



## 15. PAPANUI STREAM

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The purpose of this report is to seek support and involvement from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board in the development of a vision and the restoration of Papanui Stream between Grants Road and Halliwell Avenue.

### BACKGROUND

Papanui Stream is a spring-fed waterway starting at the end of Halliwell Avenue in Papanui and joining with Dudley Creek at Paparoa Street. Restoration and enhancement of the waterway has taken place at Erica Reserve where the original timbering was removed and the stream opened out to form a pond with shallow sided banks and native planting. Restoration work is also planned for the springs sited at 54 Halliwell Avenue.

### ISSUES

Adjacent to the stream a retirement village with access off Grants Road is being developed. The Rymans' development is an extension to the existing Ngaio Marsh retirement Village. The second stage resource consent is for a land use change from Living 1 zoning (2000m<sup>2</sup>) density to high density, much like that of Living 3. As part of the development Rymans are planning to give their reserve contribution in land along the waterway. There are issues about the density of the existing Rymans' development, however, there are opportunities to gain public values alongside the waterway as well.

In ecological terms, surveys of Papanui Stream have shown the stream of high quality with clear water and a good diversity of in-stream insect life. Compared with other urban streams, Papanui has been ranked one of the highest for the quality of stream life.

There is good potential for a walkway link which would allow access from Halliwell Ave and Northlands mall via an alleyway from Proctor Street to Halliwell Avenue. There are no walkways in the immediate area and it is a good opportunity to link natural sites as well as providing access away from busy roads in the area. There is potential via the end of Grassmere Street for there to be a link through to Rutland Reserve and Paparoa Street School.

### DEVELOPING A VISION THROUGH WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

A community workshop is planned for Wednesday 7 June, 7pm at the Papanui Service Centre. Invitations have been sent to the residents of Proctor Street, Rymans Healthcare, residents of the Ngaio Marsh Retirement Village, the East Papanui Residents Group, the Innesmay Neighbourhood Group and the Shirley/Papanui Community Board.

It is a chance for the community to develop a vision for the stream, and to raise issues that may be of a concern. There is a need to identify the process needed to work together and have a satisfactory outcome on the ground.

## SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD INVOLVEMENT

Board members are invited to participate and provide leadership in running the workshop. The Board's involvement is also sought in further developing and implementing the vision.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board supports the process of developing a vision and implementation to restore Papanui Stream.
  2. That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board provide leadership at the workshop and guidance in the implementation of community feedback.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.