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The purpose of this report is to present a request from the Opawa Residents' Group to restore a memorial stone which marks an oak tree planted to commemorate the service of George Scott to the Heathcote County Council.

The stone and the oak tree are sited on the corner of Opawa and Ensors Roads. The concrete stone is now unreadable. Discussions were held with the Heritage Unit, who advised to only have the stone cleaned and not to have the inscription redone. The Parks Unit are arranging to have the stone cleaned.

George Scott served the Heathcote County Council for eighteen years. He was a co-founder of a major engineering company in Christchurch (Scott Bros.). In his time he was Heathcote's Chairman and headed both the Road Board and the County Council.

Recommendation: That a brass plaque be placed in front of the stone that replicates the original wording, and that the total cost of \$470 for this come from the Board's 1998/99 Discretionary Fund.

Chairman's Recommendation: That this be considered as a suggestion for a 1999/2000 Heritage Project.