

**7. PURCHASE OF RESERVES – 225A MT PLEASANT ROAD AND 170A MONCK'S SPUR ROAD**

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The purpose of this report is to consider the acquisition of two parcels of land for addition to the adjoining Drayton Drive Reserve.

The report has also been referred to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for its comment.

**BACKGROUND**

The Drayton Drive Reserve contains an area of 2.427 hectares and lies in the gully and eastern slopes of the valley between Mt Pleasant Road and Monck's Spur Road. The reserve's main frontage is to Drayton Drive while it also has a legal but impractical access to Mt Pleasant Road along a narrow but steep accessway which, because of its contour, cannot be formed as a walking track.

At its meeting on 10 December 1998 the Council considered and adopted a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee to purchase an additional area of 5,825m<sup>2</sup> of land from the property at 265A Mt Pleasant Road which is being subdivided to provide the park with a reasonable frontage to Mt Pleasant Road as well as enabling stream enhancement works to be undertaken. The settlement of this transaction is still to be completed pending issue of title from the subdivision of the property, which it is anticipated will be available shortly.

In the interim period the Council has become aware of two further subdivisions in the area, being the property situated at number 225A Mt Pleasant road and 170A Monck's Spur Road. The opportunity has been taken to secure additional areas from these subdivisions for addition to the Drayton Drive reserve in the main to formalise the boundaries between the residential properties and the reserve and to assist in the development of the walkway systems.

The areas concerned are depicted on the attached plan marked A and B from which 1,364m<sup>2</sup> being Lot 8 on Plan A is to be acquired from the owners of the subdivision at 225A Mt Pleasant Road while a total of 1,210m<sup>2</sup> and shown as Lots 3 and 4 on Plan B is to be acquired from the property at 170A Monck's Spur Road. In the latter case it should be noted that 130m<sup>2</sup> of the total of 1,210m<sup>2</sup> will vest in the Council as reserve contribution on the subdivision.

**PROPERTY DETAILS AND SETTLEMENT**

The value of the respective parcels has been determined by independent valuation on the Council's behalf by Ford Baker, Registered Public Valuers, the details of which are included in the public excluded section of this report. Agreements have been entered into with the owners requiring the Council to confirm by 28 May 1999 of its intention to proceed with the purchase of the prospective parcels. As such, approval is sought to acquire the land as reserves.

**Recommendation:** That Lot 8 on Plan A and Lots 3 and 4 on Plan B containing a combined area of 2,574m<sup>2</sup> being part of the land contained in Certificates of Titles 33K/938 and 23K/1128 respectively, be acquired by the Council as Recreation Reserve, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the public excluded section of this report.

The above report was considered at the May meeting of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board. The Board supports the purchase of the proposed reserve.

**Chairman's**

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