

**12. CONDELL AVENUE - PROPOSED MULCHING AROUND STREET TREES RR 9761**

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Corporate Plan Output: Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board project funding	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's approval for the proposed mulching, planting, and boxing around the base of street trees in the roadside verge, on the south-west side of Condell Avenue between Blighs Road and Matsons Avenue.

**BACKGROUND**

The previous Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board allocated project funds of four thousand dollars for the boxing, mulching, and planting of ground cover (eg. hypericum) around the base of the street trees on the south-west side of Condell Avenue. This work is to balance the other side of the road that was done several years ago by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board. The residents have been letterboxed with a survey form to determine the level of support for the project.

The returns were twenty-one for and five against the project with three requesting that the street trees outside their properties that have died or been vandalised, are replaced. The results that shows that 81% of the respondents supports the work. The street trees will be replaced under the street tree maintenance budget.

Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) has been allocated for the project, but a revised estimate reveals that four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4,900) work will be required to fully complete the work.

**PROPOSAL**

If a further nine hundred dollars can be allocated to the work all the trees on the south-west side can be mulched, otherwise five trees will have to be left off one end, or the three new trees be left out and two trees on one end. If there is insufficient funds available to complete the project it is recommended that the trees on the west end be left until monies become available.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the boxing, mulching, and planting of ground cover under the street trees on the south-west side of Condell Avenue proceed from Blighs Road westwards as far as funds permit
  2. That funds of \$900 be allocated to allow the completion of the work this financial year.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and that \$900 be reallocated from the unexpended portion of the Neighbourhood Week budget ex 1998/99 discretionary funds.