

## 9. SEMINARS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for two Council seminars on:

- The Botanic Gardens
- Latimer Square

### **BOTANIC GARDENS**

The Chairman has signalled that it is timely for Councillors and members of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to be briefed on current issues relating to the Botanic Gardens. Accordingly, a combined seminar is recommended for this purpose.

### **LATIMER SQUARE**

The Latimer Project Team seeks approval to hold a Council seminar on 30 October 2003.

The seminar is intended to establish the Council's preference for progressing the design of Latimer Square. Four design options will be presented for consideration, ranging from a design almost wholly sympathetic to heritage values to one that reflects events criteria. The two remaining options fall in between these two.

As with the previous seminar on Latimer Square held on 9 December 2002 the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board, Central City Revitalisation Team and the Mayoral forum will be invited to attend.

It is anticipated that a report will be submitted to the November/December round of standing committee meetings, seeking approval from the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee, the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee, and the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee to consult on the preferred options(s) identified at the October seminar. The report will ask each Committee to make recommendations on their respective areas of responsibility.

The matter will then be reported back to the Council via the Parks Gardens and Waterways Committee as a part A item, and as a part B item for the Arts Culture and Heritage Committee and the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee. (An information report will be submitted to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.)

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council approve a combined Council and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board seminar being held at 9.30am on Thursday 4 September 2003, for discussions on matters of mutual interest relating to the Botanic Gardens.
  2. That the Council approve a combined Council and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board seminar being held at 12 noon on Thursday 30 October 2003 to establish the Council's preference for progressing the design of Latimer Square, and that the Mayoral Forum and Central City Revitalisation Team be invited to attend.