

## 6. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

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The purpose of this report is to request funding from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to install and connect existing Christmas tree lights and consider additional lights to the Westlake site, for the 1999/2000 Christmas holiday period.

### Background

With Christmas just around the corner it is time again to consider tree lights to make our city shine. Each year the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board adds Christmas cheer to the Board area by decorating prominent trees on council land with Christmas lights.

Last year the Board provided decorative lighting for trees at the following sites:

1. Corner Main South Road and Greenhurst Street, Sockburn
2. Rattrays corner on Shands/Main South Road corner
3. Church Corner on Riccarton/Yaldhurst Road corner
4. Westlake, temporary Christmas tree on the traffic island on the corner of Westlake Drive and Dunbars Road. (The Christmas tree is eight metres high and decorated with 100 metres of decorative tree lights).

### Costs

Quotes for the installation and/or connection/disconnection etc of the Christmas tree are:

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| 1. Corner Main South Road and Greenhurst Street | \$250.00 + GST   |
| 2. Shands/Main South Road Rattrays              | \$124.00 + GST   |
| 3. Church Corner                                | \$170.00 + GST   |
| 4. Westlake – existing decorations              | \$896.00 + GST   |
| 5. Westlake – extra 70 metres of tree light     | \$1,774.50 + GST |

This price is a little steep but we can only purchase the cheaper tree light in a 170 metre drum and they will not split the drum. We may have a use elsewhere for the other 100 metres, but we cannot put this much in the Westlake tree as we do not have a large enough power supply.

We will also need to allow an additional cost of \$200.00 for replacement lamps.

This quote is subject to the festoons being in good condition.

If any repairs are required to be done to the festoons themselves other than lamp replacement, then this would be an extra cost, as would any repair work required due to vandal damage etc while they are in service.

### **Tree for Westlake**

- Purchase of an 8 metre tree from the Selwyn Plantation Board plus delivery and installation of the tree and removal \$500.00

### **Total Cost**

Standard installation for four sites	\$2,140.00
or	
Standard installation plus additional lights for Westlake	\$3,914.50

The extra lights could be used on Riccarton Road. The present decorations are very old and worn out. Further information will be available at the Community Board meeting.

There is a balance of \$8,080 available in the Board's 1999/2000 Discretionary Fund.

**Recommendation:** For discussion.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** For discussion.