

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) Janet Stewart Reserve

A woven flax basket from the first native flax (harakeke) harvested from the Janet Stewart Reserve was presented by Bill Karaitiana (Te Korari) and accepted on behalf of the Board by Maria Tait. Bill explained the background to the ceremony from Maori tradition and the symbolism, for example that the shoot of the flax is the beginning of all knowledge.

Weaver, Simon Rutherford explained his training in flax weaving and his expectation for the quality of the flax at the Janet Stewart Reserve.

In recognition of the importance of the occasion Bill Karaitiana sang a waiata.

The Chairperson expressed members' pride at receiving the gift and thanked all those who had attended to bestow this honour on the Community Board.

(b) Strengthening Communities Action Plan

Sue Cobb was welcomed as the person appointed to undertake preliminary work in relation to the plan for this area and to guide the project through the public forum stage.

(c) Youth in Malls

The Youth Advocate, Robyn Moore, attended and spoke about her visit to Queensland and investigations into the treatment of young people in a major shopping mall in Brisbane. She said that the malls have become the 'village green' of the 90s, but conflict has arisen as they were on private property.

Many young people had had bad experiences as a result of stereotyping and, following a specific instance, the mall and youth representatives had been working on a protocol and grievance procedure for about two years.

With this information, Robyn was now initiating discussions with mall managers in Christchurch.