

7. STYX MILL CONSERVATION RESERVE BARBEQUE

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The purpose of this report is to seek support for a change of use for a Board allocation to the Parks and Waterways Unit.

Board members may recall allocating \$6,500 from the 2001/02 Project Funds for a barbeque and shelter at Styx Mill Conservation Reserve. This was a request from the Guardians of the Styx group and supported by the Parks and Waterways Unit. Due to other proposals planned for the Styx Mill Conservation Reserve, it has since been agreed by the above parties that the construction of the proposed barbeque and shelter would not be appropriate at that location.

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board have previously sponsored gas-operated barbeques located around the Groynes Recreation Reserve. These barbeques are well patronised with over 12,000 meals cooked on them annually by families and small groups enjoying a picnic by the river and experiencing the natural environment. Consequently, staff request that the funding for a barbeque in the Styx Mill Conservation Reserve be used to provide a new electric barbeque at the Groynes Recreation Reserve in the number one area by the existing shop.

Staff would also like to thank the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for the generous support offered over the years towards the Regional Parks in their area.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the change of use for the 2001/02 Project Fund allocation.

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- Recommendations:**
1. That the staff recommendation be adopted and that the barbeque be placed at a site identified by the Board in conjunction with the Rangers.
 2. That the Parks and Waterways Unit be requested to use an equivalent sum for a Styx Mill Conservation Reserve project in order to replace the funds lost to the Groynes Recreation Reserve project.
 3. That funds be considered for allocation to the Styx Mill Conservation Reserve at the next Project Fund allocation.