

4. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 13 FEBRUARY 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2001.

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

**1. DR SUZANNE DOIG
HERITAGE WRITER/RESEARCHER**

Suzanne has been employed by the Community Board through the Taskforce Green Scheme, to undertake the compiling of a heritage site register in the Board area.

A short presentation was given, followed by a general discussion on the project to date.

Suzanne was to commence community consultation shortly, and would report regularly to this Committee.

2. PICTON AVENUE RESERVE

The Area Parks Officer (Anne Cosson) presented an update of the community consultation process on this new reserve.

A copy of the draft landscape plan was tabled at the Committee meeting.

The design includes sitting areas, a small playground, open green space and the development of an area of the Riccarton box drain.

Residents were asked to comment on:

1. Future name of the reserve.
2. If they want play equipment on the new reserve.
3. Ideas for the suction tank.
4. Other ideas for the reserve.
5. Other issues.

The reserve was purchased when Mr Bergman approached the Board to name the reserve after his family.

The Board resolved to name the small stream after the Bergman family. The Board also resolved to look at other names for the reserve.

The Parks Unit normally names the reserves after the street they are on, so they are easily located, by the community.

Most households suggested the use of Picton Avenue Reserve.

The new reserve site does lend itself to being an excellent site to display heritage information on the area, and the people who have contributed so much to the local community.

Residents were asked if they thought play equipment was needed for the new reserve.

The results received are as follows:

	Number of households
No play equipment	12
Yes, play equipment	94
Equipment for 2-6 year olds	64
Equipment for 6-12 year olds	38

Type of Equipment:

Composite play equipment	65
Individual play equipment	35

68 households indicated their support to the general layout of the plan.

Many submitters asked for extra seating, which is suitable for older adults.

Residents also asked for safety Parks planting so that they feel safe sitting in the park.

The Parks Unit and Water Services Unit will update the draft landscape plan to include ideas from the community.

The final plan should be finished before June 2001. Landscaping work will start in the new financial year.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Community Board recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee that the new reserve in Picton Avenue be named "Picton Avenue Reserve".
 2. That the Community Board's Heritage Worker, work with interested members of the community to produce Heritage Information for the new reserve based on the formation of the area and the local residents who have contributed to the local community.
 3. That heritage information is then incorporated into the design of the new reserve.
 4. That play equipment be included in the future development of the reserve.

3. PROJECT ALLOCATION, 2000/01 FUNDS

Following an inspection tour, on Tuesday 23 January 2000, the Committee discussed possible funding, from its two funds.

- Reserve and Green Open Spaces Development \$9,000
- Community Environment Fund \$10,000

Recommendation: That the Community Board approve the allocation of 2000/01 funds to:

- Denton Park/Kathleen Crescent landscaping \$7,000
- Picton Avenue Reserve heritage information signs \$2,000
(from the Reserves and Green Open Spaces Development allocation)
- Vicki Reserve, additional enhancement \$10,000
(from the Community Environment Fund)

The balance of required funds (\$2,000) was committed from 2001/02 funds.

4. INSPECTION TOUR DATE

Tentatively set for Tuesday 6 March 2000, to visit the Owaka worm farm and waterway/wetland sites.

5. PROJECT FUNDS, 2001/02

Discussion on the amount of project funds to be sought for 2001/02 to provide (financial) resources for those matters which are the responsibility of this Committee.

Recommendation: That the Community Board, through the Finance and Policy Committee, allocate \$50,000 Project Funds for 2001/02 to the Environmental Committee.

6. NEXT MEETING

Changed to Monday 12 March 2001.

7. ONGOING ISSUES

- Jamell Place Mediation/City Services Committee.
- Stock Effluent Update.
- Campervan Effluent Dump Site Construction.
- Riccarton Road enhancement.
- Project Progress Schedule Update.
- Park Unit 'Contingency Fund' for major storm damage restoration.

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