

10. **WORKS, TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
- REPORT OF 10 MAY 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Committee meeting held on 10 May 2002 as follows:

Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee held on Friday 10 May 2002 at 8.00 am involving site visits and a return to Meeting Room 1 Christchurch City Council, Fendalton

PRESENT: Mark Kunnen (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart and Mike Wall

Sally Buck departed at 9.50am during the site visit to Jellie Park Aqualand and was not present for the various decisions.

Yiyi Ku left at 10.53am and was not present for the decisions regarding Clause 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 3 and 4.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. SITE VISITS TO ASSESS REQUESTS TO REMOVE TREES

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate submitted a report providing details of several requests received for the removal of trees at Edgar Macintosh Park, Stewarts Bush and Crosbie Park.

So as to assess the situations at first hand, the Committee undertook site visits to the particular locations before returning to the office for decisions to be made.

2.1 Edgar Macintosh Park re 47 and 49 Torquay Place

- Recommendations:**
1. That the two conifers in Edgar Macintosh Park bordering No's 47 & 49 Torquay Place not be removed and that the situation be reviewed again in five years time.
 2. That as a consequence of the requests received for the removal of trees, details be provided on the Parks and Waterways Unit's practices and procedures for the planting of trees in parks.

2.2 Stewarts Bush

- Recommendations:**
1. That the two Eucalyptus trees fronting Glenharrow/Tall Tree Avenues be retained but that in looking to the future, action be taken now to plant nearby two suitably sized deciduous replacements.
 2. That the Parks and Waterways Unit be requested to undertake more thorough maintenance of the footpath and park areas in the immediate vicinity of the gum trees.
 3. That appropriate pruning and tidying up of the gum trees continue to be undertaken.

2.3 Crosbie Park

2.3.1 Poplars on the Boundary of 91 Withells Road

Recommendation: That the two Poplars on Crosbie Park behind No. 91 Withells Road be removed.

2.3.2 Poplar Behind 32a Woodbury Street

Recommendations:

1. That the two Poplars on Crosbie Park behind 32a and 30 Woodbury Street be removed.
2. That the nearby residents be advised of this outcome.
3. That at least four replacement trees be planted in consultation with the residents and the Water Services Unit.

3. JELLIE PARK AQUALAND

The Committee undertook a site visit to Jellie Park Aqualand and were shown around the facilities by Dave Henderson of Recreation Management Services.

Upon return to the office, Members reflected on the visit and the Leisure Unit's Financial Adviser elaborated on likely budget funding to upgrade the facilities.

The Committee indicated its interest in receiving further information on the capital and operating costs of Aqualand along with comparative information on other Council pools. Members noted that consideration was currently being given to a renewal of the lease and that an external audit of the facility had also been undertaken.

Recommendation: That a financial report on the capital and operating costs of Jellie Park Aqualand and comparative information for the other Council pool facilities be submitted to the Committee.

4. ARBOR DAY FUNDING – RECOGNITION

The Committee considered a report setting out a process in which Arbor Day could be promoted and recognised in 2002.

Particular reference was made to the planned programmes to be undertaken at the Aorangi, Wairakei and Cobham Intermediate Schools and of the intention to support these initiatives.

Recommendation: That the programme providing support for the three mentioned schools form the basis of the Arbor Day/Conservation Week initiatives for 2002/03.

5. AVONHEAD CEMETERY – GUM TREES

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate reported on approaches made to the Council for the removal of a grove of gum trees located on the cemetery property as it was claimed the presence of the trees were affecting the saleability of sections in the new subdivision located immediately to the north of the cemetery entrance.

The Committee inspected the area and were unanimous that the trees should remain.

Recommendation: That the grove of gum trees located in the north eastern corner of the Avonhead Cemetery not be removed.

6. BECMEAD SUBDIVISION – NEW STREET TREES

The Committee visited the new Becmead subdivision to assess a request made by local residents for the Board to fund the provision of street trees ahead of the scheduled programme earmarked for 2004/05.

With issues raised about the Council's subdivision policies and the Parks and Waterways tree planting programme, it was **agreed** that further information on these matters be brought back to the Committee.

The meeting concluded at 11.11am.

Deputy Chairman's

Recommendation:

That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.