Evaluating the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Banks Peninsula District Plan", Response Planning, 28 January 2011.

## Head to Head Walkway Proposal

1. A walking track in Lyttelton Harbour, so-called because it goes right around the coastline from Godley Head to Adderley Head.
2. Walkers could take two or three days or more to complete the whole track, with overnight accommodation in Lyttelton and coastal settlements or at low key camping sites to be established.
3. Shorter sections can be walked from one of the many points where it connects with the inner harbour road or other local roads and streets.
4. There is scope for shared use by mountain bikes of some parts of the route.
5. Additional links uphill, in a number of locations, to the Crater Rim Walkway and other Port Hills tracks, tracks at Living Springs, Orton Bradley Park, the Mount Herbert Walkway and "Double Fence-line" track around the summit to The Hilltop and Akaroa.
6. The proposed walk links Lyttelton Harbour's hidden beaches and coves, headlands, salt marshes and other natural features, and passes through a range of vegetation types.
7. It would feature a wide variety of attractions in Lyttelton and the coastal settlements including numerous heritage sites, a working container port, a papkaianga, marina and jetties, hotels and cafes, parks and reserves.
8. Accessible from urban Christchurch by public transport at the Sumner end (number 3 bus), with network connections at Lyttelton (number 28 bus), Governors Bay and Diamond Harbour (Black Diamond Ferry). There is potential for additional ferry links at other bays
9. Envisaged to bring multiple economic benefits similar to those now enjoyed by communities along the Central Otago Rail Trail, especially for small scale retail and hospitality enterprises.
10. Much of the walkway already exists:
  - Godley Head (from Sumner to Taylors Mistake to Evans Pass)
  - Lyttelton (from Naval Point to Pony Point at Cass Bay)
  - Governors Bay (Maori Gardens to Allandale)
  - Diamond Harbour (Hays Bay to Purau)
11. It is proposed to link existing sections by forming new tracks on unformed legal road at the waters edge where practicable, and on private land with owners' permission or, when the opportunity arises, in conjunction with subdivision or other development.
12. The proposed Head to Head Walkway has broad community support in the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert community.





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**FROM:** Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board

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## INTRODUCTION

The Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to make this submission on the Council's proposed Draft Annual Plan 2011-12. The Board wishes to thank the Council for making a special exemption for Community Boards to speak to their submissions this year with the severely curtailed time that Council has in which to consider the Draft Annual Plan.

The Board wishes to make comment and/or suggestions on the following specific issues:

### Road Maintenance

#### Road Metalling

The Board is concerned that with no working quarry on Banks Peninsula, the quality of metalled roads will deteriorate because of the substantial increase in the cost of metal when transport costs are added to bring it from further afield.

The Boards requests that Council makes allowance in the budget for a working quarry to be established on Banks Peninsula so that a sustainable supply of metal is ensured for the future, and maintenance levels can be retained.

The Board believes that the continuing under investment in gravel roads will lead to a downgrading of the base of the roads, which will cost more in the long term to reinstate. Work is urgently needed on gravel roads to protect the Council's investment.

### Harbours & Marine Structures

(Reference Number 13)

#### Renewal & Replacement

The Board thanks the Council for retaining the allocation towards the Renewal Programme for Wharves and Jetties. Board members believe it is vitally important to provide good quality marine structures in close proximity to Christchurch for use by residents, who in these challenging times are not travelling further afield for their recreation.

#### Fees & Charges - Slipway Fees

The Board does not support the raising of the "per day" slipway fee to the proposed \$5.20, as it believes this is impractical for administration purposes. Instead the Board would support the per day fee remaining at \$5.00 with an increase in the monthly or per annum fees to compensate for the difference in expected revenue.

The Board wishes to request that the maintenance of the slipways be to a high level to reflect the fees collected for their use. In particular the seaward access to the Akaroa Slipway should be cleared prior to Labour Weekend each year, and slime on all slipways needs to be cleared regularly.

## Deferred Projects

### Deferral Details

The Board understands the need to defer projects in the current economic climate, but would like to know the details of the actual projects that relate to those deferred sums.

For example, under Renewals & Replacements for Kerb & Channel \$199k has been deferred for projects on Banks Peninsula. The Board wishes to know what those projects are, and for how long they been deferred.

## Parks & Open Spaces

(Reference Numbers 63 & 64)

### Major Parks Tree Replacement Programme – Stanley Park Development and Okains Bay

Again the Board understands the need to remove these projects from the 2011/12 budget, but asks that Council staff provide advisory support should either of the Reserve Management Committees associated with these reserves, wish to take up these projects. The Board also requests that the Council support any applications these Committees may make to external organisations to fund these projects.

