

11. LINWOOD CEMETERY CONSERVATION PLAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to the adoption of the Linwood Cemetery Conservation Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. A copy of the Conservation Plan has been separately circulated to Board members for their perusal.
3. A conservation plan is a practical tool, which documents the history of the cemetery and assesses its heritage significance. Policies, implementation strategies and conservation guidelines are also developed to guide future works.
4. A conservation plan does not mean that the cemeteries are 'set in stone' and cannot be touched; rather, it gives guidance for their appropriate future development and use to ensure their survival and relevance for future generations.
5. In April 2005 the Board supported and funded the preparation of a conservation plan for Linwood Cemetery to guide the Council in respect of its future maintenance and preservation. The draft plan was presented to the Board prior to being released for public consultation.
6. The draft plan was released for public consultation during October/November 2005 and copies were made available for the general public at local libraries, Service Centres, and on the Council website. During the consultation period people were also asked to register their interest if they had family members buried in the cemetery.
7. Prior to this there was a media release, radio story and public workshop.
8. An open day was to be held at the cemetery on Saturday 8 October 2005 but was cancelled on the day due to weather conditions.
9. A total of 22 submissions and/or registrations of interest from descendants were received.
10. The Conservation Plan has been widely supported by both the descendants of people buried in the cemetery and by specialist interest groups including the Historic Places Trust of New Zealand.
11. As a result of the consultation there were no significant issues raised in relation to the content of the document, although some minor changes were made to correct some of the details.
13. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has embraced a similar process and approved the Addington Cemetery Conservation Plan in November 2005.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. The Conservation Plan was funded by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board. All ongoing work in the cemetery will be funded through the City Environment Capital Works budget and other sources of funding which may arise.
15. Linwood Cemetery is not currently a listed heritage site under the Christchurch City Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the Linwood Cemetery Conservation Plan.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.