

**4. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 20 JULY 1999 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 July 1999.

The meeting was attended by Alison Wilkie (Chairperson), Mary Corbett, Neville Bennett, David Buist, and Mike Mora. Helen Broughton was also in attendance.

In attendance were Martin Maguire (Community Advocate), and Roger Cave (Community Secretary), and Anne Cosson (Area Parks Officer)

**1. FERRIER PARK PINE TREE**

It will be recalled that Mr R Venning and Mrs J Kee attended the 2 June meeting of the Community Board; they sought the removal of the sole pine tree, situated on the southeast corner of Ferrier Park.

Removal of the tree was sought on the grounds of safety, adverse impact on neighbouring properties, as well as shading, noise, debris. The tree is considered to be a good healthy specimen and its retention was in accordance, therefore, with Parks Unit policy.

The Committee was tasked with addressing the concerns from the residents.

A report from the Council's Arboriculturist (Walter Fielding-Cotterill) was received by the Committee. His report covered the previous Board deliberations, the condition of the tree, assessed effect on neighbouring properties and legal issues. Additional submissions from Mrs Kee and Mr Venning were received, also.

In conclusion, Mr Fielding-Cotterill (who was present at the meeting) recommended that the tree be retained.

At today's meeting were local residents Mrs J Kee, Mr/s Venning and Mr P Kircher (an apology from Mr Kee was received).

Members sought comment from Council officers and the residents. It was generally acknowledged that as much information was to hand, by way of reports, submissions etc, to allow the Committee to make a recommendation to the Community Board who in turn would refer it to the Council's Parks and Recreation Committee for a decision.

Helen Broughton expressed concern that not enough debate/questioning was available for members to be able to make their decision at this time.

Mike Mora **moved**, seconded by David Buist –

“that the sole pine tree on Ferrier Park be retained”.

When put to the vote the motion was **passed** by three votes to one.

**Recommendation:** That the sole pine tree on Ferrier Park be retained.

## 2. **STREETSCAPE SITES**

It was reported that suitable Hei Hei sites were being investigated.

## 3. **PRIVATE OPEN PITS – CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE**

Members were in receipt of correspondence from the Canterbury Regional Council; one letter reported on the Pound Road landfill site.

The report advised, amongst other issues, “*that there is no further discharge of smoke from the landfill*”. This statement was challenged by members; an on-site inspection prior to the Committee meeting noted continual smoke emitting from various points along the landfill face. The Canterbury Regional Council would be advised, also asking if the nearest water well had been tested for possible contamination.

It was **agreed** that Alison Wilkie and Mike Mora represent the Board at the joint Canterbury Regional Council/Christchurch City Council committee meeting when this issue was placed onto the order paper.

It was noted that the Canterbury Regional Council had yet to respond to various matters raised by way of Board resolution on the closing of pits which currently operate without resource consent.

## 4. **WATERWAYS AND WETLANDS ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 1999**

A full presentation was given to members.

Recently the Council decided to take a values-based approach to the management of the natural and physical resources that make up Christchurch’s system of waterways, wetlands and drainage.

This approach has a two-fold benefit. Not only does it satisfy the Council’s responsibilities to maintain its assets in good condition and budget accordingly, but it also provides the means by which the Council delivers on the policies and objectives contained within the City Plan.

Managing waterways and wetlands with imaginative and sensitive planning, along with community consultation, can do much to enrich Christchurch. The challenge is to invest in forethought and sustainability.

The preparation of this draft strategy in consultation with elected representatives is the beginning of a long process of realising the values in a way that is sustainable for present and future generations. Its success depends on full participation of key partners and the interest and support of key stakeholders.

The Waterways and Wetlands Asset Management Strategy will continue to be developed through ongoing consultation and monitoring of progress.

The project areas within our Board are:

- Port Hills-Halswell
- Stock water-races
- Cashmere Stream and ponding area
- Halswell-Wigram growth area

The Committee was very supportive of the Waterways and Wetlands Asset Management Strategy.

**5. DEANS AVENUE PRECINCT SOCIETY – SUBMISSION ON STREETSCAPES**

Further to a previous presentation made to this committee a response had been received to the Society's request for better enforcement on streetscape issues. Confirmation of whether this would be the subject of a report to the Council's Environmental Committee was still awaited.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the information be received.
2. That the sole pine tree in Ferrier Park be retained and that this be referred to the Council's Parks and Recreation Committee for a decision.