

8. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 12 FEBRUARY 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 February 2002.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Ken Cummings and Mike Mora.

An apology was received from Paddy Austin.

1. UPPER RICCARTON DOMAIN – TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

This report is to inform the Board that Mr Kuipers of 31A Brodie Street appeared before the Committee requesting that two trees growing in the Upper Riccarton Domain near his boundary be removed due to the shade they cause over his property from 1.30 pm everyday. Mr Kuipers has owned the property for nearly three years.

A site meeting with Mr Kuipers, the Community Advocate, Parks and Waterways Area Advocate, Cr Helen Broughton and Committee Chair Neville Bennett took place on 29 January 2002.

Previous to this, Parks and Waterways had carried out remedial pruning and crown thinning on one of the trees in question in an effort to alleviate the shade problem.

The Committee heard Mr Kuipers argument for the removal of the trees and received a note, tabled by him, from three neighbours saying they had no objection to the removal of trees in the park.

The Committee also heard from the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate on CCC Policy in such cases, and from Tim Rillstone, Parks and Waterways Arborist who reported that he felt that one of the trees should be removed as it is on quite a lean, although away from the property concerned, and that the other tree could stand considerable pruning.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Committee put to the Board that the leaning tree be removed and that 30% of the other be pruned. This being a temporary measure while awaiting a detailed evaluation of all the trees in the Domain along with any recommendations for tree removal and/or replacement.

A map of the subject site will be tabled.

2. COMMUNITY BOARD DELEGATIONS, APPLICABLE TO THIS COMMITTEE

The Committee discussed the areas of Sale of Liquor, Resource Management and Parks, and what connection they should have in these areas.

It was agreed that the Community Advocate would approach Liquor Licensing to get clarification on what is required of the Committee, also that an approach would be made to Environment Services Unit at Sockburn to make sure the Committee is kept up to date with necessary Resource Management Consent requests.

The Committee expressed their pleasure at the contact they have with the Parks and Waterways team saying the information they are receiving is very welcome.

3. “SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES” RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee discussed the following:

Parks

Concern was raised by members about ongoing vandalism in local parks with the suggestion that a letterbox drop be made around trouble spots, offering substantial rewards for information leading to the conviction of offenders, being discussed.

Heritage

It was agreed that Jenny May, Senior Heritage Planner be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to discuss how the Committee can be involved. Some ideas for discussion were:

- (a) Asking Graham Stanley to organise walks around interesting sites in Halswell.
- (b) The erection of a statue or monument in commemoration of the Airforce personnel, trained at Wigram, who gave their lives during WWII.
- (c) That the land triangle of Dawsons, Jones and Main South Road, currently leased to Selwyn be brought under Christchurch City Council control for a gateway to the city site.

Plains Irrigation

The Committee asked to be kept informed at every step of the way to help them keep an eye on the process of this major undertaking.

4. BOARD PROJECT FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THIS COMMITTEE

The Committee **agreed** to recommend that an amount of \$2,000 be set aside for the Community Pride Garden Award presentations.

5. CROSBIE PARK – PROPOSED FULL BASKETBALL COURT

The Committee accepted the recommendation that:

1. A full basketball court be constructed at Crosbie Park on the site indicated in the report, within the funds available; and that the design include a combined netball, basketball hoop.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

1. That the Board approve an amount of \$2,000 for the Community Pride Garden Awards to be funded from the Project Funds set aside for this Committee.
2. A full basketball court be constructed at Crosbie Park on the site indicated in the report, within the funds available and that the design include a combined netball, basketball hoop.
3. In respect of the Upper Riccarton Domain tree removal request, the Board agree that the leaning tree be removed and that 30% of the other be pruned. This being a temporary measure while awaiting a detailed evaluation of all the trees in the Domain along with any recommendations for tree removal and/or replacement.