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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on Parks projects funded through its Project and Discretionary Funds.

### **Bexley Cabbage Trees**

Last winter, all but one (by resident's request) of the cabbage trees were removed and the better ones (8) transplanted to the north-east corner of the Terry Conley sports ground. The area beneath these trees has been mulched and planted with other low growing natives.

### **Bexley New Street Trees**

Arncliff, Brook and Parenga Streets have been planted with new trees this winter (Kowhai mainly).

### **Bexley Mounds (Pages Road)**

It is planned to underplant the existing trees with low native shrubs at 10.00 am, Saturday 17 July. This will be done in conjunction with the Bexley Residents' Association and the residents opposite in Pages Road.

### **Arbor Day**

Seven schools took part this year in the Board sponsored planting-in-schools project. Major planting also took place in Travis Wetlands and the South Brighton dunes.

### **Year 2000 Planting**

The funds set aside for this, will be carried forward to next year.

### **Community Pride Garden Awards**

Thirty six awards were given out in the Pegasus Ward and 54 in Burwood. Fewer awards were nominated this year as the Beautifying Society wished to upgrade the quality for the award. Board members comments on this aspect would be welcome.

### **Keep Christchurch Beautiful Campaign (KCB)**

This campaign featured the 'Gigantic Beach Clean Up' over the first week in December. More than 10 schools took part to raise students' environmental awareness and followed up the exercise with classroom activities. As well as the school pupils, the Pier and Foreshore Society took the opportunity to spring clean the Pier. Funding for the beach clean up came from Hagley/Ferrymead, Shirley/Papanui and the Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards.

### **Gigantic River Cleanup**

This was undertaken by an outside group this year and involved Council staff, some river wardens and residents. As it was a pilot scheme, little advertising of the event was undertaken except an article in the community newspapers. The work was undertaken by boat and was weather and tide dependant. A survey was undertaken before and after each cleanup and the results show that little effect was made on the amount of rubbish evident along the riverbanks. The Waste Management boom and rubbish collectors seem to have more impact on reducing the amount of rubbish. It is recommended that this project not be repeated. "Clean Up The World" members monitored this project and agree with the recommendation. KCB are involved in further initiatives in conjunction with the Waterwatch programme and further information on this will be obtained.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

### **Chairperson's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board commend and thank the Parks Unit for co-ordinating this year's Arbor Day plantings in schools.
  2. That the Community Pride Garden Awards be continued and extended, as it recognises people who take ongoing pride in their gardens.