

## 7. RICCARTON BUSH TRUST : REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of a recent letter from the Riccarton Bush Trust seeking Council's financial support to the upgrading of the driveway and cycleway, being over and above what could be seen as routine maintenance.

The Secretary of the Trust writes:

*"As you know, the Riccarton House driveway forms part of the City Council's cycleway network that links Kahu Road with Ngahere Street.*

*The cycleway link is used extensively by cyclists, pedestrians, school pupils etc and is formed on Trust administered land by mutual agreement between Council and the Board of Trustees. The agreement provides for the Trust to recover any annual maintenance costs from Council.*

*However there is a need for the driveway and cycleway surface and security lighting to be upgraded to a level beyond what might be regarded as routine maintenance.*

*The cost for the work required is estimated to cost \$9392.02 plus GST as shown in the two quotations attached.*

*The Board is satisfied that the work should proceed but is unable to meet the cost, particularly as its funding levy on Council for 2003/04 has been reduced.*

*The Board has resolved to seek additional funding and this letter has been sent to the two adjoining Community Boards and Council's Cycle Planning Unit with a request that the cost of the work be divided three ways: \$3130.67 plus GST each. It would be appreciated if you would consider the request and let me know if you are able to contribute so that the safety and security of the area can be improved."*

The Trust is seeking a one-third contribution from the City Streets Unit, the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board and this Community Board.

On behalf of the City Street Unit, their Cycling and Pedestrian Planner (Michael Ferigo) has replied to the Trust as follows:

*"From the quotes it appears that the large majority of costs relate to seal repairs and extensions to the driveway and carpark. Whilst I would encourage the Trust to keep the driveway pothole free it will from time to time need such maintenance due to motor vehicles using it. I cannot commit any funds from the cycleways capital budget for this purpose nor for sealing car parks.*

*The lighting part of the request equates to \$1,722/02 plus GST and encompasses upgrading the lighting levels along the driveway, carpark and part of the cycleway. I am pleased to advise that following discussions between John Moore and Richard Bailey (Maintenance Team Leader), the City Streets Unit will cover these costs under its lighting maintenance budget."*

Therefore the two Community Boards are being asked to pay half of the sealing content of the quotation, which is \$7,670.00. Per Board this equates to \$3,835.00.

The Legal Services Manager was asked to give an opinion on whether those Board members who are also members of the Riccarton Bush Trust should be part of today's discussion and decision.

Mr Mitchell advises that these members are entitled to debate and make a decision on this request. However Mr Mitchell advises that Bob Shearing should not participate in the debate as his company has submitted a quotation for work, upon which the Trust is seeking funding.

**Recommendation:** That the Board give consideration to the request from the Riccarton Bush Trust.

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