

3. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 17 AUGUST 1999 MEETING**

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on 17 August 1999. Matters considered included the following:

3.1 **Streetscape Sites**

Over recent meetings the Committee had identified various streets which, in their opinion, could be suitable for street enhancement. This would be the subject of a report, together with sites and costings, to the next meeting of this Committee.

3.2 **Nga Puna Wai Reserve**

The Committee undertook an inspection of the proposed Nga Puna Wai Reserve.

In 1986 the Council purchased a 25 ha block adjacent to Curletts Road from the Crown for recreational purposes. The site remained in an undeveloped state since its purchase, due to problems associated with access off the busy Curletts Road. This land was therefore exchanged for 28 ha of Canterbury A&P-owned land on the other side of the retention basin at the end of Templetons Road. This exchange made it possible to enable the Canterbury Saleyards and A&P Showgrounds to relocate their functions from the Lincoln Road site where they had been situated for over 100 years.

The land exchange solved a number of problems. A Recreation Reserve could now be established with access from a less busy road than Curletts Road.

Landscape plans and documents which define the Council's management objectives and policies. They provide a framework within which all future management will be carried out and are subject to periodic review, usually every five years.

The name Nga Puna Wai (many spring waters) has been suggested as a name for the Reserve, to replace the title of Curletts Reserve.

The design concept comprises four recognisable zones with distinct characteristics and use.

- (a) Active Sports and Recreation Zone
- (b) Passive Open Space
- (c) Wigram Retention Basin – Native Wetland Habitat and Revegetation
- (d) Upper Heathcote River Corridor – Riparian Revegetation Zone

The Committee is very supportive of the reserve development and **agreed** to support the concept plan for the Nga Puna Wai Reserve.