

**15. PLANTATION TREES - SOUTH BRIGHTON MOTOR CAMP** RR 10577

The Leisure Manager submitted a report drawing to the attention of the Committee the unsafe nature of an area of plantation trees adjacent to the South Brighton Motor Camp.

The report advised that on Sunday 11 July 1999 following a period of heavy rain, a large cupressus macrocarpa tree growing in the conifer plantation adjacent to the motor camp fell into the camping area narrowly missing a parked (but unoccupied) caravan.

There have been several such incidents over the past few years where apparently healthy trees in the plantations surrounding the camping ground and sports field areas have fallen over.

Prior to the Committee meeting, the proposal to remove a 30 metre wide block of trees on the section of the plantation where the risk of further trees falling is greatest was discussed with the camp lessee, representatives of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the South New Brighton Residents' Association. All present at the meeting agreed that in the interests of public safety the removal of a number of trees was necessary. It was also agreed that a management plan be prepared providing for the progressive replacement of trees over a period of some years.

In view of the above, the Leisure Manager recommended that consideration be given to removing all plantation trees growing within 30 metres of the camping ground and to replanting the felled area with suitable shelter and amenity trees.

The staff report was before the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board at its meeting on 30 August 1999. The Board decided to recommend to the Committee that the appropriate action to be taken to isolate and minimise the potential safety hazard the plantation trees may be to the public, and patrons of the South Brighton Motor Camp.

The Committee **resolved**:

1. That authority be delegated to the Parks Manager to undertake the necessary tree removal and replanting in the plantation adjacent to the South Brighton Motor Camp. This to be restricted to the area defined on the plan attached to the Committee agenda, and subject to the approval of the South Brighton Residents' Association. The Residents' Association to also be consulted with regard to the future planting of the area.
2. That a Management Plan for the risk management of the remainder of the camping ground area be prepared and referred to the South New Brighton Residents' Association, Burwood/Pegasus Community Board Community Board and camp lessee for comment by 30 November 1999.