

## 4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### 4.1 COMMUNITY WATCH

Mr Bernard Foley of the City/Sumner Community Watch Inc has requested speaking rights to thank the Board for its support.

Officer Comment: The Board funded the purchase of a car which is now operational.

### 4.2 ADDINGTON 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.

Mr Peters has previously addressed the Riccarton/Wigram, Spreydon/Heathcote, Fendalton/Waimairi, and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards. The Bush Society originally have worked in the south and west of the city and now have expanded their operations into the north and east.

The Addington Bush Society began in 1994 when eight residents purchased a block of land in Addington and planted 2500 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 (*see attachment*).

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

As their operation expanded outside the Addington area, they changed their name to the 'Bush Society'. 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 by approaching every school in Christchurch with the 'Community Native Plant Nurseries' scheme (*see attachment*).

In the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area there are many possibilities for community involvement in the vision that the Bush Society has, particularly with the Port Hills bush as a seed source important 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 be made by Mr Peters.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That a grant of \$1,000 be made to the Bush Society for the Native Plant Nurseries Project, to be sourced from the Board's 1999/2000 Discretionary Fund.

**4.3 REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Mr Sam Farr, Chairman of the Educational Services Trust and Mr Bruce Scott have sought speaking rights to address the Board in support of a request for funding.

Their submission in support of this funding request is attached.

**Officer Comment:** This is a request on the Board's Millennium Fund and needs to be referred there in the first instance.

**4.4 COAST CARE**

Coast Care has requested speaking rights to provide the Board with a review of Coast Care over the past five years and to provide a forecast of needs for the coming five year period, showing what this will mean in the Board's area. Coast Care believes that this brief outline will prove helpful to the Board in its forthcoming budget deliberations.

**Officer Comment:** Seeking support for funding via the Council's Operational Budget and/or Board's Project-Discretionary Funds. No proposals received for 2000/2001 budget.

**4.5 MRS MELINDA HILL AND SUPPORTER**

Mrs Melinda Hill has requested speaking rights for herself and another affected person to address the Board about her concerns at the location of a bus stop in the vicinity of her property. Mr & Mrs Hill supported by other residents of the area, have written to the Mayor, asking that this bus stop be moved 100 metres along the road to a location where there are no driveways to block.

Comments from the Area Engineer, on this request are attached for the guidance of the Board, as well as Mrs Hill's letter to the Mayor and the Plan showing the new position which she suggests for the bus stop.