


4. CORRESPONDENCE

NEW BRIGHTON ROAD LANDSCAPING



The following letter was received from G Craig, New Brighton Horticultural Society, regarding concerns of the planting of cabbage trees along the berm of the recently reconstructed New Brighton Road (Bower Avenue to Hawke Street):

"The New Brighton Horticultural Society is this year celebrating its 70th Anniversary.

During those 70 years the emphasis of the Society has been to:

- Encourage home gardens, eg our annual garden competition.*
- To take an interest in the wider community environment:
eg Travis Wetland;
Daffodil planting on the Avon River banks; and
New Brighton foreshore (by donating money to the Council for its beautification).*

With this in mind our Committee question the wisdom of planting cabbage trees, Cordyline Australis, along the berm of the recently reconstructed New Brighton Road, from Bower Avenue to Hawke Street.

We have no objection to the above species, in the right environment they are to be applauded.

However, looking to the future, say five to eight years, the foliage from these trees, will make for a very untidy street.

Homeowners, who now mow their berms may well hesitate to do so because of the leaves, which are a hazard to mowers, and they are not compostable.

We do not wish to be negative, as street tree planting is to be commended and suitable trees add greatly to the attractiveness of our area.

We would appreciate if this matter could be brought up at the next Council meeting and this view from the New Brighton Horticultural Society put forward.

We look forward to your response."

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the information be received.
- (b) That the report be referred to City Streets and Greenspace Units for officers' comments.