

7. SHIRLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL LAND DEVELOPMENT

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The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board funding for proposed landscaping of the parcel of land of the Shirley primary school which borders Shirley Road.

INTRODUCTION

The Principal of Shirley primary School has approached the Council to look at how the parcel of land between school buildings and Shirley Road can be utilised.

It has been suggested that the appearance of the school and that of Shirley Road can be improved if this parcel of land was suitably landscaped. This is an exciting opportunity to make use of a piece of land which currently is not used by the school, which with suitable treatment can be an asset to the whole area.

The current proposal is that the school makes the land available for landscaping and the Council then provides a landscape design. At that stage the Council and the school would look at a cost share scheme to get the proposal underway.

PROPOSED DESIGN

The area proposed for development is the Southern boundary of the school grounds where the school borders Shirley Road. There is an existing fence on the boundary of the school and the road reserve. It is proposed to remove this fence while retaining sufficient fencing to keep the remainder of the school grounds secure, and to landscape the area to provide an enhancement to the whole area.

Refer to the attached plan for details of what is proposed.

BUDGET

The following budget has been prepared by our landscape architect for the proposed works. The estimate was developed using commercial landscape rates.

Budget estimate (excl GST)	\$7,150
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This can be split into the following two main categories:

Materials (including plants, soil etc)	\$5,250
Labour	\$1,900

A cost share for this needs to be developed with the school. Initial discussions indicate that the school could provide labour for the project. In addition the school will provide the on-going maintenance for the area through their own groundsman.

CONCLUSION

This is an exciting opportunity for the Council and the school to make another contribution to the development of this area of Shirley.

A considerable amount of work has already occurred at and around the Hills Road, Shirley Road, Warrington Street intersection and this proposal will further build on this excellent work. This is a chance for the Council to work with a local organisation to develop the area in a collaborative approach.

Staff**Recommendation:**

That the Community Board:

1. Approve the concept of landscaping the Shirley Primary school boundary with Shirley Rd
2. Approve of entering into negotiations with the school to develop a cost share scheme for the proposal
3. That the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Ingrid Stonhill be involved in the negotiations with the school and that these Board representatives are allocated the power to approve up to a maximum of \$4000.00.

Chairperson's**Recommendation:**

That the staff recommendations be adopted.