


## 8. MEMORIAL AVENUE - LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT



The Community Advocate provided an update on progress with this Board initiative following on from the combined Parks Gardens and Waterways Committee/Garden City Advisory Subcommittee/Fendalton-Waimairi Community Board seminar held on 16 April 2003.

It was reported that an additional report prepared by Colin Meurk on behalf of the Council's Biodiversity Strategy Team, had been tabled at the joint seminar but not discussed owing to time constraints.

The Board took into account comments submitted by the Board Chairman expressing concern that the late introduction of this supplementary information had acted to deflect from the Board's vision for the overall enhancement proposal with its emphasis on complementing the existing private plantings of predominantly exotic species undertaken by adjacent landowners over many years.

The Board **decided**:

1. That it be recommended to the Parks Gardens and Waterways Committee:
  - (a) That there should be no introduction of native planting as part of the concept proposed.
  - (b) That subject to the completion of satisfactory public consultation, the proposal for early ordering and acquisition of the trees specified in Stage 1 of the concept be approved, and that planting be arranged in the 2003 planting season.
2. That the Board (via its Works Traffic and Environment Committee) and the Parks Gardens and Waterways Committee investigate in conjunction with the Returned Services Association, appropriate plantings at each end of the median divided sections of the avenue, and further that consideration also be given to an appropriate sign/memorial at the airport entranceway to Memorial Avenue.