

## 8. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF 15 JULY 2003

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2003.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Mike Mora, Ken Cummings, Lesley Keast and Paddy Austin. Bob Shearing and Peter Laloli were also present.

### 1. HERITAGE WEEK, 17 – 24 OCTOBER 2003

#### THEME OF WEEK

This year Heritage Week will run from Friday 17 October to Friday 24 October 2003. As in previous years it will focus on Christchurch's heritage buildings and sites, those saved and those lost, as well as our early Maori, social and environmental heritage.

#### WHAT ARE WE DOING AT A LOCAL LEVEL?

From an extensive database of historic and heritage sites, buildings, etc, we have identified nearly 200, ranging from Riccarton House to Kitchener's Knoll (on Halswell Quarry).

Some of the ways that we are looking to participate include:

- Displays in local shopping malls
- Self-guided Heritage Walks around local streets
- Identified heritage shops (which still trade today)
- Joint promotions with established heritage organisations (Riccarton Bush Trust, Halswell Quarry, Wigram Air Force Museum, Riccarton Racecourse, being examples)
- Local school heritage trails

#### UPDATE ON WORK DONE TO-DATE

Our team has been working on the participation options listed above and we wish to provide the following information to give members an update of where we are at and to seek feedback on where we are going with promoting Heritage Week in the Riccarton/Wigram area.

- **Displays in local shopping malls**  
We have agreement from Westfield Riccarton, Bush Inn Centre and the Hornby Mall to place large static displays within their malls. Each display will include a generic poster promoting our Board's support for Heritage Week but each poster will contain a picture(s) specific to the area.

The display will also feature a map of the local catchment area and information on specific sites within that area.

Associated with our display, we anticipate that a joint promotion opportunity exists with established heritage organisations (as listed under bullet point 4 above).

- **Self-guided Heritage Walks around local streets**  
We had high expectations that we could initiate walks around local streets with a dozen heritage sites identified in a brochure.

The response from all the owners that we wrote to was such that we will not be pursuing this option this year.

- **Identified heritage shops**  
There are not many shops that fall within this category but we are following this up on an individual shop basis.

- **Joint promotions with established heritage organisations**

This is being followed up on an individual basis and discussions to date have been very encouraging.

For instance, the Riccarton Racecourse Tea House restoration working group have agreed to promote their fundraising strategy during Heritage Week with an appropriate function.

- **Local school heritage trails**

We wrote to the 17 primary and intermediate schools within the Board area and invited them to make use of our resources and those of the Council at large. To date we have responses from two schools and these are being followed up.

The Committee was supportive of the projects proposed for Heritage Week.

## **2. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY CLEAN HEAT PROJECT**

On behalf of ECan, Crs Diana Shand and Richard Budd, together with Mike Goulden, were in attendance to discuss the Clean Heat Project.

The Clean Heat Project is designed to help Christchurch residents to change from open fires and older, high-emission solid fuel burners to cleaner forms of heating.

Environment Canterbury's proposed Air Plan requires open fires to be banned from 2006 and older solid fuel burners to be phased out from 2008 to meet new air quality standards.

The Clean Heat Project includes a range of subsidies towards:

- Cleaner forms of replacement heating such as heat pumps, night-store heaters, flued gas and diesel heaters and low-emission solid fuel burners.
- Upgrade of home insulation and other energy efficiency measures.
- A free Warm Home Energy Check (WHEC) assessment of home energy efficiency (normally worth up to \$100)
- Sealing or removal of fire or burner.

There are three main programmes within the Clean Heat Project, each designed for a specific target group.

There was discussion on educational programmes, alternative heating options, as well as the Commissioner hearings (March/April 2004) to the ECan Air Quality Strategies.

The attendees were thanked for their presentation, and the beneficial discussion.

## **3. CROSBIE PARK : FULL BASKETBALL COURT**

As a result of the Avonhead Sport, Recreation and Arts Study (jointly undertaken by the Fendalton/Waimairi and Riccarton/Wigram Community Boards in 2000) a full basketball court has been constructed at Crosbie Park, last year. (One of the outcomes identified by the study was the need for a full sized basketball facility in the Avonhead area.)

One of the key reasons the study was jointly undertaken in the first place was an acknowledgement that communities of interest don't necessarily conform to Council Ward boundaries and there were often opportunities where Community Boards could work more closely together to obtain a more efficient and effective use of their resources.

The Community Recreation Advisors at Fendalton and Sockburn had undertaken consultation with potential users and Asian Youth in the Avonhead area regarding some of the design criteria for the proposed facility.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board allocated up to \$20,000 and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board \$15,000. This joint funding was on the basis that the facility would be located close to the ward boundary and therefore provide recreational opportunities to residents on both Community Board areas.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board is seeking funds to complete the landscaping around the new facility.

The Committee were supportive of the request: their recommendation is recorded in Clause 7 of this report.

**4. SHOWGATE RESERVE – TREE REMOVAL AND REPLANTING UPDATE**

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate (Rod Whearty) provided an update on the removal of some Poplar trees on the reserve and the replanting programme (that had been approved by the Board.)

The Committee acknowledged the very good process that had been followed in this sensitive community issue.

**5. RICCARTON RACECOURSE TEAHOUSE RESTORATION, UPDATE**

The Committee was updated on this project.

**6. NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 2003**

To include Halswell Domain Development Plan.

**7. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1 That the Board approve the amount of \$2,500 to half-fund the Crosbie Park Basketball Court landscaping, to be funded from the Environment Committee's Project Fund.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee recommendation (Clause 7 above) be approved.