

**7. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 22 SEPTEMBER 1999 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22 September 1999.

The meeting was attended by Alison Wilkie (Chairperson), Mary Corbett, Neville Bennett and Mike Mora. In attendance also were Anne Cosson, Martin Maguire and Roger Cave.

An apology was received from David Buist.

**1. HONORARY PARK WARDENS
DEPUTATION – MR SCOTT DODDS**

Mr Dodds talked to members about the role and responsibilities of being an honorary park warden.

In discussion, some of the outcomes noted the need for more community education ownership and activity-based participation with the natural environment features (parks, waterways etc), continuing field training, and more wardens.

Mr Dodds was thanked for his attendance.

2. SISKA PLACE SILVER BIRCH STREET TREES

The following residents were in attendance in support of a request to remove some silver birch trees from outside numbers 1 and 3 Siska Place.

Mrs E Skinner
Mr B Foley
Mr D Visser

A submission from Mr M von Tunzelmann was tabled.

The resident from 3 Siska Place approached Council Parks Unit staff seeking the removal of the silver birch tree and a prunus from outside his property and the property at number 1 Siska Place.

Mr Visser from number 3 Siska Place reported that his wife's doctor had advised the removal of the trees because they were affecting their health. Also, the first three trees on the south side of the street (which are directly outside of this property on the berm) are shadowing the properties too much. There was also mention of the mess the trees made with fallen leaves and catkins.

Parks Officer, Craig Taylor, made an assessment on these three trees and the other street trees in the road, which determined that the trees are in good health. It is Council policy to retain all such specimens on Council land wherever possible. The trees will be causing small amounts of shading.

In Siska Place there is a total of 15 silver birch trees.

To enable an informed decision to be made on the retention or removal of the silver birch street trees a letter-box drop of Siska Place was made. This letter asked residents for their preference as to whether they wished the trees to be removed or retained.

A total of 26 submissions were received, with 14 households requesting removal of the trees and 10 households requesting retention of the trees.

From those residents in attendance at today's meeting the main concerns related to some silver birch trees now being too large, creating shading, and that more appropriate tree species could be planted instead of the silver birches.

Members were supportive of the submissions made by the residents.

- Recommendation:**
1. That selective pruning and tree replacements be undertaken in Siska Place.
 2. That the Parks Unit prepare the new plan for Siska Place, in consultation with residents.
 3. That affected local residents be asked to contribute to the cost of (selected) tree replacements.

3. CLEAN UP THE WORLD CHALLENGE

The Committee was in receipt of an extensive report from the Council's Environmental Promotion Officer on this proposal.

Clean Up the World has captured the imagination of hundreds of communities around the globe, which have responded to the invitation to take part in this historic campaign. Each year millions of people in more than 100 countries join forces under the banner of Clean Up the World, an apolitical, non profit organisation, to make a real difference to the state of the Earth's Environment

From clean ups to reforestation and restoration projects, education campaigns to recycling programmes, and environmental concerts to marches, individuals from all over the globe are tackling local environmental issues in a variety of ways and, with the support and guidance of Clean Up the World, finding solutions to their problems.

Our challenge to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board is for the board to consider coordination of or support for a Clean Up the World community project in each of its ward areas for the year 2000.

- Set aside suitable funding for 2 projects per board targeting each ward area.
 - Select the two areas you wish to focus on.
 - Contact schools/residents associations/business' and others and invite them to attend a presentation with the aim of getting them on board.
 - Provide interested community groups with the resources and assistance to run with the agreed upon project.
 - Target a site where you would like to encourage an ongoing commitment from the community or where the council has made a commitment to future enhancement programmes.
 - Target specific roadways
 - Turn your event into the equivalent of a street/neighbourhood party advertise it as an opportunity to meet the board.
 - Waste Amnesty
 - Empower/enable your residents groups and community groups to come up with a plan of action.
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- Kudos - be the first Board to sign up. Challenge others to follow suit.
 - Design your project to promote the various principles that reflect the boards/councils commitment to Agenda 21, Biodiversity, Healthy Cities, the Natural Step, and Intergenerational projects.
 - This event offers great PR opportunities.

Keep Christchurch Beautiful and Marine Watch with the support of the City Council has co-ordinated and fostered activities here in Christchurch since its inception in 1993. Through the Keep Christchurch Beautiful Campaign Office information packs including registration forms are sent out to a range of groups each year in the hope of attracting interest.

Nationally the campaign is supported by the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Society and a new player the Clean Up New Zealand Trust. They have managed to secure the support of the Warehouse Group and Telecom NZ.

Widespread worldwide awareness of the event is generated through an international public relations campaign undertaken each year by the Clean Up the World Head Office in Sydney, Australia. A paid for advertorial is run in the Christchurch Star at the end of the event in an effort to give recognition to the various contributing groups.

Members were very supportive of the scheme. Further consideration will be given at a subsequent meeting of the Committee to which Kerry Everingham (the Environmental Promotion Officer) will be invited to attend.

Recent "clean up the environment" projects undertaken by two local schools would be acknowledged.

4. PICTON AVENUE RESERVE – CONCEPT PLAN

Following the recent Council acquisition of three residential properties in Picton Avenue, a concept plan was tabled for members' information.

5. RAVENSDOWN FERTILISER WORKS

In view an upsurge in on-site production the Committee asked for confirmation that the company was operating within its approved resource consent conditions.

6. NOTIFIED RESOURCE CONSENT – MCVICAR TIMBER GROUP LIMITED

Members' attention was drawn to an application received by the Canterbury Regional Council from this company "*to discharge water and contaminants to land and surface water in circumstances which may result from these contaminants entering water from a former treatment facility*". The subject site is at the corner of Halswell Junction Road and Springs Road.

It was agreed that a submission in opposition be made and, due to the notification date, this was submitted under the names of the chairperson of this committee and the Board chairperson.

Confirmation of this action is now sought.

7. CARRIED FORWARD ITEMS

- Welcome Signs

- Open Pit Compliance and Monitoring

Possibly on the agenda for the Canterbury Regional Council/Christchurch City Council Joint Committee meeting on 20 October.

Chairperson's

Recommendation:

1. That selective pruning and tree replacements be undertaken in Siska Place.
2. That the Parks Unit prepare the new plan for Siska Place, in consultation with residents.
3. That affected local residents be asked to contribute to the cost of (selected) tree replacements.
4. That the Board endorse the submitting of the application in respect of the notified consent at Halswell Junction and Springs Road.