

Hi All

Attached is the presentation our Association made to the Halswell/Hornby/Riccarton Community Board on 9 key issues that face central Riccarton today. This was the handout given to all Board members. In addition, we had a PowerPoint presentation for Board members. These 9 key issues **have** to be confronted – some of them have been hanging around for three years or more – and we expect answers to our questions early in the new year or we will have to take them to a higher level.

Have you checked out our website lately? We have a new webhosting administrator. You can contact us by emailing [riccartonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:riccartonresidents@gmail.com) We now have, thanks to committee member Nguyen Huy, a Facebook page. You can share your ideas with others on the Facebook page. The Facebook name is: Central Riccarton Residents' Association Inc. The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/Central-Riccarton-Residents-Association-Inc-236722020094510/>

At our meeting on 19 November a committee of 11 was elected with Kay Page as Chair (Phone 348 0713).

Cheers

Your committee

#### **Presentation to Community Board by CRRA Inc - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

##### **Elizabeth Street Parking**

- First priority for residents is safety
- Demand for on-street parking from residents of existing houses that have no off-street parking because developers have NOT provided adequate parking for the style of housing they have built
- Problem is going to be exacerbated in all areas zoned Living 3 – high density with no requirement for developers to provide adequate parking for the style of housing they are building
- 90° parking is not the solution for a residential street as it creates as new problems while adding more parking spaces
- **Why did the Community Board not accept the recommendation from the Council planners not to support the 90° parking submission?**

##### **Picton Ave Reserve**

- Current playground facilities are suitable only for teenagers
- CRRA have twice in writing requested a swing and slide for younger children (under the age of 10) along with reasons and photographs of similar equipment in other reserves
- First requested in 2014 the Association is still awaiting a swing and slide
- The swing and slide will, of course, not only be used by children who are residents or who are staying with grandparents but also by families driving past the park
- **Why has the Community Board not actioned the installation of such basic equipment for children in area where 50% of the population is under 24?**

##### **Library Facilities in central Riccarton**

- When the community library closed, all the books and shelving and other chattels were given away
- Why did Christchurch Council Library say they did not want the books? 50% of the books in the community library were *paid for by the ratepayer* (the other 50% were paid for by a trust)
- 50% of the books at the very least should have been kept for use by the people of Riccarton when new facilities became available in the area
- The new Community Centre design did not include sufficient storage to allow for a library to be included – whether it be served by volunteers or a self-service library
- The new Community Centre can easily have some library facilities in conjunction with Christchurch City Council Library
- Until there is a Community Centre the mobile service was promised

- The Association recommends the location be Division Street (off Riccarton Road) at the Westfield end with two service stops Tuesday 10 am – 1pm and Wednesday 4pm – 7pm
- The recommended times are seen as catering for families with children, lunchtime shoppers and retired people

#### Riccarton Road Bus Lounge

- When the present site was proposed it was opposed by the Business Association, Residents' Associations and the Community Board
- Council planners chose to override the community wishes, including requests for availability of information in a different languages reflective of the residents
- There are no facilities to enable the pre-purchase of tickets so delays are caused on boarding
- There are continuing problems in the vicinity which did NOT exist before the lounge was built
- These problems were all foreshadowed in submissions to the city councillors
- **A second public review meeting was promised – this has not eventuated. When will the public meeting be held?**

#### Clarence Street/Dilworth Street Reserve

- For eight years this land owned by the ratepayer has been waste ground covered in long grass
- It was decided by council some time ago to turn this land into a reserve
- **Why does it take so long for some action to occur** such as the planting of fruit trees, the placement of a lockable lined shed for storing tools etc so that a pleasant environment can be created not only for residents but also for workers from Riccarton Mall and from the Windmill Centre etc to enjoy?

#### Riccarton Service Centre

- Where in central Riccarton is the Service Centre going to be located now that the old community centre has been sold to Westfield and a new community centre has yet to be built?
- Why has the Harcourts building across the road not been leased when it would be very suitable to satisfy many community needs?

#### Riccarton Community Centre

- The Riccarton Community Centre was well used by regular groups – who have had to move out of the area to continue their wide variety of activities
- In January 2014 the Community Board voted not to make any interim repairs because they said a new community centre would be in place in 18 months
- **It is now 75 months since there has been a community centre in Riccarton**
- **When will residents be able to resume all the wide variety of activities within their own community centre?**

#### Chattels in the old Riccarton Community Centre

- There were many valuable chattels in the Riccarton Community Centre including equipment in two kitchens, piano, many tables and a giant mobile whiteboard
- These chattels belong to the Riccarton community
- Now that the building has been sold, **what provision has been made for ensuring these chattels are being safeguarded for use in Riccarton?**

#### Traffic gridlock in central Riccarton

- **When will common sense prevail** and right-hand turning signals be installed **at all approaches** at the intersection of Riccarton Rd and Straven Rd/Clarence St and also at the Matipo St/Blenheim Rd intersection as well as the Clarence St/Blenheim Rd intersection?
- Submissions have been made previously to the traffic engineering department of council
- Buses and vehicular traffic are being held up causing gridlock
- The number of vehicles on the road in central Riccarton will not decrease in the future