

3. KEEP CHRISTCHURCH BEAUTIFUL

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The following report has been received from Deputy Chairperson Dennis Hills.

Community Board representatives present at the meeting of 23 November 2001 were Dennis Hills (Shirley/Papanui), Glenda Burt (Burwood/Pegasus), Yani Johanson (Hagley/Ferrymead) and Sonia Gill (Spreydon/Heathcote). Others are Mark Kunnen (Fendalton/Waimairi) and one from Riccarton/Wigram wards yet to be confirmed.

The committee has reverted to its main role in relation to litter and related matters, handing projects such as "Think Fencing" over to other organisations. The possible establishment of sub-groups will be discussed at the next meeting. We will conduct a beach clean-up early next year. A new logo is needed; the present one (daffodils on a black cathedral-shaped background) may well represent Christchurch, but has no relevance to litter.

Sergeant Peter Hagerty reported on the role of the Police in relation to litter, graffiti and vandalism. Litter is low on their priority, except for dangerous litter (such as broken bottles). Otherwise, a warning and enforced clean-up is preferred to enforcing the Council's \$100 litter fine.

Members had conducted a survey (re litter bags in cars and awareness of the \$100 fine) on a Friday night in lower Colombo, and got responses from people in 73 of the 75 cars approached. The survey was conducted between 10.00 pm and midnight. It was commented that the same survey would have elicited entirely different responses after midnight!

Litter counts are carried out regularly at confidential sites in residential, school, recreational, business and open space sites in all wards. Our wards are average as regards the type of litter; some variations between areas reflect the presence/absence of takeaways such as McDonalds.

Fish on Grates

Most people are familiar with the painted (green) fish beside grates which drain directly into a river. They are used to draw attention to the need for water entering the grate to be free from pollutants which might harm fish in the river. Detergents from car washing and oil and fuel from poorly-serviced vehicles are common pollutants. An approach used in Hamilton has been a 210 mm-long unpainted, die-cast metal fish bonded to the road or channel surface adjacent to the grate. A specimen will be available at the meeting. They cost \$12.00 each without the glue. Each Community Board will be asked to comment upon whether they wish to fund some in their area. Shirley/Papanui is the first Board to be asked to discuss this matter.

Recommendation: That this Board fund the purchase and installation of metal fish to indicate grates that drain directly into rivers.

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Recommendation: That the Board fund up to 150 fishes at this stage, to be used at both the Styx and the Dudley River.