

**3. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 24 JANUARY 2005**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 24 January 2005.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Mike Mora, Peter Laloli, Bob Shearing and Tony Sutcliffe.

**1. UPPER RICCARTON DOMAIN TENNIS CLUB
REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

On behalf of the Tennis Club, the President Brian Thomas was in attendance to support his written application seeking a financial contribution to the recently completed court resurfacing.

The club has a leased area within the domain, but the reality is that the courts are used on a daily basis by members of the public who do not make any donation or financial contribution to the upkeep of the club. Whilst efforts have been made to seek public contribution, the reality has been that 85% of the court users are members of the public.

The resurfacing of the courts has been seen as a positive enhancement to the recent upgrading of the Yaldhurst Road frontage to this neighbourhood park.

The club has funded the total work, \$14,823 and is now approaching the Community Board for a contribution. In discussion, members were sympathetic to the request on the basis that the majority of users are members of the public, but that the club has had to carry all the financial responsibility.

A recommendation to provide financial support is recorded under Clause 9 of this report.

2. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PROJECT FUNDS 2004/2005

The Committee was supportive of a request to provide funds for the Garden Competition Awards presentations, which will be held in March to which all recipients have been invited to attend to receive a certificate.

The Parks and Waterways Advocate sought the support of the Committee to transfer some project funds from "Hillary/Roche Reserve Extension \$15,000" to the neighbourhood reserve, Waitohi Reserve playground enhancement.

The Committee's recommendations are recorded under Clause 9 of this report.

3. ONGOING ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee received a schedule of ongoing issues which it will consider during the next few months. The issue of urban development in the southwest area of the city was discussed and members expressed concerns in relation to the lack of information and progress relating to this major project.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the General Manager expressing this concern, identifying some of the issues requiring information and asking that this be treated as a matter of urgency.

For a future meeting it was also agreed to seek presentations on protected and registered trees, and listing of heritage housing and sites.

4. OWAKA PIT DISCHARGE TO AIR CONSENT

Members noted that public notification had been given of an application for an air discharge consent. Members expressed concerns about some of the current operator's practices, and agreed to submit an objection to the public notification.

The application was submitted by Parklands Southland Limited who sought a discharge to air consent from Environment Canterbury in respect of their property at 59 Owaka Road.

The Committee had a copy of the full application.

Quoting from the application, the main constituents are likely to comprise of wind dispersed soil, concrete crusher fines, decomposition odour, sawdust, gypsum/lime, and disturbance of site ground dust by internal traffic movement.

The applicant did provide a list of primary methods of control, but the committee was of the view that this should still be subject to a submission.

Accordingly the Committee submission was an objection to **any** discharge to air. (For members information a copy of the application and the Committee submission have been circulated separately.

As the closing date for submissions was Thursday, 27 January, the Committee agreed to submit an objection, and that this would be submitted to the Board for endorsement.

5. TEMPLETON FLOODWATER SCHEME

Members expressed concerns about the delay in the implementation of the next stage of this work, being the Railway Terrace stage. The question of capital works funding for this project was also discussed.

It was agreed that the Committee express its disappointment at the delays, and that a response be sought from the appropriate Council Business Unit.

6. EPSOM ROAD WATERWAY ENHANCEMENT PROPERTY PURCHASE

The Community Board has provided a small amount of project funds for the next stage of this waterway enhancement work, between Epsom Road and Racecourse Road.

The Committee was advised that a report is going direct to Council seeking approval to purchase a section of land on the Epsom Road frontage, so as to enable the next stage of enhancement to proceed.

The Committee was very supportive of the property purchase proposal.

7. PARKER STREET EX WATER TOWER SITE

Since the demolition of the water tower this site has been left vacant, and concerns were expressed about the lack of ongoing maintenance.

It was agreed to have some work carried out immediately to bring the site back to a better state of tidiness.

8. SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

The Committee agreed to confirm the following meeting dates up to 30 June 2005:

Monday, 21 February
Monday, 29 March
Tuesday, 26 April
Monday, 30 May
Monday, 27 June

All meetings will be held at the Sockburn Service Centre at 4.30 pm.

9. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Upper Riccarton Domain Tennis Club receive a grant of \$10,000 (being equal contributions 2004/2005 and 2005/2006) for ongoing maintenance commitments, in recognition of high level of public access to the club courts, to be funded from this Committee's Project Funds.
2. That the Community Board allocate the sum of \$2,000 from the Environment Committees Project Funds to the Garden Competition Award presentations to be held in March 2005.
3. That the Community Board approve the reallocation of monies from the Hillary/Roche Reserve extension to the Waithohi Reserve playground upgrade, in the sum of \$15,000.
4. That the Community Board endorse the objection to the Owaka Pit discharge to air consent application.

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Recommendation: That the Committee Recommendations be adopted.