9. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

9.1 Environment Canterbury - Councillor Richard Budd - Clean Heat Project

Councillor Richard Budd from Environment Canterbury addressed the Board regarding the Clean Heat Project and proposed Air Plan. The aim of the Clean Heat Project is to help clean up the air while ensuring people can afford to keep warm. The proposed Air Plan is aimed at reducing high pollution nights from 30 per annum to one per annum by 2012. Under the proposed Air Plan, open fires will not be used from 2006. Solid fuel burners older than 15 years will be phased out from 2008. No burners will be placed into new homes or into homes that currently do not have burners.

9.2 Pat Barrett - Beach Pedestrian Access Over the Sea Wall Along the Esplanade

Pat Barrett presented a petition to the Board requesting that the Council change all step access on the Esplanade to that of a gradual slope creating easier access over the sea wall for the elderly, those with any handicap and parents with prams and pushchairs. The petition was signed by 290 persons.

Mrs Barrett also addressed the Board regarding this issue and mentioned the possibility of incorporating cuts into the sea wall, rather than constructing ramps. Warwick Scadden (Parks and Waterways Area Advocate) outlined the process to date regarding beach access along the Esplanade.

It was suggested that Mrs Barrett may like to link into the Sumner Residents' Association at the Association's Annual General Meeting later in the month.

9.3 Guides New Zealand – Funding for Te Ropu Tamariki

Beryl Pettet (Funding Co-ordinator Guides New Zealand) addressed the Board regarding funding for the eight Te Ropu Tamariki after school clubs based in the Hagley/Ferrymead wards. Refer also to item 12.3.