

## 10. SPENCER PARK INFORMATION PANEL

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The purpose of this report is to seek funds from the Board's 1998/99 Discretionary Funds due to no budget provision within the Parks Unit for the production of an information panel at Spencer Park.

There is a problem with 4WD vehicles going into the dunes of Brooklands Spit, destroying fragile wetland plants and disturbing wildlife.

It is intended to educate the drivers with a sign that it is important they stay on the hard sand and not go joy riding in the sand dunes.

The 4WDs have legitimate access onto the beach through Spencer park, where they are permitted to go north to the mouth of the Waimakariri River. Similar signs are being installed further up the coast line in Hurunui and Waimakariri District Councils to encourage responsible driver behaviour.

The production and installation of the sign has been estimated to cost \$5,000. This is well beyond the means of the current capital budget for Brooklands Spit.

An example of the type of user friendly sign is attached.

**Recommendation:** That the Community Board assist with the funding of \$5,000 from its 1998/99 Discretionary Funds for the Information Panel on driver responsibility in the sand dunes.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the officers recommendation be adopted.