

8. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 16 MAY 2000**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2000.

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

1. **SUPPORT FOR PHD RESEARCH PROJECT – MR PHILIP ROSS**

Mr Ross was in attendance, seeking the support of the Board to a research project that he wished to commence, on community participation in water pollution issues and the monitoring of sites.

A brief precis of the research information provided, by Mr Ross, to the Committee notes:

- Stormwater and intermittent transient discharges pose a particular challenge for sampling and data interpretation.
- A series of sampling methods need to be derived that will be suitable for widespread deployment
- Significant sums of money have been spent on stormwater treatment systems, but do they work?
- A development idea of this research project is making environmental monitoring accessible to lay people
- Another part of the research will address concerns of biological monitoring and toxicological effect studies.

The potential applications to come from the research projects would include:

- Municipal stormwater monitoring
- Contaminant tracking
- Contaminant monitoring
- Watershed management
- Monitoring of developments or land use impacts

The Committee was supportive of the request from Mr Ross.

Recommendation: That the Community Board support, by way of a letter, the application by Mr Philip Ross to undertake this community research project.

2. **OPEN PIT COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING**

Following the on-site inspection, on Tuesday 29 February, of various privately operated pit sites, the Committee **agreed** to seek an update from Environment Canterbury in respect of resource consent issues identified during the inspection.

3. **COMMUNITY HERITAGE AWARD SCHEMES**

This matter was held over to the next meeting.

4. **COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES**

“...improve the natural and built neighbourhood environment...”

Agreed to invite Parks Unit officers to the next meeting to discuss various issues:

- Streetscape improvements
- Green open space shortfall and development
- Park enhancement/playground installation
- Project fund allocations

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Recommendation:

1. That the Report of the Environmental Committee be received.
2. That the Board support the application of Mr Philip Ross to undertake his Community Research Project.