## Water Supply

(Reference Number 405)

### Akaroa Water Upgrade

The Board supports the retention of the improvements to the Akaroa Water Supply which has for many years experienced seasonal shortages, sometimes to dangerously low levels which could have affected the towns fire fighting capabilities.

## Water Supply

### Little River Increased Supply

The Board also supports the retention of this project in the Annual Plan. The improvements to this water supply have been promised to the community for a very long time, and any deferral of the project will continue to curtail development in Little River.

The Board notes that Little River is within comfortable commuting distance to Christchurch, and may appeal as a practical alternative to families displaced by the earthquakes. Sufficient water supply is required to support any further development.

## Cycleways

### Little River Rail Trail

The Board would like to see the completion of the final stage of the Rail Trail into Little River included in future budgets and wishes to signal its intention to strongly support this project in the next Long Term Plan.

The Board would also appreciate clarification as to whether the completion of this portion of the Rail Trail is a Transport project or a Greenspace project .

## Operating Deficit

### Earthquake Levy/Charge

The Board is particularly concerned at how the Council proposes to recover the costs associated with the operating deficit for 2011/12 – 2013/14. Board members are very aware that there are many people in the community who have suffered a loss of income, or a severe reduction in income because of the financial recession and the impact of the earthquakes. The Board does not believe that the majority of the general public have spare cash in the current climate.

### **Operating Deficit - continued**

As a general principle Board members believe that whatever system the Council adopts to recoup this deficit must be fair to all ratepayers, and the Board suggests raising a loan for the deficit in the current year and then carrying out a full consultation with the community on how to fund the deficit in coming years.

The Board also wishes to seek clarification on the term “per ratepayer” in regard to the proposal for an earthquake levy. For example, would a ratepayer who owned multiple properties, only be charged this levy once?

The Board wishes to comment further on this issue when the Chairman speaks to the Council on this submission.

The Board thanks the Council for allowing it to have an opportunity to speak in support of this submission.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board thanks the Christchurch City Council for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12.

The Board Chairperson looks forward to the opportunity to discuss the key points of this submission to the Council on 29 June 2011.

## 2. COMMENTS

The Board's feedback on the draft annual plan is below, where relevant Capital Programme item and project references have been included.

### **Safety Improvements**

The Board is supportive of the pedestrian safety proposals and agrees with the proposal that there be no reduction in the Capital programme for Pedestrian Safety Initiatives, Road Safety at Schools and Safe Routes to Schools.

*Item ref. 351, 352 and 354 – infra New Safety Improvements.*

### **Expansion of St Albans Resource Centre**

The Board supports the proposed deferral of the expansion of the St Albans Resource Centre for one year to allow additional time to reconsider requirements in light of the earthquake damage.

The Board suggests that this presents a unique opportunity to clear this site (if earthquake damage justifies it) and establish a temporary Council run community meeting space for renting to community groups.

The Board considers community meeting spaces as vital in maintaining a vibrant social infrastructure. Within our ward the Shirley Community Centre, Shirley Community Trust (adjacent to St Stephens Church) and St Albans Resource Centre are now unavailable to fulfil that function.

*item ref. 385.*

## 3. GENERAL

- 3.1 The Board wishes to flag to the Council that, within our ward, the areas of Shirley, Brooklands, Spencerville, Edgware and St Albans are the most in

need following damage to land, buildings and infrastructure on 4 September and in subsequent earthquakes.

- 3.2 Following on the Board's comments above regarding the St Albans Resource Centre site, we would ask the Council to make provision for a flexible contingency fund that enabled strategic land purchase (and possible related land sale) that would be for the benefit of the community.

The Board looks forward to working with the Council, the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority and our communities on the recovery plans for Christchurch.



**Chris Mene**  
**Chairperson**  
**Shirley/Papanui Community Board**

**27 June 2011**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board (the Board) thanks the Christchurch City Council (the Council) for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Annual Plan 2011-12.

The Board wishes to express its sincere thanks to staff who have worked so hard in developing this draft plan and for their personal commitment and dedication at this most extraordinary and challenging of times.

The Board is inspired and humbled by the fortitude of its own community, and that of citizens across our city and seeks to support the measures required to underpin a successful future for Greater Christchurch.

The Board **would** like the opportunity to present at the hearing on the draft plan, to highlight the key points of this submission.

## 2. FINANCIAL STRATEGY FOR EARTHQUAKE COSTS

The Board has considered all five options for funding these costs and the ratepayer impact.

The Board would recommend to Council that:

**Option a - Earthquake levy of \$106 per ratepayer for five years be adopted.**

The Board regards this as the most equitable option affecting all ratepayers equally.

## 3. APPENDIX 1 - DETAILED CHANGES TO CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

The Board supports all changes made to the Capital Programme recognising that the needs of the local area cannot take precedence over the priorities for the city as a whole.

