

1. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMBINED ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT OF 9 APRIL 2003 MEETING**

The Board was in receipt of the report of the Combined Environment/Community Services Committee meeting of Wednesday 9 April 2003.

1. **Ilam and Upper Riccarton Residents' Associations' Request for Financial Support**

The Board received a request from the two associations for financial support to enable them to seek a professional report in respect of a resource consent submission that they wished to make to Environment Canterbury.

This Board has previously received similar requests from residents groups. The policy of the Council is not to grant funding for such purposes, although Community Boards are able to use their discretionary funds if they so wish.

There is high community interest in the pending application by Feltex New Zealand to seek an amendment to its current resource consent with Environment Canterbury. The new consent is for approval to burn coal instead of the current approval for wood burning.

A public meeting was held in February, at which the company and its consultants talked with the community about this issue. The meeting was chaired by the Community Advocate.

Judy Sinclair (Acting Secretary) and Ecky Brockerhoff (President) were in attendance at the Committee meeting.

The two residents' groups had given presentations to the Board's Environment Committee. This covered the resource consent issues, history of community concerns, and information on the proposed application, as supplied by Feltex New Zealand to a public meeting in February.

The Board was in receipt of the Committee's recommendation to make a grant of \$2,000.

An **amended** recommendation was proposed (Paddy Austin/Helen Broughton):

"That the Board make a grant up to a maximum of \$6,000 from the Environment Committee Project Fund, to the Ilam and Upper Riccarton Residents' Association to enable them to engage a consultant to report on the Feltex New Zealand Limited's application to seek amendments to its current resource consent in respect of its discharge to air consent, subject to a proposed budget being prepared, and given to the Community Advocate."

The Board decision in respect to the Association's request is recorded under Clause 9 of this report.

2. **Riccarton/Wigram Input To Artworks In Public Places Plan**

Alan Bywater (Leisure Planning Team Leader) and Jacqui Leask (Community Recreation Adviser) were in attendance at the Committee meeting.

The goal of the plan is to adopt a proactive and co-ordinated approach to the planning of artworks in public places projects. It will identify the priority locations in the city for artworks in public places projects over the next five years and provide an indication of the broad type of artwork for each location. It will, where possible, also try to identify how and when artworks in public places projects can be incorporated in the Council's capital works projects.

Jacqui Leask informed the Committee of the long term outcomes identified by the Riccarton/Wigram Public Arts Project Steering Group:

- Celebration of Cultural Diversity within the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board area
- 5-6 small City Streets, Living Streets or Parks Projects similar to Charleston Reserve and Geraldine Street
- Specific Maori arts projects

Many sites were identified for further consideration.

The Board was very supportive of placing artworks in public places throughout the Riccarton/Wigram community, and has allocated further funds to this.

The Board's decision in respect of additional funding is recorded under clause 9 of this report.