

12. BEALEY AVENUE - PLANTING MEDIAN WITH SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Board to support the purchase of daffodil bulbs for planting in the road median strip.

It has been suggested that daffodil plantings be undertaken in the median of Bealey Avenue. This would be complementary to City Streetscape Maintenance's contribution to the "St Albans Golden Suburb" initiative. The show from the daffodil bulbs that were planted in the median strip along Linwood Avenue last year generated many expressions of appreciation with this spring flowering. The bulbs were funded by Hagley/Ferrymead Board and mass planted and maintained by City Streetscape Maintenance. It is proposed that further bulb planting be done in March 2001.

As the Bealey Avenue median bounds both the Shirley/Papanui and Hagley/Ferrymead Boards it is appropriate that both Boards play a role in providing for its beautification. In order to obtain good quality well priced bulbs an order will need to be placed in early December. Last year \$5,000 bought 14,750 bulbs of which 13,000 were planted in the Linwood Avenue median with the balance planted in parks within the Board's area.

To make an impact with mass planting will require \$5,000 from each Board. Similar support is also being sought from the Fendalton/Waimairi Board for planting in parts of the Harewood Road median strip.

After flowering has finished the areas planted in bulbs looks somewhat ragged for a while however the balance of the turf area is mown as usual and no adverse comment has been made to date. Experience has shown that there was no increase in maintenance costs as the reduction in grass areas being mown through the winter and spring period (July to late November) has compensated for the greater time required in mowing around the planted areas.

Recommendation: That an allocation of \$5,000 from discretionary funds be made to purchase daffodil bulbs for planting in the Bealey Avenue median strip.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That City Streets negotiate a lower price with local suppliers and the final price to be approved by the Emergency Committee.