

8. WILLIAM GUISE BRITTAN RESERVE - PLANTING ISSUES, LAND AROUND THE RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to report on improvements to the intersection of Kilmore Street, Avonside Drive, Fitzgerald Avenue and Oxford Terrace including river banks.

Following a presentation by Frances Ryman to the Parks Gardens and Waterways Committee the Parks and Waterways Unit instructed City Solutions to follow up on a number of planting issues in the area around the William Guise Brittan Reserve.

The following is a summary of work to date and proposed this planting season.

- (a) The planting bed on the corner of Chester Street east and Fitzgerald (outside the Crichton Cobbers Club) has been replanted. However, recent vandalism in the cutting down of the semi mature cut leaf plane tree has resulted in some damage to these plants.
- (b) The planting bed on the Kilmore Street, Oxford Street corner has, after consultation with adjacent owners, had the tight corner asphalted where there was obvious short cutting by foot traffic. A planting plan has been prepared for the rest of the bed, plants ordered and planting will be carried out in Autumn 2003.
- (c) Frances Ryman also identified the Fitzgerald Avenue median as a possible site for some old fashioned daffodils. An old fashioned variety – King Alfred has been sourced from a North Island nursery and bulbs will be purchased and planted in autumn.
- (d) A meeting was held with Mrs Ryman and the Central City Maintenance Team to identify replacement plants and species for the William Guise Brittan Reserve. Plants have been ordered and will be planted in autumn.
- (e) There was a request for a wharf to go in opposite the William Guise Brittan Reserve. Physical constraints and some serious safety concerns made the location impractical. Old wharf sites have been identified on the Heathcote river with a bollard and plaque

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:**
- 1. That the information be received and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board invited to support financially the purchase and planting of King Alfred daffodil bulbs in the Fitzgerald Avenue median.
 - 2. That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board be invited to consider installing a bollard with a bronze plaque identifying the William Guise Brittan wharf. Mrs Ryman could assist with appropriate text.