

#### **4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

##### **1. Wizard's Stone**

Pastors Chris and Steph McEwin, representing the combined churches of Christchurch, expressed their opposition to a plaque bearing the web site address and memorial to the Wizard, as being environmentally unsuitable for placement in Cathedral Square.

They considered that a more appropriate place, given the Wizards' entertainer-type role, might be the Arts Centre, or as a living work of art appropriate in an art gallery.

##### **2. Penguin Colony, Boulder Bay**

The Committee first heard from Mr Jim Turpin, President of the Taylors Mistake Association, which represents the owners of baches at Taylors Mistake and Boulder Bay.

It was the Association's opinion that no steps should be taken in relation to the baches, nor any seminar held, until the decision of the Environment Court was known.

He stated that white-flipped penguins did not nest at Boulder Bay and even if the baches were removed and the mature trees felled as advocated by the proposal, then it was probable that the effort and considerable expenditure involved would be wasted.

Mr Turpin tabled a substantive report detailing:

- Nature of Turning Point 2000 proposal and its impact on Boulder Bay
- Financial aspects of Turning Point 2000 penguin proposal
- Close association between Turning Point 2000 and Save the Bay group
- The need for other sites
- Council decision no. 165D
- Background to Council decision no. 165D: mediated solution
- Report by Environment Committee Chairman
- Rights of bach owners to occupy current bach sites

He stated that the Association supported the recommendations of the Senior Planner (Conservation) that Council initiatives should concentrate primarily on measures to secure existing penguin colonies from predation and increase penguin numbers as this would encourage the maintenance and enhancement of the small existing penguin colony at Harris Bay.

Mr Turpin concluded by requesting that any further discussion by the Council of the proposed establishment of a penguin nesting colony at Boulder Bay be deferred until the decision of the Environment Court was known on the appeals lodged.

Di Menzies and Dr Chris Challies of the Port Hills 2000 organisation referred to matters in the report of the Senior Planner (Conservation), and explained the concept of the penguin parade.

While funding would be needed for the maintenance of the colony itself, they stated that there would be all sorts of spin-offs for Christchurch as an environmental experience which, in turn, would result in a win for the birds.

In conclusion, such a project would see the white-flipped penguins re-established on the mainland and help increase its survival chances.