

9. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) FERRYMEAD HISTORIC PARK

Mr Craig Boyce, Chairman, and Mr Chris Rudge, Manager, Ferrymead Park Limited, updated the Committee on activities and developments at Ferrymead Historic Park since the park's administration was restructured just under two years ago.

In terms of the future, the deputation advised that the park was being developed in three areas:

- **Education Programme**

The education programme was very successful over the 1998 academic year. Of the 160 class groups visiting the park, all of which were surveyed, 100% enjoyed their visit. A \$250,000 contract has been signed with the Ministry of Education which will guarantee the programme's continuity for the next two and a half years.

- **Events**

Ferrymead Historic Park is establishing itself as a "must see" attraction with large events at Easter, Labour Weekend and during January. It is anticipated that these successful events will continue to grow in size with continued support and funding.

- **Building Programme**

In order to operate the park as a seven-day-a-week visitor attraction, it will be necessary to construct a number of buildings to complete the historic township and, most importantly, provide premises from which businesses can operate.

Relocation of Park Entrance

The construction of the new road linking Bridle Path Road to Truscotts Road is expected to be completed in July at which time the park's entrance will be relocated to the recently acquired chapel. This will provide the park with a functional and clear entrance.

The deputation advised that as a result of increasing support from the Ministry of Education, funding agencies and this Council, the park is well on track to establishing itself as a top city attraction.

The Chairman thanked Mr Boyce, the directors and staff for their work over the past 21 months.

(b) **GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION**

Mr Wilson Penman of the Sporting Shooters Association of New Zealand sought a review of the Council's present stance on gun control legislation on the grounds that stronger gun controls were ineffective and expensive to implement.

Mr John Finch spoke on behalf of the New Zealand Coalition of Licensed Firearm Owners and requested that the matter lie on the table for one month to give his organisation and other groups representing sporting gun users' interests to make submissions on this issue.

Mr Derry Gordon and Mr Peter Lowe addressed the Committee on behalf of the Society of Friends. The Society is a foundation member of the Coalition for Gun Control.

The deputation indicated its strong support for the position taken by the Council on this issue.