


2. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS/COMMUNITY GROUPS



Time is allocated at Board meetings for Residents' Association/Community Group representatives to address the Board on local matters. Each group is being invited to do this in rotation.

Don Rowlands updated the Board on the activities of the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust.

A recently published leaflet with information on the Avon-Heathcote Estuary was circulated to Board members. A Memorandum of Understanding was established between the Trust, Environment Canterbury and the City Council; this has provided an excellent basis for a good working relationship between the three groups. The Trust is currently working on the schedule of priorities, which were formed in the management plan created in December 2004. The Trust holds monthly planting days, these have been held in Sandy Point and the Southshore Spit. Sandy Point, in the future, will be the new windsurfing launch pad. Other activities the Trust has worked on are removing rubble/boulders at McCormacks Bay, tracking ammonia levels in the Estuary and working with the Ministry of Environment and Environment Canterbury on monitoring the water quality in the estuary and catchments.