



## 1. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 15 FEBRUARY 2000 MEETING**

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on 15 February 2000.

### 1. **GROWING COMMUNITIES ORGANIC RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL NEEDS**

Mr Eric Park, Solid Waste Engineer with the Council, was in attendance to discuss his report. A precis is as follows:

- to seek ideas and suggestions and interest in a synergistic project to maximise the use of organic resources, currently wasted in the City, as a resource for community style gardens meeting a wide range of social needs
- Council supports the concept
- success of community gardens has been based on community commitment
- Community Boards can identify projects
- next step is to tackle organic waste
- various Council policies are aligned to goals and objectives of this scheme

In discussion, the Committee was very supportive of the scheme.

Various options to identify potential Council-owned sites were discussed, the use (by way of partnerships) of community-based work trusts / groups, as well as promotion / education to the community.

The Board **agreed** to consider this further at the next meeting of the Committee.

### 2. **CAMPERVAN EFFLUENT DUMP POINT SITES**

The Committee noted that the City Streets and Waste Units were now pursuing a site, on SH1, with the local camping ground in Templeton; previous sites identified were in industrial side streets in Hornby.

### 3. **'WELCOME' SIGNS (OR, RURAL THRESHOLD SIGNS)**

Four sites have been identified, with City Streets Unit keen to promote the placing of rural thresholds at each site; one sign is being sited (for incoming traffic) within a planted area. The threshold addition will see a duplication of the planted area on the side directly opposite.

(Further discussion reported under Clause 5 of this report.)

### 4. **OPEN PIT CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE**

It was noted that the Committee Chairperson and Board Chairperson had been invited to the joint Canterbury Regional Council/Christchurch City Council meeting, Wednesday 16 February to discuss (stock truck effluent and) open pit / landfill management issues.

The Board noted that the attendance at the joint meeting on 16 February had been successful.

For the next meeting of this joint committee (15 March) the officers of the Canterbury Regional Council had been asked "...to take all practical steps to clean up the Owaka Road and Ablet Pit sites and report back on progress..."

The Community Advocate advised the Board that the Canterbury Regional Council had taken up the suggestion of the joint committee for an on-site meeting with the Board.

A recommendation, proposed and seconded by Ishwar Ganda and Mike Mora respectively, seeking: "that the landfill pit at Owaka Road be closed", was discussed, it was **agreed** that this lie upon the table, in view of the invitation for an on-site meeting.

#### 5. **STREETSCAPE SITES**

Two sites previously identified Peverel Street, from Euston to Wainui, and Springs Road, from Gibson to Halswell Junction were reported on. Funds would be provided by the Parks Unit.

The planting of trees back into Picton Avenue, previously discussed, would be considered by the City Streets Unit who have the reconstruction of this street programmed in 2001/02.

The proposal to undertake replanting of the median of Main South road (Parker to Carmen) was tabled, for further consideration. However, members were not totally supportive of the 'need' to undertake this work.

#### 6. **UPPER RICCARTON DOMAIN PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AND RELOCATION**

A request has been received, from local residents, concerning the positioning of the playground equipment, on the Upper Riccarton Domain, adjacent to Yaldhurst Road.

The request seeks to relocate the equipment into the park.

The domain has high local uses. There is a tennis club, and the open space accommodates two sports fields and cricket blocks. There are very limited options to where the equipment could be moved to.

Renewal of the equipment is currently scheduled for 2003/04.

The Committee undertook an on-site inspection with local residents. It was acknowledged that the current site (in Yaldhurst Road) was less than ideal.

After discussion, a preferred site was identified, being at the northern end where a line of poplar trees ran parallel with Sayes Crescent.

It was also noted that any early funding of the relocation / upgrading of equipment would have to be by way of substitution, or Board funding to advance the 2003/04 programme.

In thanking the residents for their initiative, it was **agreed** to give the request further consideration.