


3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 Friends of the Akaroa Museum – Garden of Tane



Warwick Harris and Jim Sunckell addressed the Board on behalf of the Friends of the Akaroa Museum (FOAM). They explained to the Board that FOAM wanted to signal an ongoing interest in the Garden of Tane. They asked that a formal line of communication be established between the Council and FOAM, so that they could be informed of any Council plans for the area. They noted that the Garden of Tane, unlike many other Council reserves, did not have a specific management committee.

Mr Harris and Mr Sunckell pointed out that there were significant historical exotic trees in the Garden of Tane and expressed some concern for the future of those trees if, as they believed, the Council had a policy which focused on native trees.

The meeting was informed that a tree assessment had recently been carried out in the Garden of Tane and that there was funding for a management plan to be prepared in the 2008/09 financial year. As part of that process Council staff would consult with key stakeholders and the community. In the meantime the Council was carrying out some remedial work in the garden along with basic maintenance. It was also reported that a walkway report had been prepared for the local area, and that the garden had been identified as a critical element in terms of walkways.

Staff also pointed out that the Council was accustomed to using both native and exotic trees, depending on the particular situation.

3.2 Bi-monthly Police Report

Senior Constable Steve Ditmer was present and addressed the Board on various matters including:

- A series of fires lit by bored youths. Fires were not dangerous, but annoying to police and the local fire brigade. The offenders would be tendering a public apology and carrying out some voluntary work for the fire brigade.
- Gaiety Hall functions continuing until the early hours of the morning. Two recent functions did not finish until 5.00am and 7.00am respectively. Police were called on both occasions.

The Board asked that staff investigate the status of the resource consent application for The Gaiety to be able to stage events which exceeded the current noise level for the Town Centre Zone. Members noted that finishing times for functions were to have been included in that consent.

- Stolen car found burnt out on Onawe Flat Road.
- Copper stolen from Council waterworks as well as copper cisterns stolen from public toilets in Duvauchelle.