

13. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

13.1 SOUTH EAST ARANUI RESIDENTS' SUPPORT GROUP

Mr Peter Hayes was in attendance to outline four concerns of the South East Aranui Residents' Support Group. Firstly, he raised the issue of speeding vehicles in Merrington Crescent, which was of great concern as there was a park, playcentre and Kohanga Reo in the vicinity. This had been an issue that Mr Hayes had initially approached the Council on approximately five to six years ago, and he felt that it had been ignored by the Council. Secondly, was the issue of self seeding trees in the Shortland Street and Carters Road area. These were causing problems in peoples' gardens and in the drains, as hundreds of trees were seeding throughout the neighbourhood. Mr Hayes requested Council assistance in eradicating them. Thirdly, residents were concerned at the need to reseal Pages Road between 380 Pages Road and the New Brighton bridge. This was an area used by heavy vehicles and the uneven surface had created unreasonable noise and vibration in the area. Fourthly, the issue of flooding on the corner of Doreen Street and Merrington Crescent from the Breezes Road end was raised. Currently the water did not drain away and at times over 12 inches of water was ponding there. Again, this was an issue that had been ongoing for a number of years and the Residents' Support Group was eager for the Council to undertake action in this area. The Board **decided**:

1. To request a report from the Area Parks Officer on the self seeding trees in Shortland Street and Carters Road.
2. To request a report on the flooding problem on the corner of Doreen Street and Merrington Crescent.

13.2 NEW BRIGHTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Brian Hill was in attendance to outline the New Brighton Residents' Association's concern at the proposed helicopter operation off New Brighton Pier. He also advised that the Association was arranging a carol singing event at New Brighton. This would be staged under the macrocarpa tree outside the library and involve the St Albans Community Choir. Brian requested \$150 to cover promotional and administrative costs. The event would be held on Thursday 15 December 1999 at 8.00 pm. Finally, Brian also advised that the Residents' Association was co-ordinating a millennium project to install a sundial in the vicinity of the Pier. It was currently working with the Parks Unit to establish a site for the sundial, which was paid for through sponsorship. Brian advised that the Residents' Association would love to see the sundial in place for the first sunrise of the millennium.