

21. YACHT CLUB RESERVE EROSION

Officer responsible Parks Manager	Authors John Shanks, Julie Sadler
Corporate Plan Output: Consents 9.4.8	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of a serious erosion problem at the above reserve.

BACKGROUND

The Parks Manager reported to the December 1999 meeting of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board outlining a serious erosion problem at the above reserve which is undermining the Christchurch Yacht Club's facilities and car park.

The report outlined the action taken to date to address the problem and summarised the position as being:

- The Council does not have a legal responsibility to assist the club with the repairs.
- The Council does not have a legal responsibility to protect this land from erosion from the estuary. However it may choose to do so as it has done to protect the sea wall shoring up the car park to the east of the club's leased area. The work required will be expensive.
- Indicative costs for undertaking the investigation work, design, calling tenders for the work and contract supervision, could be in the order of \$10,000 plus.
- The work necessary to effect the repairs could cost tens of thousands of dollars to complete.
- The club believes that this type of expenditure is beyond their resources. The club has been advised to apply for a low interest loan from the Council to assist in effecting the repairs.

A deputation from the Christchurch Yacht Club waited on the Community Board at its 1 December 1999 meeting and urged action by the Council before the erosion became more serious and the problem more difficult to remedy.

On that occasion the Community Board resolved to offer the Yacht Club a grant of \$6,000 from its Discretionary Fund to repair the jetty at Moncks Bay. This work has been done.

In addition, the Community Board recommended to the Council:

1. That the Council support the Christchurch Yacht Club Inc in its application to the Council Community Organisations Loan Scheme for funding to undertake repairs and protection work to the Club's facilities.
2. That the Council undertake a study of the effects of erosion in the Estuary and, in particular, in the first instance of how this erosion affects the Christchurch Yacht Club Inc.

The Board's recommendation was adopted by the Council at its meeting on 16 December 2000.

CURRENT SITUATION

At the meeting of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board held on 31 May 2000, Mr Michael J Timings, representing the Christchurch Yacht Club, and Mrs Glenda Prokopavicius, the Commodore of the Yacht Club, again addressed the Board outlining their very serious concerns at the rapidly escalating erosion of the land in the vicinity of the yacht club building at Moncks Bay.

The deputation advised that this erosion was becoming more severe. This contention was supported with photographs which illustrated the erosion. The deputation stated that the Christchurch Yacht Club believes that it is now only a matter of time before the ebbside flow begins to scour the ground out from under the club building.

The engineer advising this club notes that the channel is now deeper than it has ever been before and believes that it is only a matter of time before the Council's roadway is undermined. The club is concerned that if this matter is left too long it will be too late to take any remedial action. Urgent action, the club believes, was needed by the Council within months.

After considering the deputation's representations the Community Board concluded:

1. The need for Council remedial action is very urgent. The ground is visibly being washed away from the Christchurch Yacht Club site. There is encroachment of this tidal erosion on the site which changes weekly.
2. The Christchurch Yacht Club building is an historic heritage building.
3. This erosion is also encroaching upon the Council's recently constructed public walkway and has the potential also to erode Main Road, which is the principal public access to Sumner.
4. Funding is needed for an initial investigation to be carried out as a priority – the Board suggests a sum of \$10,000.
5. Provision needs to be made in the 2000/2001 Plan for carrying out remedial work shown to be necessary by this report.

A late 2000 Plan submission has been forwarded seeking immediate funding for an initial investigation into this problem and possible solutions and provision in the 2000/01 Plan for carrying out remedial work shown to be necessary by this report.

The Community Board believes that urgent action by the Council on this matter is warranted.

Accordingly the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board makes the recommendation which follows:

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council determine the measures necessary to preserve the land on which the Christchurch Yacht Club stands and the urgency with which these measures need to be undertaken.
 2. That the Council negotiate with the Christchurch Yacht Club the appropriate funding for the necessary work.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** Not seen by Chairman.