

9. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 18 MARCH 2003

Officer responsible
Community Advocate

Author
Peter Dow, DDI 941 6728

The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 20 February meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday 18 March 2003 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton & at various site visits**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Harrow (part only)

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. BENMORE GARDENS RESERVE – CONCEPT PLAN

Details were displayed of the concept plan for the landscaping of the Benmore Gardens Reserve (near Nunweek Park) as a forerunner to circulating the plan for public comment.

Specific mention was made of the intended mix of indigenous and exotic plantings and other features of the design were highlighted including the proposed kids play mound and the treatment of the extensive swale area within the reserve.

The inclusion of large seating in the form of big chairs was suggested as an added feature of difference in the design.

On the aspect of budget provision, the Committee discussed and sought an assurance that adequate funding would be available to carry out a staged completion of the project and that this aspect be noted in the publicity material.

It was **agreed** that the option of having a community garden also be referred to in the text of the publicity pamphlet.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the concept plan for the Benmore Gardens Reserve be approved and that public consultation be initiated.
 2. That in the presentation of such plans to the Board in the future, draft costings be provided and that if such costings exceed the budget available, then an indication be given as to how the balance required is to be funded.

3. SITE VISITS

3.1 Burnside Park – Burnside Bowling Club

In response to a decision made by the Board on 4 March 2003, the Committee met on site with club representatives to learn more about the Club's short and long term aspirations and of its activities in general.

The Committee was shown around the club facilities and details were provided about the Club's partnership with Bowls Canterbury and of its discussions with another bowling club about a possible merger. The possibility of providing an indoor facility on the site was an option for the future and if achieved, this would trigger the need for a replacement third green.

The Committee was advised of the intention to prepare a Management Plan for Burnside Park and key issues and future intentions for those clubs operating from the park would ideally be contained in that document.

The Club representatives were thanked for hosting the Committee.

3.2 **Benmore Gardens Reserve**

Further to Clause 2 above, the Committee visited the new reserve area.

3.3 **Wai-iti Terrace – New Kerb and Channel/Undergrounding**

The Committee stopped to view the recently completed kerb and channel project which also included the undergrounding of overhead services and additional landscaping funded by the residents.

3.4 **Medbury Terrace/Fendalton Park – Waterway/Amenity Improvements**

The recently completed kerb and channel renewal in Medbury Terrace was inspected and members noted a need to address deficiencies in the carriageway surface and in the nearby landscaping area at the head of the cul-de-sac.

The adjacent waterway was also inspected and it was again observed that maintenance of the banks and the waterway itself was very poor and needed urgent attention.

The Committee supported the preparation of a low cost sketch plan showing options to improve the general area of the waterway alongside Medbury Terrace and the Fendalton Park boundary.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 am.

Chairman's

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