



3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1. Kate Sheppard Memorial and Women's Suffrage Day

A deputation representing several women's groups was in attendance.

Katie Pickles spoke of Kate Sheppard being the symbol of importance to women in Christchurch and New Zealand and the need to celebrate Suffrage Day, 19 September.

This year would be the 110th anniversary of suffrage and it should be recognised as the most important event in Christchurch for the year.

Noreen Penny suggested that the Council should take over the event and provide appropriate funding, and stated that the event and the memorial could represent a considerable tourist focus.

The Committee **decided** to seek a report on the possibility of a week long celebration being held to mark the work of Kate Sheppard and women's suffrage, to be hosted by Our City, with appropriate funding from the City Council.