

**13. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 12 FEBRUARY 2002 MEETING**

The Board was in receipt of the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on 12 February 2002.

As well as discussing the new Community Board delegations (applicable to this Committee), and other areas of "significant activities/responsibilities" the Committee also gave consideration to Community Pride Garden Awards, a tree issue in Upper Riccarton Domain, and the Crosbie Park basketball court project (a joint venture with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board).

In respect of the Upper Riccarton Domain, an adjoining resident had sought the removal of two trees on the grounds that these created excessive shading. An on-site meeting had been held with all parties. The Council's Arboriculturist reported that one of the trees should be removed on safety grounds, and that the other tree could be pruned.

At the Board meeting, Helen Broughton moved, seconded by Neville Bennett, an additional recommendation.

"That options for this area of park be developed and reported back within two months to the Environment Committee."

When put to the meeting, the recommendation was lost, on a show of hands, by 4 votes in favour, to 5 votes against.

The Board **resolved** that, in respect of the tree removal request, the leaning tree be removed, and that 30% of the other tree be pruned.

The Board noted that a detailed evaluation of all the trees on the Upper Riccarton Domain would be carried out by the Council's Arboriculturist.