

4. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 17 AUGUST 1999 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 August 1999.

The meeting was attended by Alison Wilkie (Chairperson), Mary Corbett, Neville Bennett, David Buist, and Mike Mora.

In attendance were Martin Maguire (Community Advocate), and Roger Cave (Community Secretary), and Anne Cosson (Area Parks Officer)

1. **STREETSCAPE SITES**

Over recent meetings the Committee had identified various streets which, in their opinion, could be suitable for street enhancement.

The Council's Project Co-ordinator for Ariculture (Craig Taylor) was in attendance; various suitable sites were discussed, among these

Springs Road (south-eastern side)
Hei Hei Shops
Peverel Street
Shands Road

It was **agreed** that a report would come to the next meeting on sites and costings.

2. **NGA PUNA WAI RESERVE
SITE INSPECTION**

The Committee undertook an inspection of the proposed Nga Puna Wai Reserve.

In 1986 the Council purchased a 25 ha block adjacent to Curletts Road from the Crown for recreational purposes. The site remained in an undeveloped state since its purchase, due to problems associated with access off the busy Curletts Road. This land was therefore exchanged for 28 ha of Canterbury A&P owned land on the other side of the Retention Basin at the end of Templetons Road. This exchange made it possible to enable the Canterbury Saleyards and A&P Showgrounds to relocate their functions from within the city where they had been situated for over 100 years.

The land exchange solved a number of problems. A Recreation Reserve could now be established with access from a less busy road than Curletts Road.

Landscape plans are documents which define the Council's management objectives and policies. They provide a framework within which all future management will be carried out and are subject to periodic review, usually every five years.

This Landscape Plan presents some of the history and background issues for the Council owned land between the Upper Heathcote River and Wigram Road known as Nga Puna Wai Reserve (formerly Curletts Reserve). The proposed reserve also includes the wet pond of the Wigram Retention Basin and a ribbon of esplanade reserve running from St John of God to Curletts Road. The Park has significant natural assets as well as being an important metropolitan park with potential for expansion up the Heathcote River into the proposed Halswell growth area.

The name Nga Puna Wai (many spring waters) has been suggested as a name for the Reserve, to replace the title of Curletts Reserve.

The design concept comprises of four recognisable zones with distinct characteristics and use.

- (a) Active Sports and Recreation Zone
- (b) Passive Open Space
- (c) Wigram Retention Basin – Native Wetland Habitat and Revegetation
- (d) Upper Heathcote River Corridor – Riparian Revegetation Zone

The consultation will consist of:

1. Letterbox drop of proposed Development Concept Plan and site information in local area and to interest groups, eg sporting associations, clubs).
2. Landscape plan and site information to be placed on the reserve site.
3. Information given to local press.

The Development Concept Plan will be circulated for comment until mid-November.

The Committee is very supportive of the Reserve development and **agreed** to support the concept plan for the Nga Puna Wai Reserve.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the report be received and that the Board give its support to the Nga Puna Wai Reserve concept.