

8. **PARKS & WATERWAYS UNIT CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE – REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

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Corporate Plan Output: Capital Outputs	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome regarding duplication of funding in the Parks and Waterways Unit Capital budget for 2001/002.

Background

The Board may recall the Annual Plan meeting held last year when a duplication of funding for Hillsborough Domain was identified.

Following a consultation exercise during the 1999/00 financial year concerning the installation of play equipment at Curries Reserve it was discovered there was overwhelming support from local residents to have the new equipment installed at Hillsborough Domain instead. At its meeting held in May 2000 the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board supported a recommendation to undertake this work in line with residents' wishes. The funding which had been allocated to Hillsborough Domain for the 2001/02 budget was never deleted.

At the Annual Plan meeting held last year, the Board resolved to make the following submission to the Council regarding this duplication.

*“The Board would like the funding of \$25,000 provided for 2001/02 for new playground installation at Hillsborough Domain to be substituted with the following:
\$15,000 for riverbank planting
\$5,000 for Addington Cemetery (grave top planting)
\$5,000 for Sydenham Cemetery (grave top planting)”*

The funding was allocated as follows:

\$15,000 Sign of the Kiwi
\$5,000 Sydenham Cemetery
\$5,000 Addington Cemetery

Breakdown on how Money has been Proposed to be Spent

Sign of the Kiwi - \$15,000

A landscape plan has been prepared for the front of the Sign of the Kiwi, Dyers Pass Road. This has been an ongoing concern for many years but no funding seems to have been allocated. The plan covers the installation of new steps up to the building which are at present quite dangerous, lighting of the steps for evening functions, new seating, and planting of the garden. Staff are currently in the process of obtaining quotes for this work to be carried out. Additional funding is being applied for through the Board's 2002/03 Project Fund, and Parks and Waterways Unit has another \$15,000 allocated in 2003/04.

Sydenham Cemetery - \$5,000

The main thoroughfare from Somerfield Park through the cemetery to Simeon Street is very well used. The Somerfield Residents Association (which has adopted the cemetery) carried out grave top planting along this central driveway last spring. This \$5,000 will be going towards initial development of this prominent area by installing new heritage seating, lighting, and planting. These costs will be spread over a couple of financial years.

Addington Cemetery - \$5,000

It has been proposed to use the \$5,000 allocated to contract Andrew Craig, Urban Design Landscape Architect, to produce a plan enhancing the heritage nature of the cemetery. The design will be based around the planting of heritage roses throughout the cemetery.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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