

10. PROPOSALS FOR AN ELECTRIC BARBEQUE IN SOUTH HAGLEY PARK

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The purpose of this report is to advise members of the Community Board on the issues relating to a proposal for an electric barbeque in South Hagley Park, received from the Deans Avenue Precinct Society and considered at the recent meeting of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.

Warwick Scadden, Parks and Waterways Advocate for the Hagley/Ferrymead ward, has provided the following report.

INTRODUCTION

The existing barbeque facility referred to in North Hagley Park adjacent to Victoria Lake was installed in 1995. It was a joint venture, in that the Parks Unit purchased the barbeque unit, while the North West Kiwanis (Service Club) provided all the materials and undertook the construction. It has been well used because it is adjacent to an area of tennis courts, petanque and boating. Car parking facilities are close by.

THE PROPOSAL

South Hagley Park at Nancy's Corner is quite a different area in that it is a woodland with some beds of azaleas as an under-planting. Good shade is available. Surrounded by two busy roads, namely Deans Ave and Riccarton Road, any siting of a barbeque would need to be a suitable distance in from the boundary for users to enjoy the facility away from the noise of traffic.

Referring to the Hagley Park Management plan 1991, reference is specifically made to improving facilities for picnic areas, including picnic tables. The issue of new structures is also addressed in that all new structures at design stage should be approved by the Council to ensure the facility is appropriate to the parkland surroundings.

The costings which are submitted by the Deans Avenue Precinct Society are for an electric powered barbeque. While this is the same as in North Hagley, a gas alternative is available and this may be more suitable in South Hagley. It would also be cheaper to install.

This proposal does not appear to have been referred to the Curator of the Botanic Gardens but I believe it is an excellent proposal and subject to appropriate siting it would serve the community need well. Because of the good tree canopy for shade, the kitset shelter would not be needed, but some good seating detail and picnic tables would be appropriate. This proposal is ideal for a service club to be involved in, on the basis that the Council could finance the barbeque, while the service club provide materials and labour for installation, seating and paving.

The following is a letter received from the Deans Avenue Precinct Society to support their request.

"Further to our telephone conversation concerning this proposal.

We have examined the existing electric barbecue recently installed in North Hagley Park, alongside the Armagh Street entranceway to the car park, and between Victoria Lake and the old RSA Bowling Club building. This unit is coin operated (50c), stands on a concrete pad, and consists of one stainless steel hotplate with a brick bench top and surround. The unit is protected by an attractive wooden shelter. We understand similar barbecues have been installed elsewhere in the city (e.g. Spencer Park).

We have obtained approximate prices of the necessary components of this unit from the manufacturer's (DA Christie Pty. Ltd) agent, Playsafe (NZ) Ltd, Kaiapoi as follows:

Concrete pad	\$ 250
Access door	285
Bricks for surround	300
Stainless steel hotplate	2167
Kitset shelter	<u>2260</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$5262</u> + GST

There are several optional components. One of these – single stainless steel bench top – we believe would be more hygienic and easier to clean than the standard brick bench top. This would add a further \$1365 + GST to the total above, giving an approximate cost for materials of \$6,627.00 + GST.

This figure does not include the cost of labour for assembly, and the services of an electrician. In addition, it would be necessary to supply electricity and water to the unit, and also stormwater drainage. We understand that a permanent water supply to the new Azalea beds in Nancy's Woodland has just been laid on and could be used. The siting of the barbecue unit would need to be considered carefully and supported by appropriate seating and refuse bins.

We believe this proposal is very worthwhile and would enhance greater public use of a unique part of South Hagley Park, with its charming woodland, daffodils, and beds of Azaleas. Accordingly we seek the support of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to purchase and install a single, coin-operated electric barbecue as we have outlined above.

We look forward to your response."

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has made the following recommendations:

That the proposal for a barbeque in Nancy's Woodland of South Hagley Park be approved subject to:

1. Siting being agreed between the Parks and Waterways Advocate, curator of the Botanic Gardens and chairperson of the Deans Avenue Precinct Society.
2. That the proposed barbeque meets all the conditions and consents as set by the Council.
3. That \$1,500 is allocated from the discretionary fund and \$1,500 is sought from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and a service club to be identified who are able to supply building materials and install the unit.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.