

4. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 13 MAY 2003 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2003.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Paddy Austin (for Clauses 1 and 2 only), Ken Cummings and Mike Mora.

Peter Laloli and Ishwar Ganda were also present.

1. **WENDY KILGARIFF
COMMUNITY GARDENS ADVOCATE**

Wendy introduced the draft discussion paper on community gardens.

To date, the Board has been supportive of the concept, but had not committed any resources or initiatives to establish any community gardens.

The Committee **agreed** to support the community garden concepts, to identify project opportunities and to seek to participate in this initiative.

2. **APPLICATION PROCESS TO LOCATE MOBILE
PHONE EQUIPMENT ON COUNCIL PROPERTY**

Victoria Murdoch (Property Projects Officer) and John de Zwart (City Solutions Project Manager) were in attendance to discuss the application process for the siting of cell sites onto Council land and/or property.

The process covers "micro" and "macro" sites, the consultation procedures, Community Board involvement and the (Council) Property and Major Projects Committee decision-making process.

There is an approved protocol with Telecom and Vodafone, dating back to July 2001.

A full presentation was given. Five Riccarton/Wigram applications were currently being processed.

The Committee, in **receiving** the presentation, were supportive of the process (the Community Board had given this Committee "power to act" in receiving and commenting on applications received from the Property Manager).

3. **LINCOLN UNIVERSITY/ISAAC CENTRE/COUNCIL RESEARCH PROPOSALS
JOINT PARTNERSHIP**

Allan Watson (Infrastructure and Facilities Policy Leader, Policy Directorate) was in attendance to discuss the background and business of this liaison group.

From the Memorandum of Understanding, the group's purpose "is to contribute to the goal of achieving sustainable urban environments within their wider setting by promoting and co-ordinating research, teaching and education projects focussed in the area of Urban Ecology and benefiting both the University's academic objectives and sustainable city outcomes".

The Committee was very supportive of the research group proposal idea; their recommendation is recorded under Clause 12 of this report.

4. **HERITAGE WEEK
OCTOBER 17 TO 24 2003 (INCLUSIVE)**

The Committee has committed to recognising Heritage Week and had identified various "events" that could be staged; these included:

- Heritage Walks
- Kingsford Smith landing site, Wigram
- Hornby War Memorial water tower, Hornby Primary School
- Mall displays
- Heritage Awards, for buildings and people

5. WYCOLA PARK REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, UPDATE

At the 11 February 2003 meeting this Committee received the draft redevelopment plan for the Wycola Park.

As well as approving the sum of \$10,000 towards the project, the Committee agreed that the plan go out for community consultation.

The proposed plan was circulated to local residents in mid March. In addition to this the Parks and Waterways Advocate also presented the plan to the Hei Hei Residents' Association in the Hei Hei Community Centre on 27 March 2003. A number of local residents and the Hornby Hockey Club also attended this meeting and provided feedback on the plan.

Overall the proposed plan drew a very positive response from the local community. A total of 77 residents returned comment forms giving their feedback.

The only significant change to the original plan is to move the hard court to an area adjacent to the artificial hockey surface.

An interim reply has been sent to all respondents informing them of the feedback and that there are relatively few changes apart from the location of the hard court area. A copy of the finalised plan will be sent out to the respondents when it is available, along with details of the development programme.

The first priority is to commence construction of the pathway network through the park.

The Parks and Waterways Unit has picked up all the costs to date for the preparation of the redevelopment plan. The Parks and Waterways 5 year Capital Works Programme has funding in the following years for Wycola Park:

2003/04	\$50,000	Replacement Toilet Block
2004/05	\$20,000	Amenity Planting
2007/08	\$35,000	Irrigation

The redevelopment of Wycola Park will be a vast improvement on the current layout. The possible redevelopment of the Hei Hei Community Centre will also provide additional opportunities to enhance that area of the park and provide a better integration between the building and the park.

A further suggestion made was for the EPH Manurere Street residents lounge could be sited so as to look out onto the park; this initiative would be followed through by staff.

The Committee was very supportive of the new plan; their recommendation is recorded under Clause 12 of this report.

6. UPPER RICcarton DOMAIN CRICKET CLUB, CLUBROOMS

This club had sought the use of the Harvard Lounge for Saturday afternoon functions (at the conclusion of matches).

The Harvard Lounge is administered by the Council and is intended to be used by the community for passive recreation/meetings, etc.

The Community Advocate suggested that he meet with club representatives to ascertain their needs and to then assess the suitability of the (club) request.

It was **agreed** to support the club's request, and that this be left to the Community Advocate to process.

7. WASTEWATER OUTCOMES WORKSHOP

To be held on 7 June 2003 at 11.00 am.

8. RICCARTON RACECOURSE TEAHOUSE RESTORATION JOINT COMMITTEE

Neville Bennett (as one of the three Board representatives on the Joint Committee) gave an update on progress to date: a draft business plan has been produced, a fundraising committee and Appeal Committee were being structured.

9. WIGRAM AIR BASE, SERVICE PERSONNEL MEMORIAL

With the agreement of Ngai Tahu, land had been secured at Wigram onto which a memorial could be placed.

It was **agreed** that a letter be sent to Ngai Tahu, from the Committee, to acknowledge this.

10. MONA VALE WEIR

The issue of trout ladders at the Weir, to allow trout migration, had been discussed by this Committee for some time.

Advice has been received that the Water Services Unit would be undertaking some weir modifications so as to allow for the upstream migration of trout.

**11. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY
DRAFT 2003/04 ANNUAL PLAN**

Received.

12. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board agree to the allocation of up to a maximum of \$5,000 from the 2003/04 Environment Committee Project Funds to the Lincoln University/Isaac Centre/Environment Canterbury/Christchurch City Council Research Project.
- 2 That the Board allocate \$10,000 to the Wycola Park Redevelopment Plan, to be funded from (identified) 2002/03 Project/Discretionary Funds.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Committee recommendations be adopted.