


1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 DONALD PATERSON - SCULPTURE PROPOSAL



Mr Paterson addressed the Board regarding his proposal for another sculpture in Akaroa, similar to the Charles Mèryon sculpture. He suggested that a sculpture of Jessie Buckland, who was a photographer in Akaroa in the early 1900's, would be an added feature for the town. He proposed that the sculpture be depicted as a photographer with a camera on a tripod. Since last attending a Board meeting Mr Paterson had approached the Historic Places Trust and a Council planner regarding his proposal.

Although members were generally receptive to Mr Paterson's suggestion, they pointed out that the Board was not in a position to fund another sculpture and they suggested he should approach other community groups/organisations with his proposal to try and raise a commission. It was noted that Banks Peninsula had an Art in Public Places Policy and it was suggested that perhaps the sculpture would be more relevant in a position such as the courthouse grounds, as there was a detailed history of Jessie Buckland in the adjacent Akaroa Museum.

1.2 NEW ZEALAND POLICE - SENIOR CONSTABLE LYLE PRYOR

Senior Constable Pryor was in attendance to update the Board on police activities in the local community. He said crime-wise the police had been busy in recent weeks with burglaries of several residential properties and one commercial premise. There was an ongoing problem with a group of local youths who police had linked to at least one of the burglaries.

The Chairman noted that other Community Boards received crime statistic reports for their areas and he asked Constable Pryor to liaise with staff so that figures for the Akaroa-Wairewa area could be circulated to Board members.

Constable Pryor also reported on damage to the Charles Mèryon sculpture. He said a youth had been apprehended for causing the damage and police would seek reparation for the repairs needed to the sculpture.

In reply to a question Constable Pryor said there had been some vehicle crashes due to ice on the roads. However, he felt that more signage would not necessarily help to prevent those type of accidents.

Members expressed their disappointment that the road reports, particularly on the radio, during the recent snowstorm had been inaccurate. They noted that people were reliant on those reports and that in this case the State Highway (between Barrys Bay and Cooptown) had been reported as being closed, when this was never the case.

The Board **agreed** that staff should be informed of the Board's concerns regarding the inaccuracy of roading reports for State Highway 75, and asked to report on how the current system could be improved.

Constable Pryor drew members attention to the legislative requirement for all intersections with four or more bisecting roads to be controlled in some way. He said this had been highlighted by investigating officers in the case of an accident on the Old French Road/Takamatua Bay Road intersection, where there were no forms of control. He also noted that the Rue Jolie/Rue Balguerrie intersection had no controls and asked members to note any others that they may be aware of. The Administration Manager reported that staff were already carrying out the necessary preliminary work to have controls installed on the aforementioned intersections.