The Board welcomes the retention of an operational budget to address health and safety matters arising throughout the year.

#### 4. APPENDIX 5A - PROPOSED CHANGES TO LEVELS OF SERVICE AS A RESULT OF EARTHQUAKES

##### a. Clarity of implications of proposals

The Board is generally supportive of the proposals. However it seeks clarity of the following levels of service:

##### Page 130 Community Grants : **Volunteer hours leveraged per \$1 of Council grant funding**

The Board is concerned to understand the implications of the significant reduction from the original target of 850,000 volunteer hours to the proposed target of 550,000 volunteer hours and the associated leverage values of \$5 and \$2 respectively.

##### Page 137 Strengthening Communities : **Capacity building of community groups**

The Board has concerns regarding the proposed reduction in the facilitation of community networking forums from 110 to just 20. The Board would wish to understand the background to this proposal especially when a 'sense of community' is so important at this time.

##### Page 137 Strengthening Communities : **Community Engagement Projects**

A reduction from 15,600 hours available to facilitate projects at the Metropolitan and Local Level is now proposed to be reduced to 13,650 hours. Once again the Board is concerned to understand the reasoning behind this reduction and its perceived impact on local communities and community well being.

##### b. Suggestion for additional level of service

Page 135 Recreation and sports services

##### Level of Service : **Residents have access to fit-for-purpose recreation and sporting facilities**

The Board is extremely supportive of swimming for all ages, but most particularly for children to ensure water safety as well as a more healthy lifestyle. Ideally the Board would have suggested that consideration be given to exploring ways in which school pool facilities can be used more extensively - both out of school hours and for general community use. However it is acknowledged that this may require resources that are not easily available at this time.

**The Board does however request that the seasonal opening hours of the heated outdoor pool facility at Jellie Park be extended for this year by re-opening one month earlier - 1 October 2011.**

**Val Carter  
Chairperson  
Fendalton Waimairi Community Board**

**22 July 2011**



**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Draft Annual Plan 2011-12

**BY:** Riccarton/Wigram Community Board

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First, under the Christchurch City Urban Development Strategy (UDS) and the South West Area Plan (SWAP) it was identified that the Riccarton/Wigram ward will be the leading growth area within the city in the next twenty years. The population growth within Riccarton/Wigram was forecasted to equate to the size of the city of Gisborne.

Second, as a secondary result of the earthquakes Riccarton/ Wigram is now seen to be a receiving ward in terms of new businesses and residents. Associated with these relocations new destinations are being created with accompanying changes in traffic patterns. These new relocations are likely to remain in place for a considerable period of time until our city makes many of its final adjustments. The Board considers the public transport infrastructure within Christchurch and Banks Peninsula very important and advocates for the community.

Third, the Board also recognises that it is very important to maintain and improve assets for its current communities of interest while it is recommending strategically preparing additional infrastructure, social and community challenges in areas of growth. It is now time to look at the possibilities for the West/South West of the city to play a major role in the rebuilding of Christchurch and its surrounds.

The Board must undertake its constitutional role of being an advocate for its community. In this role our priority is to most prudently make decisions, advocate for our communities and manage the infrastructure and population growth to support and build a strong fabric of our community.

The Board is available to provide any additional information in the consideration of this submission, should that be required.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make this submission on the Christchurch City Council Draft 2011-12 Annual Plan. The Board **does** wish to be heard in support of its submission.

## 2. BOARD COMMENTS

**Rates Level** - The Board wishes to congratulate the Council on keeping New Zealand's lowest metropolitan rates and fully support the Council in keeping this trend.

**Parking Charges** – The Board does not support the increase to parking charges. The Board believes that increasing parking charges would hinder the businesses in and around the Central Business District whilst trying to rebuild after the devastating earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. The Board believes that parking enforcement needs to be targeted at the suburban areas to encourage parking turnover.

**Additional Revenue** – the Board would like to suggest that when the Council considers the Christchurch International Airport Company's Statement of Intent they might seek a modest increase in the departure tax. The Board would support this slight revenue increase to keep free admission to the Canterbury Museum and the parking charges at their current rate.

**Earthquake Levy** – The Board supports the rationale behind the rates increase "premium" of 1.76% for five years to recover operating deficits.

**Sockburn Service Centre** - The Board understands why the \$508,000 refurbishment has been deferred and the temporary closure of the Sockburn Service Centre due to earthquake damage but submit that urgent consideration be given to upgrade/refurbish of the Sockburn Service Centre be given serious/ immediate consideration as any further growth to Christchurch will and is planned for the western side of Christchurch.

**Halswell Library** – The Board fully supports the Council's decision to continue forward with the development of the Halswell Library. The Board wish to draw the Councils attention to the probable population increase to the Southwest area including Halswell, Wigram, Hornby and the impact this increase could have on the planned library and services.

