

12. SOUTHSHORE BEACH PARK - DUNE MANAGEMENT POLICIES

A report from the Area Head Ranger, Coastal Parks, presented the results of a survey of residents, recently carried out in the Southshore and South Brighton areas, regarding the management of the beachfront sand dune reserve area at Southshore. The report was considered at the previous Board meeting but was subsequently withdrawn from the Parks and Recreation Committee to enable local residents to make a deputation to the Board.

The Board **decided** that the following policy additions and changes for the Christchurch Beaches and Coastal Parks Management Plan be recommended to the Parks and Recreation Committee:

1. Policy for Fire Risk Management on reserve land in the Southshore dunes - Caspian Street to Southshore Spit:
 - (a) That private owners may if they wish, manage a strip, of no more than five metres wide, of reserve land adjacent to their property boundaries for fire protection.
 - (b) That the Council will carry out fire safety management for hazard reduction as requested by individual property owners.
 - (c) That any management by adjacent residents, within the five-metre strip, be either mown grass or plantings of iceplant or evergreen native species.
 - (d) That no earthworks occur within the five-metre strip.
 - (e) That the unauthorised building of structures and the dumping of waste by residents on reserve land be banned, and that existing structures and waste be removed.

2. Policy for Southern Pegasus Bay Track:
 - (a) That the pedestrian track, known as the Southern Pegasus Bay Track, be reinstated and continue from Caspian Street to Tern Street.
 - (b) That the Southern Pegasus Bay Track be no more than a mown strip of approximately one metre in width and where possible at least 50 metres from any property boundary.
 - (c) That those private tracks crossing the dunes be rationalised, in consultation with users, and users encouraged to use managed crossings.