

21. HONORARY WARDENS

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Corporate Plan Output: Sponsorship and Volunteer Services	

The purpose of this report is to request that the following persons be appointed as Honorary Wardens:

Alan Dennis Hickman	28 Waitaki Street	Brighton/Burwood Area
Angus Ross Ferguson	31 Hercules Street	Papanui Area

Alan Hickman is the District Support Officer for the New Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade

Ross Ferguson is a member of the Papanui Community Watch and a JP. He has been nominated as an honorary warden by two fellow community watch members who are also wardens.

At present there are 239 people assisting the Parks Unit in this capacity. These people are the Parks Unit's eyes and ears in the community and do a tremendous public service in reporting incidents and damage on parks, and any continuing problems.

Many of the wardens are concerned for the environment and wildlife in parks, and in particular the rivers and foreshore areas. These people have a major role to play in educating the public on fragile areas where plants are regenerating or birdlife are nesting or have feeding grounds.

Wardens also provide a valuable service in advising Council staff of damage, vandalism and graffiti problems so they can be quickly rectified. Many wardens will also take it upon themselves to clean up graffiti or pick up rubbish in their local area.

On Wednesday 5 July a very successful function was held for the wardens to thank them for the valuable service they provide. It also provided an opportunity for them to meet other wardens and Council staff.

From both an information and communication point of view and to ensure our parks remain safe and user friendly, the role of Honorary Wardens is seen as a vital ingredient to the effective provision of parks in Christchurch.

Recommendation: That the above persons be appointed as Honorary Wardens pursuant to Christchurch City Bylaw 120 Clause 5 (ii) and Christchurch City Bylaw 118, Clause 4, relating to the control of parts of the Avon and Heathcote Rivers, certain foreshore and adjacent areas and the City's parks and reserves.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.