

**6. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 15 AUGUST 2000**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 August 2000.

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

An apology was received and accepted, from David Buist.

Also in attendance were Martin Maguire (Community Advocate), Anne Cossan (Area Parks Officer), and Roger Cave (Community Secretary).

1. HISTORIC BUILDINGS/PLACES

Ms Jenny May (Heritage Planner) was present to discuss the Board's desire to:

- establish a directory of historic and heritage buildings, features and sites (to include non-listed buildings, ie in the City Plan)
- establish an Environmental Award and/or Heritage Award Scheme
- develop brochures/booklets identifying buildings and sites
- develop historic/heritage walk routes.

The Board has endorsed the proposal to employ an ACE Worker to work on the above listed objectives.

In discussion, the members noted that the Board area contained many areas worthy of recognition (art deco, state housing clusters, etc).

Ron Fensom (of the Halswell Residents Association) was also present; he identified various historic and heritage sites within the Halswell area which could be "captured" by any one of the proposals listed.

Members were very supportive of the proposals, which will now be pursued, firstly at officer level.

Community Board funds would need to be sought to cover administrative costs.

2. RICCARTON ROAD RAILWAY WALKWAY

The Committee supported a request to allocate up to \$500 (from its Community Environment fund) to assist the Deans Avenue Precinct Society undertake some treeplanting on the walkway (alongside the railway) between Riccarton Road and Brockworth Place.

3. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR 2001/02

Following a recent meeting and inspection, the Committee has compiled a draft schedule of possible project proposals.

4. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2000/01

With the Board's "environmental" objective being

"To improve the natural and built neighbourhood environment in Riccarton/Wigram"

the Committee revisited its objectives and, with some new additions have confirmed these, as follows, (numbers 7 and 8 being new performance indicators)-

1. Meet with appropriate business units of Council and Environment Canterbury on an annual basis to identify and discuss issues of mutual interest and concern.
2. Meet, at least once, with Christchurch City Council business units and Environment Canterbury to discuss issues of natural resources (eg air, ground and water) as they affect the Board area.
3. Improvement to the streetscape environment by advocating for at least six tree planing programmes in the Riccarton/Wigram wards.
4. Continue to address the (identified) shortfall in green open spaces in the Riccarton ward.
5. Continue a programme of park enhancement by initiating and funding at least one active/recreational and/or landscape improvement project per ward.
6. Fostering Christchurch's Garden City image through hosting a Community Pride Award presentation function for the Riccarton/Wigram recipients.
7. To establish a database of Heritage and Historic places in order to promote and enhance awareness of those in the Riccarton/Wigram Community.
8. To ensure that all traffic plans and modifications enhance, rather than detract from, the environment.

5. COMMITTEE'S APPROVED PROJECT FUNDS 2000/01

This Committee has responsibility for a total of \$35,000 of Board Project Funds to be allocated during the current financial year:

- Reserves and Green Open Spaces Development \$15,000
- Community Environment Fund \$20,000

The Committee noted various requests identified, to date, including:

- Deans Avenue Precinct Society Riccarton Road Railway Walkway \$500
- Hillary Crescent Reserve \$12,000
- Feltex Research Project \$1,000
- ACE Worker \$5,000

Further discussion of these requests and their funding source, will be addressed.

6. UPPER RICCARTON/ILAM AIR QUALITY PUBLIC MEETING

To be held on Wednesday 20 September 2000.

7. ONGOING ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- Ravensdown fertilizer.
- Community gardens.

Chairman's

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received.
2. That a grant to a maximum of \$500 be made available to the Deans Avenue Precinct Society for planting on the walkway, to be funded from the Board's Community Environment Fund.
3. That the funding for the Hillary Crescent Reserve be equal amounts from the Reserves and Green Open Spaces Development Fund and the Boards Discretionary Fund (ie \$6,000 each).
4. That funding for the Feltex Research Project and the ACE Worker be from the Boards Discretionary Fund (ie totalling \$6,000).

Note: Recommendations 3 and 4 have been endorsed by the Chairperson of the Environmental Committee.

The current balance of the Boards Discretionary Fund is \$39,300 and this will reduce to \$27,300 if recommendations 3 and 4 are adopted.