

21. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

(a) NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK

A meeting of the Neighbourhood Week Joint Board Committee was held on 4 August and a copy of the minutes is attached for Board members' information.

(b) GREEN OPEN SPACE INVESTIGATION – REQUEST TO RECONVENE

As requested, the Green Open Space Investigation is to be re-activated. It is proposed to reconvene the working party, and to reappoint Bob Todd, Liz McRostie and Aaron O'Brien to this working party.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board re-appoint Bob Todd, Liz McRostie and Aaron O'Brien to the Green Open Space Investigation Working Party.

(c) PENGUIN COLONY VISIT – EARLY NOVEMBER

John Freeman wishes to invite any interested Board and staff members to join a visit to the Penguin Colony at Harris Bay with Dr Chris Challies.

Dr Challies has suggested that Board members may wish to consider Saturday 18, Sunday 19 or Monday 20 November as possible dates for a Board visit to the penguin colony.

(d) TREATY OF WAITANGI SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

The Treaty of Waitangi training seminar for Community Board members conducted by Bob Consedine was held on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 October 2000. A most successful two day seminar with a most positive outcome took place.

Community representatives attended as there was room for a number of extra participants. Although Board numbers were lower than expected, feedback from those who attended and from the community participants has been very positive. Possibly the timing of the Seminar, immediately before Labour weekend was not the most propitious timing.

A follow-up day will be held in March 2001 for those who attended this two day seminar.

Following the 2001 elections, it may well be worth repeating this Treaty Seminar for any new Board members and others who would like to take part.