

14. COMMUNITY COMPOSTING UNITS

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At a recent meeting of Hagley Ward Resident's Associations with the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board, it was suggested that as many homes do not have enough garden waste to justify the keeping of a home composting unit, it might be practicable for community composting units to be provided by the Council for community use, located on appropriate pieces of Council land.

The Moa Reserve has been suggested as such a site, and the local community (via Nicki Bell of 18 Melrose Street Telephone 366 9493) has offered to look after such a community composting unit.

There is funding in both this year's budget and more in the 2004/05 budget available for the encouragement of home composting.

It would be advisable to trial such a unit in a site like the Moa Reserve and if successful, to invite other communities to adopt one too. In due course larger community supported units might be investigated.

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Recommendation: That staff investigate and if appropriate proceed with a trial community composting unit at the Moa Reserve, and in due course report on its success and the possibility of extending this to other areas of the city.