

## 24. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

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The following reports have recently been received:

### **KAPUATOHE HISTORIC RESERVE (Myra Barry)**

This reserve is administered by the Christchurch City Council in association with the Management Committee which consists of eight committee representatives and two Community Board members. As per the constitution nominations were called from the following groups:

Belfast Residents' Association	Ivan Hibbard
Historic Places Trust	Ivan Taylor
Canterbury Museum	Jennifer Queree

The Belfast Garden Club and the Belfast School Board of Trustees have not had a representative for some time.

Meetings have been held approximately every two to three months, however the members have asked that they meet every four to six weeks. The schoolhouse was built in 1877 and still retains much of its original appearance although the old pantry and scullery have been converted to a kitchen and the old coalhouse and washhouse to a bathroom and laundry.

There is a farmhand's cottage adjacent to the schoolhouse, which was erected in approximately 1900, and this was restored in 1987 and is now tenanted.

A museum was constructed behind the schoolhouse in 1985 to house and display items of local historical interest. Anyone researching family history may find the museum's extensive photograph collection and records helpful. The museum is open on the first Sunday of each month from 2.00 – 4.00 pm and Amy Peers who received a heritage award in 2002 is always available to help as she has done since 1986.

Last September a property review was asked for and to date nothing has happened. At the last meeting on 7 February the chairperson asked that urgent action be taken as the schoolhouse, which is usually tenanted, has been standing empty since October. The review will cover management and operational responsibility, property maintenance and restoration, funding/budget/sustainability, tenancy and long-term future status of the reserve.

Because there have been no tenants in the schoolhouse the gardens have grown wild and unattractive necessitating a postponement of the March Open Day.

The two board members on the committee are Dennis Hills and Myra Barry.

### **OURUHIA HALL (Norm Withers)**

On 5 June 2002 I was officially appointed to the Ouruhia Hall Committee as the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's representative.

The committee hold a meeting on the third Monday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm. The minutes are recorded in a large hard covered book and always confirmed at the ensuing month's meeting. The meetings are well attended and whilst no minutes and/or agendas are circulated the business of the meetings is well conducted. The general well being and continued support for the hall as a facility is clearly evident to me. The Committee of eight are responsible for the day-to-day running of the hall and represent an enthusiastic group of community volunteers.

Bookings for the hall are reasonably steady and the Committee carried out a campaign to help generate more bookings. The hall has new enquiries from a Scout group and a possible school group as well as regular hirers such as the Garden Club and, in winter, the Indoor Bowling Club.

I understand Council has money set aside for a general upgrade of outlets, including wheelchair access which was to be commenced in late 2002. Other items which need some attention are an external paint job and the floor upgrade which has been discussed before. I have learnt that back in 2001 there was a controversial issue of the possible relocation of the hall. However, it appears that the issue has subsided.

I do not have a reason to seek any major change to operating procedures except for consideration to commence as soon as possible for the budgeted improvement work and to keep the Committee advised.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK COMMITTEE (Yvonne Palmer and Dennis Hills)**

The history of the Week is probably well known to members of the Board, but it began with our Board about six years ago, spread on a metropolitan basis and last year the concept was taken up on a national basis.

Dennis and Yvonne attend all meetings which are held monthly from April until September. We meet fortnightly and have a final meeting after Neighbourhood Week for a debrief. All Christchurch Community Boards, except Fendalton/Waimairi, along with a representative of the Lyttelton/Herbert Community Board, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council are attendees and

Christchurch City Council media staff are attendees. Sue Wells is the Chairperson and Dennis Hills is the Deputy Chairperson of this committee.

This Committee co-ordinates activities during Neighbourhood Week (late October – early November) on a metropolitan basis, whilst permitting Boards to fund/organise their own activities during the week or at other times.

It is exciting to see how this committee has increased, with other local government areas in Canterbury taking an active part. Every year some Community Boards have increased their funds for this event, as well as new initiatives that are reported at the debrief meeting.

Our Board typically funds events like street barbeques or street parties (food only not alcohol!) at about \$2.00 - \$2.50 per head, but has funded skip hire for a street clean-up on two occasions. Typical grants are in the \$50 - \$200 range. We have always encouraged groups to join the Neighbourhood Support network and there has been a link (for Neighbourhood Week) with the Police and, more recently, with Neighbourhood Support New Zealand. Our Board has twice funded a Children's Day event at the Groynes (2000 and 2002, rained out in 2001) without the requested financial support from a neighbouring Board. Children's Day has for several years coincided with the Sunday of Neighbourhood Week.

Friday, 21 February will be our first meeting since the debrief to discuss a report prepared by Stephen Phillips on the way forward for the committee and the possibility of seeking sponsorship for events during Neighbourhood Week.

Your representatives would recommend that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board continues to have an active participation on this committee and have funds budgeted for street events within our Community Board area. The programme meets the aims and vision of our Community Board for a safe community.

