

## 10. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF 16 MARCH 2004 MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 2004.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Mike Mora and Ken Cummings. Peter Laloli was also present.

### 1 COUNCIL OCEAN OUTFALL, WASTEWATER PROPOSAL

John Moore (Council's Senior Projects Co-ordinator of Asset Management, City Water and Waste Unit) was in attendance to discuss this issue.

A copy of the discussion document "Water Quality and Beach Standards" had been circulated to members.

The Council plans to build an Ocean Outfall to carry Christchurch's treated wastewater out to sea and was seeking comment on what water quality and beach standards Christchurch residents would find acceptable in order to decide how best to build the Ocean Outfall.

With the new Ocean Outfall pipeline, the water will be treated or cleaned at the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant, but to an even higher standard.

The Ocean Outfall is part of a citywide jigsaw of Council upgrade programmes which will, together, help improve wastewater quality. A ten year \$36m Major Sewer Upgrade, involving the citywide upgrading of pipes and pump stations to increase capacity for growth and reduce sewer overflows into the Avon and Heathcote Rivers during wet weather, is part of that programme.

The pipeline will be designed to withstand significant force which could be generated during a natural disaster such as an earthquake or tsunami.

At today's meeting there was discussion on quality, outflow and modelling of the proposal, as well as the cumulative effects of Ocean Outfalls into the Pegasus Bay catchment.

Whilst the original proposal was to discharge into the estuary with a ultra violet plant, this Ocean Outfall proposal is questioning whether a ultra violet plant is necessary or not.

Whilst the Committee was supportive of the Ocean Outfall proposal in that the same high standards of outfall (as is the case into the estuary) will be achieved, a majority of members did not favour the need for the ultra violet plant to be part of this project.

John Moore was thanked for his presentation, and the Committee's recommendation is recorded under clause 5 of this report.

### 2. HERITAGE WEEK, OCTOBER 2004

Jenny May was in attendance to discuss with the Committee the theme for Heritage Week in October 2004 and to identify possible projects which the Board may wish to get involved in.

Malcolm Kitt (City Solutions) was also in attendance to discuss the Hornby School War Memorial site which we have identified as a possible Board funded restoration project.

The theme for 2004 has yet to be confirmed but will embrace the issue of People Places and Pursuits or Profiles.

In discussion, the members were very supportive of a higher level of (Board) participation in Heritage Week this October.

Embracing the "People, Places and Profiles" theme, the Committee identified the following possibilities:

- A series of lectures to mark anniversaries of significance
- Launch of Heritage Awards, 2005, but preceded by "Heritage Certificates" this year
- Photographic exhibitions
- Support for community and school projects

The Committee also discussed the Hornby School project and were supportive of this being proceeded with. The current involvement of this Board in the Riccarton Racecourse Tea House Restoration Project was also acknowledged.

Jenny May and Malcolm Kitt were thanked for their attendance and participation, and the Committee's recommendation is recorded under clause 5 of this report.

It was noted that Jenny May may be appointed in a consultancy role to assist the Board in preparing its Heritage Week project work.

### **3. RIVERSIDE PLANTING : REVIEW OF SITES**

#### **Background**

At the Parks Gardens and Waterways Committee meeting of 11 February 2004, deputations were heard on the subject of riparian planting along the banks of the Avon River, in the vicinity of Little Hagley Park and Millbrook Reserve.

The Committee decided that the following process be followed to review riverside planting in the light of the matters raised:

- Each Community Board be requested to select two key areas in their community for a review of riverside planting
- The areas selected be assessed by Jenny Moore, independent landscape consultant.
- The criteria for assessment acknowledge the issues raised by the submitters.
- Community Boards be given an opportunity to comment on the respective assessments prior to consideration by Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee.
- Appropriate guidelines be prepared for future plantings.

It was also decided that staff develop a long term plan for riverside planting and that Community Boards be involved with the identification of areas within their communities, to be included in the long term plan.

#### **Proposal**

With the assistance of the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate, the Board is asked to identify up to 2 stretches of riparian planting to be assessed against the following criteria:-

*Access to the water's edge*  
*Safety for pedestrians using the area*  
*Preservation of attractive views*  
*Appropriate siting of seats*  
*Appropriate maintenance practices*  
*Density, shading or intrusion upon other significant vegetation*

In discussion at today's meeting the members were very supportive of this initiative and identified Peer Street Reserve and the Paeroa Reserve for selection for this review of riverside planting.

### **4 CARMEN/PEEBLES/SHOWGATE CORRIDOR PATHWAY LINKAGE, ENHANCEMENT**

One of the projects which did not receive Board funding for the 2004/05 year was this work. It was still considered to be a high enough priority for funding and an on-site inspection was undertaken.

The work proposed was for a formed pathway along this corridor. Members were supportive of the project in so far as a combination of sealed pathway and open space.

Accordingly, the Committee **agreed** to support funding the formation of pathways leading in through the Showgate Reserve and a small linkage and fence removal work at Peebles Reserve and asked the Area Parks and Waterways Advocate to provide a firm estimate to the Committee (funding would be available from the balance of this Committees 2003/04 Project Fund, the current balance being \$6,970.00).

## **5 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1 That the Community Board prepare a submission in respect to the Council's Ocean Outfall Waste Water Proposal on the basis that the quality of the outfall be to the same standard as would have been provided in to the estuary and that the addition of the ultra violet plant need not be part of this Ocean Outfall proposal.
- 2 In respect of Heritage Week 2004, that the Community Board agree:
  - (i) to participate in Heritage Week on the basis of the ideas identified by this Committee
  - (ii) to advance the Hornby School War Memorial/Water Tower Heritage Restoration Project
- 3 That Peer Street Reserve and Paeroa Reserve be the selected sites for the review of Riverside planting.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and that the recommendations contained in Clause 5 above be adopted