

# Summary submission form

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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.

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No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

### By mail

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

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

### By email

Please email your submission to:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

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You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at:

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>

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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 one  I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered 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?

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

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## ***Introduction***

The central city location of the Botanic Gardens is an invaluable asset for our Garden City and provides an oasis for residents and visitors. People in future will be seeking ways to compensate for their complex and busy lifestyle. For many city residents with small or even no gardens of their own, the Botanic Gardens provides a calm space to connect with the natural world, a place of history, discovery and a haven. Hugh Mackay on "*The Future of Public Gardens*" at the Gardens 2001 Congress, in Canberra said ...

*"A public garden is far more than a botanical museum: in the future it will be an oasis in which we find some of the tranquillity sanity and simplicity for which we yearn."*

## ***Role of Botanic Gardens***

In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Botanic Gardens are required to fulfil many functions for different groups of people e.g. local residents, tourists and visitors from overseas and elsewhere in New Zealand, scientists and students.

Some of these functions applicable to Christchurch Botanic Gardens are to provide:

- Advocacy for plants as the basis for life on earth
- Education - environmental, scientific and cultural
- Recreation
- Care and display of botanical collections including plants indigenous to Canterbury
- Horticultural displays and demonstration gardens
- Access to plant information from staff, library, herbarium and website
- Conservation of genetic diversity
- Conservation of rare and endangered species
- Research and sustainable development
- Co-operation and sharing of information with other Botanic Gardens in NZ world wide. (Compatible plant data base and staff exchanges.)

Of the above functions some are currently provided, or planned already by the staff and others need funds, buildings and additional qualified staff to enable implementation. e.g. Science education.

## ***Botanic Gardens' Project \$11.1 million 2007-10 Page 73***

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It is pleasing to see greater recognition of the importance of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens by the provision of funds for the development and upgrading of the facilities to bring them up to the new standards already in place in many other Botanic Gardens world wide. Our Gardens need to give pleasure to visitors, be relevant and dynamic.

To achieve the vision of the late Curator, Dr David Given, priority needs to be given to this work especially new tree and other plant collections, in time for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gardens, only 7 years away in July 2013.

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I strongly support provision for –

- upgrading of Staff facilities.
- increased Botanic Gardens' Visitor Information Services including space for educational displays.

New buildings should provide for:

- Staff needs
- Visitor services and Botanic Gardens' information, available at the Museum entrance where so many tourists enter the Gardens, as well as the current Information Centre at the Armagh St Carpark entrance.
- botanical and horticultural information from staff, library, herbarium and plant data base.
- retail outlets and. expanded bookshop to generate income
- educational displays and programmes including interactive children's displays
- classrooms and facilities for visiting school groups e.g. verandas for bag storage, lunch areas, toilets etc.
- lecture facilities / meeting rooms, equipped with latest technology for staff and groups such as the Friends of the Botanic Gardens –accessible after hours and rentable to other groups for income generation.
- library facilities, data base and a temperature controlled area for the herbarium and seed bank.
- research facilities
- horticultural training courses for tertiary students
- additional space to house the plant collections e.g. glasshouses
- Gardens' Guide base and departure point for guided walks.
- tourist vehicle terminal
- Toilet facilities
- Café (Income generating)
- Storage for equipment and display material
- Easy access for all regardless of physical ability. This also applies to new staff facilities and to glasshouses and plant collections.

However funding also is needed for:

- Upgrading and adding to the botanical collections in the Gardens – the prime function of a botanic garden. (The tree collections should be covered by the funds already allocated for tree renewal.)
- Additional staff to attend to collections and provide educational services for children, students and adults.
- Operational funding to service new buildings, provide enhanced collections, interpretation and labelling of plants.

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## *Tree renewal*

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The provision of \$17.2 million for tree replacement citywide over 10 years is commended.

Trees are vital to maintain the quality of air especially in the central city and are the most appreciated feature of our Gardens by visitors to the city.

However no time should be lost to ensure **sufficient new trees are being grown right now, to replace the aged trees in the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park** to avoid great gaps in the landscape. The Gardens should be in their full glory by 2013, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## *Conclusion*

The Mayor Garry Moore speaking after visiting the Wuhan Gardens in China recently said "I am convinced there is an obvious fit between science and our Botanic Gardens...."

No time should be lost in applying the proposed funding towards facilities to lift our Gardens to the level of a more truly botanical Garden, offering more education programmes to introduce children to the scientific world. Once the children are 'captured' they enthuse and draw in their parents and extended families.

The children growing up in today's technological world need access to real experiences in nature, not always from indoors via a screen, but to see the growing plants, (*I overheard one young visitor call excitedly to his mother "Some of these trees have names!!!!"*) to see fruit and vegetables growing, to feel soft leaves and rough bark, to experience divine scents and horrid smells and know why plants have these, and be captivated by the colour, magic and wonder offered in the plant world. (Orchids that look like bees.)

## *Plea for Publicity.*

There is a great need to make known to the public, the importance of Botanic Gardens in caring for the plant world on which our own survival is based.

Recent letters to the local newspapers suggest serious misunderstanding about the need for development funds for the Botanic Gardens and the tree renewal project.

I strongly recommend that once available, the Master Plan for the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park, be widely promoted to enable the public to understand the real issues involved.

I do not wish to speak to my submission.

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