5. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY WARDENS

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The purpose of this report is request that the following persons be appointed as Honorary Wardens:

John Rowse	289 Eastern Terrace	Eastern Terrace Riverbanks
Jim Fox	23 Rowses Road	New Brighton Pier
Paul Chambers	2 Basingstoke Street	New Brighton Pier

All three applicants have been interviewed by Parks staff and both the Pier applicants have been have been nominated by existing wardens.

The New Brighton Pier was officially opened on 1 November 1997. Since that time a group of honorary wardens has been helping the Council educate and advise the public on activities in the area such as skateboarding, cycling, dogs and fishing. They help with the maintenance of the Pier, report vandalism, graffiti and undesirable behaviour, and keep a diary of all incidents encountered. Parks rangers provide backup by regularly visiting the Pier and wardens have access to a cellphone if backup from Council staff or the police is required at other times.

Upon appointment wardens are issued with a warrant card. In July 1999 the Pier wardens were given embroidered caps, and recently, due to the nature of some of their encounters, have been provided with photographic identification cards. These have proven effective in gaining the public's co-operation whilst on the Pier and surrounds.

From both an information and communication point of view and to ensure the Pier and our park and riverbank areas remain safe, clean and user friendly, the role of Honorary Wardens is seen as a vital ingredient.

Recommendation: That the above persons be appointed as Honorary Wardens pursuant to Christchurch City Bylaw 120 Clause 5(ii) and Christchurch City Bylaw 118, Clause 4, relating to the control of parts of the Avon and Heathcote Rivers, certain foreshore and adjacent areas and the City's parks and reserves.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.