

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 MR MIKE PETERS 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.

The (previous) Board's Environmental Committee met Mr Peters on 19 May 1998 and had a tour through the Poulsen Street property.

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. *(attached)*

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

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 into the Riccarton/Wigram wards. It already has had a supportive role with the property owner at 46 Racecourse Road where a precious pocket of native remnant bush has been found in a private back yard. They have been working with the owner to collect seed from the trees and have supplied potting mix for the seedlings.

In the Riccarton/Wigram Board area there are many possibilities for community involvement in the vision that the Bush Society has, particularly with Riccarton Bush 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 probably be sought by Mr Peters. The current balance of the Board's discretionary fund 1998/99 is \$1,435.00. Any grant to the Society would be sought from this fund.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That a grant of \$1,000 be made to the Bush Society for the purchase of materials to enable ongoing programmes to continue, to be sourced from the Board's 1998/99 Discretionary Fund.

**3.2 MS JAN MCLAUCHLAN
CHRISTCHURCH SAFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Ms Jan McLauchlan, co-ordinator of the Safer Community Council, will be in attendance at 5.30pm.

In a letter to the Board Chairperson, Ms McLauchlan writes –

“As the co-ordinator of the Christchurch Safer Community Council (CSCC) I would like to meet with your Community Board to discuss in particular the development of the Board’s relationship with local Neighbourhood Support Group (NSG) co-ordinators.

For a number of years the CSCC has convened an annual forum for NSG Co-ordinators to support them in their work and to provide an opportunity for information sharing with police personnel. We have found it particularly useful to have City Council staff present as well as Police as many of the issues that arise are actually Council issues rather than Police ones.

The CSCC believes that Community Boards have an important role in helping maintain existing NSGs. Often NSG Co-ordinators do their work in isolation and receive little outside acknowledgement for their work, yet their role is an important one.

We recommend that your Community Board hold an annual forum for NSG Co-ordinators in your area.

I look forward to meeting with you.”

Members’ attention is drawn to the attached report, being page 5, in which Jan recommends that the Community Board organise an annual forum for Neighbourhood Support Group Co-ordinators.