

### 3. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 13 DECEMBER 2000

The Board was in receipt of the report of the Board's Environmental Committee meeting of 13 December 2000.

#### 3.1 DEPUTATIONS

##### 3.1.1 Ross Verity, Environmental Education and Employment Trust

In his capacity as Business Manager for the Trust, Ross Verity gave a presentation on the worm farm project currently being conducted at a site in Wigram.

Waste disposal is a large and increasing problem; the majority of the waste stream is organic material.

The Trust is working towards an integrated and financially viable solution through the establishment of a worm farm.

It was **agreed** that the Board schedule an inspection of the Trust's facility in the new year.

##### 3.1.2 Fiona Hill and Tony Oliver, Potential Variation to the City Plan on Flooding Issues.

A full presentation was given on the proposed variation to the City Plan which will identify areas where a minimum floor level rule may apply for new housing.

Large sections of the urban areas of Christchurch are susceptible to inundation as a result of flooding both from river systems as well as from the sea. In order to assess the most appropriate means to manage the effects associated with flooding the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury have developed detailed flood plan management strategies.

Climatic change effects are also being investigated. Increased/higher minimum floor levels are a practical and economic method to mitigate the effects of inundation in most events.

On behalf of the Board the Committee **agreed** to support the discussion document "Proposed Variation to the City Plan on Flooding Issues in Christchurch, November 2000".

#### 3.2 PRESENTATION OF RESERVE LANDSCAPE PLANS

Anne Cosson and Craig Benson (Landscape Design Consultant) presented landscape plans for the following sites:

- Mandeville Reserve
- Peer Street Reserve
- Picton Avenue Reserve
- Denton Park (Kathleen Crescent) Trees and Enhancement

It was agreed that an inspection of sites would be undertaken on the afternoon of Tuesday 23 January 2001, as a prelude to Project Fund (2001/02) consideration.

The Committee had recommended that the Board allocated \$5,000 to the grounds maintenance and landscape development at the Hei Hei Multicultural Centre, to be funded from the Community Environment Fund.

Subsequent to the Committee meeting the Community Advocate was able to secure these funds from another source, and a contractor has commenced tidying up the grounds.

#### 3.3 HERITAGE RESEARCHER/WRITER

The meeting was advised that Dr Suzanne Doig had been appointed to this position, and would take up her appointment in early January.

#### 3.4 JAMELL PLACE STREET TREE MEDIATION

Following the special meeting of the Board on 14 November 2000 the Community Advocate has spoken to the arbitrator about the Jamell Place mediation.

Committee members were asked to clarify the objective of the mediation.

It was agreed that the objective could be seen to be either an attempt to heal the division between residents over the street trees, or to obtain a compromise/agreed solution.

In view of recent street tree/processes decisions, the Committee had concerns about the community consultation process and whether the agreed outcomes could then be guaranteed to receive the appropriate support by the City Services Committee.

At the Board's meeting on 22 December 2000, it was **decided**:

1. That mediation take place with the residents of Jamell Place.
2. That the Board meet with representatives of the City Services Street Tree Sub-Committee to agree the process for the resolution of this issue.
3. That the City Streets Unit be asked to contribute to the costs of this mediation.
4. That, following the outcome of the Jamell Place mediation, the Board prepare a paper (to the Strategy and Resources Committee) on the question of delegated responsibilities currently given to Community Boards.

The Board was advised that a meeting was yet to be arranged with the City Services Street Tree Sub-committee.

The Board **received** the report.