

Summary submission form

Instructions

You may send us your submission...

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: we are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to:
ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at:
<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on the draft Our Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered
one OR
 I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

My submission refers to: Full version Page No. Summary version Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: Development Contributions Aquatic Facilities Other

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Draft Summary - Long Term Council Community Plan:
2006 - 2016:

3-5-06

1. Major projects: Tree renewal: \$17.2 million: Pages 4 & 14

Many of the older trees within the city area, particularly those planted in the early days of settlement have now reached a stage of becoming hazardous to life and property.

When Christchurch is viewed from the Sign of the Takahe the first impression one receives is that Christchurch is very much a city of trees.

This unique treed townscape makes a major impact on the city's environs and contributes immensely to our "Garden City" image.

Many of the old trees in Hagley Park and the Botanic Gardens will need to be part of this programme and also those in our older parks, streets, riverbanks and roads.

Christchurch overall has a very pleasant and attractive environment and this must be preserved by maintaining and replanting our ageing tree stocks and for enhancing our inner city and suburban areas for the benefit our citizens and tourists.

Discretionary priority projects: Page 4.

Botanic Gardens project: \$11.1 million

Reasons for the submission:

** I understand from reliable sources that the Botanic Gardens attracts more than 1.2 million visitors annually with surveys showing two thirds of all tourists staying in Christchurch visit these beautiful and unique Gardens.*

** It is most imperative that these Gardens be maintained at a higher level and be enhanced further by the injection of more funding to provide facilities for plant collections and a herbarium required for the Botanic Gardens to maintain its international reputation and increase its visitor numbers and revenue.*

** Tourism makes a major contribution to the economy of Christchurch and many of our overseas visitors stay within walking distance of our Cultural Precinct.
The Botanic Gardens form a very important and integral part of the city's Cultural Precinct and therefore must be preserved and enhanced to maintain the city's*

image of New Zealand's "Garden City" and further contribute to attracting greater numbers of tourists.

*The Botanic Gardens provides a number of differing roles in the life of the city.
As one of the city's major green space areas these various functions and roles include:*

- Providing safe recreational opportunities for families with easy access and good parking facilities.
- The high quality floral displays of the Gardens help in promoting Christchurch as the premier "Garden City".
- Provides educational tours and information to tourists and local visitors.
- Displays an excellent collection) of New Zealand trees, ferns, shrubs and plants, (many of the trees planted approximately 95 years ago).
- As a heavily treed landscape it helps to improve the air quality of central Christchurch.
- Its status as a Botanic Gardens of some repute places the Gardens in the international network for plant conservation, education and biodiversity.
- The dedicated and valuable library plus its data base, provide specialised information about plants, trees and New Zealand flora for the general public, students and those involved in research.
- Plays an important role in conserving native and exotic plant collections.
- Maintains important scientific and historical assets.
- Established 143 years ago the Botanic Gardens is one of the key icons of the city and has over the years played a major contribution in creating the "Garden City" image of Christchurch.

Summary:

** I believe it is vitally important to maintain the heritage established in the early days of the city's development when the bold vision to create Hagley Park and the Botanic Gardens was implemented.*

** We as citizens presently enjoy the all benefits of these two major city green spaces and it is imperative that funding is provided now to preserve and enhance these areas.*

** These important central city open spaces and amenities will not only continue serve future generations but will also create opportunities to promote and cater for increased overseas visitor numbers.*