

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4.1 ADDINGTON BUSH SOCIETY

Mike Peters, from the Bush Society, will be present to give a presentation on their activities (formed in 1994 as the Addington Bush Society) and to seek financial support to enable the Society to undertake work within this Board's area.

Mr Peters has previously addressed the Riccarton/Wigram, Spreydon/Heathcote, Fendalton/Waimairi, and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards. The Bush Society originally have worked in the south and west of the city and now have expanded their operations into the north and east.

The Addington Bush Society began in 1994 when eight residents purchased a block of land in Addington and planted 2,500 trees on this and their surrounding back yards. The success of this project has encouraged other residents who now want to expand the planted area to include the sides of the southern arterial motorway, school, council and railway land, the restoration of Jackson's Creek and other private yards.

The Addington Bush Society also produce a newsletter "The Bush Telegraph" four times a year. This contains information on growing native plants and projects that are being undertaken by the Bush Society (*see attachment, page 21*).

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has for years supported the Addington Bush Society in the establishment of native plant habitats in the Addington area and production of the newsletter.

As their operation expanded outside the Addington area, they changed their name to the 'Bush Society'. With very limited funds the Bush Society has achieved a great deal in building community at the base level. Many small nurseries have been set up in back yards where people nurture native plants until they can be planted out on various projects within their area. All seedlings are locally sourced to ensure genetic viability.

The Bush Society wishes to expand its area of community involvement by approaching every school in Christchurch with the 'Community Native Plant Nurseries' scheme (*see attachment, page 22*).

In the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board area there are many possibilities for community involvement in the vision that the Bush Society has, particularly with Travis Wetland as a seed source central to the Board area. Mike Peters would like to take this opportunity to inform Board members what has been achieved so far and share the possibilities for our area.

A request for some financial assistance will be sought by Mr Peters.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.

4.2 WOOLSTON/BURWOOD EXPRESSWAY

Anton Wartmann and Sherryll Wilson from the Canterbury/Westland Free Kindergarten Association will be in attendance to address the Board on the implications of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway on the Nigeria Larcombe Kindergarten.

4.3 THE BIG IDEA

Students from Chisnallwood Intermediate School will be in attendance to outline their ideas for the “Big Idea” project being co-ordinated by the Children’s Advocate and Community Development Adviser.

4.4 CHRISTCHURCH ARCHERY CLUB

Bill Skews from the Christchurch Archery Club will be in attendance to outline the club’s request for funding assistance to cover the shortfall of funds for their building extensions.