We also recommend that the Children's Day event at the Groynes continue to be a Shirley/Papanui event rather than a Metropolitan event during this week.

## **KEEP CHRISTCHURCH BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE (Dennis Hills)**

Previously, this committee met on a Friday afternoon, which permitted attendance by a Shirley/Papanui Board member. This was changed in 2001 to the third Wednesday of the month, which (at the time) permitted attendance. However, since the introduction of our Seminar meeting two weeks after Board meetings there has been a direct clash with the exception of the last meeting of the year. This meant that only one meeting of Keep Christchurch Beautiful (KCB) has been attended in the past year, although attendance at the annual Keep New Zealand Beautiful conference (held at a weekend) was possible. It is expected that 2003 will prove to be the same with regard to the KCB meetings. It is not known if other Boards are similarly affected. From our point of view, attendance at the seminar meeting should be seen as being of greater importance, except under rare circumstances.

The KCB was started as an "anti-litter" organisation and is funded by the Council for this purpose. In 2001 the KCB had its attention drawn to the fact that it was becoming involved in a number of areas not directly related to litter (the "green fish" on drains, for example). The focus since then has been on litter, with a new constitution being drawn up and adopted in 2002.

During 2002, our Board had a presentation on the litter surveys in our area, as well as elsewhere in the city. Another KCB activity (Schools Environmental Enhancement Programme or "SEEP") could be the topic of a future presentation. This programme utilises resource packs for teachers to undertake class projects on various environmental awareness and educational programmes within the school curriculum. Awards are made each year to schools for community pride projects and environmental enhancement projects and there are caretaker awards as well. This is a valuable exercise at furthering anti-litter matters in the future.

KCB also encourages involvement in various "clean-up" events each year, such as "Clean Up The World" week. In 2002, a major event in that week involved hundreds of people collecting several tonnes of rubbish from McLeans Island. KCB has called on the Council to take stronger action regarding enforcement of the Litter Act. In our area, an annual clean-up of part of the Styx River has highlighted the amount and nature of material dumped in rural areas around Christchurch. Concern has been expressed about the relationship between illegal dumping and transfer station charges. There is also concern about the costs of long-term environmental damage outweighing any short-term savings from the withdrawal of "free" rubbish bags.

Involvement has been useful but the conflict of meetings makes attendance nearly impossible. Should the agenda of KCB include an item of special interest, then a decision about attendance (as against a written submission) would need to be made in terms of that item and the topic(s) of our Seminar meeting.

## **GARDEN PRIDE AWARDS (Dennis Hills)**

This involves all Board members at the final stage, the presentation of the awards. Prior to that, the Board representative takes part in two meetings each year of the Street and Garden Awards Committee and in the actual judging of streets and individual gardens on the Main North Road.

The meetings involve representatives of each Board. Over the years, some Councillors have been active as representatives. Meetings are a partnership between one section of the Christchurch Beautifying Association and Council representatives. Funding is provided by the Council, although Community Boards provide money for certificates and signs on special occasions (such as in 2000). The Committee ensures a consistency of involvement by all parties and ideas from one area are often taken up in another (such as planting bulbs in "islands" of divided roadways, such as Bealey Avenue, Linwood Avenue and Harewood Road). Native gardens are now included for recognition along with the traditional "lots of annuals" gardens, which have met the criteria in past years.

There are many garden competitions (run by local or metropolitan organisations) and this causes much confusion ("But I never entered any competition!") with Garden Pride activities. The certificates presented (jointly) by the Board are for gardens that have been observed as presenting a good appearance to the street and illustrating "community pride". These are not selected in the "judging" mentioned above. This process gives special attention to gardens along major entrance roads, in our case the Main North Road. All attractive gardens receive a certificate, but there is also ranking (first, second and third) for home gardens and commercial gardens. Winners from one year are usually "stood-down" for a year so that prizes are shared around.

The other part of the judging process (which involves two people from the Christchurch Beautifying Association, the Area Parks Advocate, and the Board representative) is of streets pre-selected in both wards, as either a long street or a short street (usually a cul-de-sac). These are ranked for first, second and third places with Papanui Ward streets usually taking out the placings.

Attendance at the meetings and the (unpaid) judging should continue.

**WAIMAKARIRI EYRE COMMITTEE** (Dennis Hills)

This has apparently replaced the older Waimakariri Flood Plain Committee, which has not met in the present or previous Board term (your representative has never been advised of a meeting). A note from a neighbouring Board's agenda refers to a yearly meeting of "Waimakariri/Eyre/Cust Rating Liaison Committee" which we assume to be the committee in question. No recommendation about future involvement can be made as there has been no past involvement. However, if there is advice of a meeting it will be attended.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairperson's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the staff recommendation be adopted.
  2. That the Board members be thanked for providing the above reports and that the remaining Board members appointed to outside organisations submit their reports at the 2 April 2003 Shirley/Papanui Community Board meeting.