



18. OVERHANGING TREE SURVEY – SHIRLEY/PAPANUI

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The purpose of this report is to advise the outcome of a survey of trees overhanging the footpath in the Board's area.

The Board will recall allocating funds to employ a student to survey the two wards to identify any trees overhanging the footpath to such an extent as to hinder the safe passage of pedestrians using the path. This was as a result of complaints to staff and Board members about overhanging trees. The last survey of the wards by students was carried out in 1996.

The student undertook the survey in April to June of this year and where non-complying trees were observed a note (see attached) was left in the property's letterbox.

Note was also taken of non complying berm trees and these were forward to the Parks Unit for action. A follow up inspection of the properties was made not less than 14 days after the initial inspection. In the case of Papanui this could be up to 3 to 4 weeks after; in Shirley, 14 days to three weeks.

Results of the Survey (approximate numbers)

- *Initial inspection – non-compliance properties*

Papanui	Shirley
1260	1230
- *Follow up inspection – non-compliance properties*

Papanui	Shirley
530	660
- *Percentage compliance*

Papanui	Shirley
58%	46%

Lists of the non-complying properties will be forwarded to the Environmental Services Unit and Parks Unit for follow-up action.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Environmental Services Unit be encouraged to make allowance in their budgets for the employment of staff to survey all streets in the city for overhanging trees, on a regular basis.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.