**Wigram Green Playground** – this project has stumbled over the last two to three years. The Board understand that this project needs to be deferred but strongly requests that it be put back on track as soon as possible. This playground is situated within in a projected high growth area in the near future.

**Hornby Bus Priority** – the Board believes at this stage that the Hornby Bus Priority should be deferred until a study is completed of the current and future transport flow on Riccarton and Blenheim Roads. Post earthquake the Board has had many community discussions about the "gridlock" on these roads.

**Council's Social Media Staff** – the Board support the continuation of the Council's use of social media. This is a media that can quickly change focus as the need arises. The Board believes that specialist staff should remain to support the continuation of the Council's current and extended use of social media.

**Disposal of Council Assets** - The Board wish to advise that they do not support the disposal of any Council assets to fund earthquake recovery. The Board believe that the income from our Trading assets will be an ongoing attraction to keep and attract Business and Residents to our City. The fact that 55% of the Council's revenue is from rates speaks for its self. The Board believes that if Council assets are sold the shortfall from their revenue would become a burden on the ratepayer for many years/generations to come.



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**Submission: Christchurch City Council****On: Draft Annual Plan 2011-2012****By: Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board****Date: 21 June 2011****Pages: 3****Contact: Community Board Adviser, Jenny Hughey  
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The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board makes the following submissions on the Christchurch City Council **Draft Annual Plan 2011-2012**.

The Board **would like to be heard** in support of its submission.

## **1. Introduction**

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board wishes to recognise that all Council staff have been an inspiration in the way they have gone about their work during the period of the earthquakes.

The Board congratulates staff for the tremendous work effort that has been undertaken to ensure that the City continues to operate.

Overall the Board congratulates the financial planners and the Council on their reorganisation of the budget. The Board supports the rates increase 'premium' of 1.76% for five years to cover the overall costs to the Council. It recognises that the City is in an extraordinary position in which 43% of the assets will be renewed in the next three years. Repayment of this amount without the creation of a huge intergenerational debt is to be congratulated.

Furthermore the Board recognises that overall city renewal projects have been put on hold to allow for the allocation of funds to the rebuild programme.

The Board acknowledges the generous donations to the City from a diverse range of cultural groups.

## **2. Board Submissions**

### **2.1 Mid-Heathcote River/Opawaho Linear Park Master Plan / possible dredging of Heathcote River**

The Board wishes to express strong support for the continuation of the Mid-Heathcote River/Opawaho Linear Park Master Plan.

Specifically the Board wishes to draw attention to the possible need to remediate parts of the Heathcote River.

### **2.2 QE II Replacement recreation facility**

The Board supports the establishment of a pool and leisure complex in the Eastern suburbs. This is an urgent matter given the consequences of the earthquake.

### **2.3 Waltham Pool**

Given that there has been a loss of school pool facilities in the area the Board points out that there is likely to be a large swell of community support for the re-establishment of the Waltham pool. The Board would like funding to be included which would cover this possibility.

### **2.3 Continuation of scoping work in relation to Cashmere Forest Park**

Given the consequences of the earthquake in relation to recreation in the hills it is important for the Council to continue to work on ways of establishing other recreation areas in the hills such as the planned Cashmere Forest Park. There are continuing problems associated with the use of the Rapaki Track and Bowenvale recreation areas.

The Board supports the allocation of funding to assist with the continued development of Cashmere Forest Park.

## **2.4 Disposal of Council assets**

The Board wishes to advise that it is totally opposed to any disposal of Council assets to fund any matters related to the earthquake.

## **2.5 Sports facilities**

The Board would like to draw attention to the situation in relation to Bowling Club grounds damaged across the city. Consideration needs to be given to funding to repair the grounds. The Sydenham Club in the ward is badly damaged.

## **2.6 Rent for Rowley House**

The Board supports the work of the Rowley House Community Cottage. The Board expresses a long term commitment to the Council securing a permanent building for the cottage to operate from.

In the meantime the Board points out that it understood that the rent for Rowley House would be paid as a line item rather than being paid from the Council's Key Local Projects.

The Board supports the Council's commitment to continuing to pay the rent on Rowley House.

## **2.7 Council use of social media**

The Board is extremely pleased to see the extensive use of social media by the Council in the wake of the earthquake. The Board supports the continuation of the Council's use of social media. Further the Board believes that specialist staff should remain to support the continuation of the Council's current use of social media.

This Board has expressed a desire to establish a web site for many years and hopes that the current use of the social media will lead to Community Board websites with appropriate resources being established in a more extensive form in the near future.

**Phil Clearwater**  
**Chairperson**  
**Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board**  
**21 June 2011**

