

5. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 14 MARCH 2000 MEETING**

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2000.

5.1 **Notified Resource Consents**

Two recent notified applications for resource consent, advertised by the Canterbury Regional Council, had come to the attention of the Committee.

The Committee has previously agreed (and endorsed by the Board) to lodge submissions in opposition to these applications.

The Board **decided**:

1. That the Board Chairperson and Committee Chairperson represent the Board at the hearings.
2. That, upon receipt of the Canterbury Regional Council officer's reports on the notified consent applications, the Board Chairperson and Committee Chairperson consider the preparation of the Board's submission.
3. That all Board members be invited to participate in the preparation of the submission.
4. That the Board Chairperson and the Environmental Committee Chairperson be granted power to act to authorise the submission going forward, on behalf of the Board, to the Canterbury Regional Council.

5.2 **Jamell Place/Silver Birch Street Trees**

Some members had been approached by residents seeking the Board's reconsideration of its 30 June 1999 decision to retain the silver birch trees in Jamell Place.

An on-site inspection was undertaken immediately prior to the Board meeting.

The Board **agreed** subsequently, that an invitation should be sent to all residents of Jamell Place and Henley Gardens inviting them to attend the 11 April meeting of the Environmental Committee and to address the Committee on the original petition which sought the removal of silver birch trees in Jamell Place.

5.3 **Showgate Reserve Tree Removal**

Members also took the opportunity to visit Showgate Reserve where the question of removing some trees had been the subject of a residents letterbox drop.

Responses had been received by the Area Parks Officer, together with a petition seeking the retention of all the reserve trees.

The Board **agreed** to invite all residents to the 11 April meeting of the Environmental Committee.

5.4 **Arbor Day**

The Environmental Promotion Officer, Ms Kerry Everingham attended the Committee meeting to discuss Community Board involvement in the Year 2000 Arbor Day programmes.

The Board **decided** to support the programmes and has made available the sum of \$2,000 from its Discretionary Fund, to assist schools to purchase plants and engage the services of a landscape architect.

5.5 **Playground Equipment Renewal/Relocation**

The Committee is to review the current schedule of playground renewal projects within the Board area, two recent requests for renewal and relocation (on reserves in Upper Riccarton and Halswell) have highlighted a growing community expectation for more projects of this to be programmed.

5.6 **Private Pit Management**

The Board is to hold an on-site inspection with representatives of the joint Canterbury Regional Council/Christchurch City Council Committee, following recent deputations to the joint committee seeking more control over private pits in the Wigram Ward, mainly in respect of compliance with conditions attached to the relevant resource consents.