

16. BUSH SOCIETY – ‘NATIVE TREES TO SCHOOLS’

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The purpose of this report is to consider a request for funding for the Bush Society’s project providing native trees to schools.

BACKGROUND

Members will recall that at the 5 May meeting a representative of the Bush Society made a deputation, outlining the background to the Society and its project to provide native trees to schools. The society planned to approach every school in Christchurch with the aim of encouraging them to grow and plant either for their own school grounds or a particular community project.

THE PROPOSAL

Each Community Board was asked to make a grant towards a tagged fund to pay for potting mix for groups in their ward areas.

Schools and residents are contributing their labour for growing and planting and the construction of their nurseries.

Materials in the form of eco-sourced seedlings, potting mix and recycled containers was to be supplied free to schools, to enable them to be more productive and involve the local community in practical activities caring for our local native flora and fauna, thereby enhancing our environment. It is anticipated that most schools will grow and plant for their own school grounds or a particular project such as Coast Care, waterway enhancement, motorway enhancement etc.

A grant of \$1,000 would supply and deliver ten cubic metres of potting mix, that would be sufficient for ten schools for a year.

Recommendation: That the Board consider making a grant of \$1,000 from 1998/99 Discretionary Fund towards the ‘Native Trees to Schools’ project.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the officer’s recommendation be adopted.