

17. SOUTH BRIGHTON MOTOR CAMP AND PLANTATION - LANDSCAPE PLAN

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Corporate Plan Output: Camping Grounds Leased - South Brighton Motor Camp	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Community Board's approval of the Draft Landscape Plan for the South Brighton Motor Camp and adjoining plantation area. This area was severely affected by the major storm in October last year. There had also been problems with large pine trees and macrocarpas falling into the camp.

An inspection of the area was undertaken by the local residents' association and the Community Board earlier in the year and as a result a separate landscape plan for replanting this area was requested. The major concerns have been the loss of significant shelter trees from the southerly and easterly winds. The loss of trees is also impacting on the stability of the remaining trees and it is important that shelter to this area is reinstated as quickly as possible to protect this area from further tree loss.

The attached plans have been prepared by Jennifer Dray, Landscape Architect City Solutions in conjunction with Walter Fielding Cotterell, City Arborist of the Parks and Waterways Unit and Lyll Matchett of the Leisure Unit. The opportunity has been taken to retain an open area for future needs for the camping ground within this replanting plan.

The plan provides for replacement of shelterbelts in two main areas - the South Corner adjacent to the estuary and the eastern boundaries with neighbouring residential properties. The plan is also to create a buffer zone between the plantation and the camp, which will contain native shrubs. This will continue to provide the necessary shelter to the camp and reduce the risk of larger trees falling into the camp. Two gaps within the plantation have also been created over time and it is necessary to replant with pines and macrocarpas plus some native plantings in these areas.

Unfortunately it has been necessary to identify further trees for removal due to them being a hazard to the camp. The main area for this is adjacent to the lodge building where leaning pine trees have now been further exposed to the southerly winds and are creating a threat to this building. Two further untidy and aging pine trees adjacent to the camp were identified last year as needing removal and they have been included in this plan.

Due to funding it is proposed to stage the replanting over two financial years with the shelter work taking priority. It will be necessary to provide some artificial shelter and irrigation to these trees to ensure their survival.

A meeting was held on Monday 16 July 2001 with members of the South New Brighton Residents' Association, the South Brighton Camp Managers and Chrissie Williams of the Community Board. The draft plan was presented and an inspection of the site took place.

The concerns of the Residents' Association were that the remaining plantation area should be retained as a plantation and not filled up with native shrubs. Also there was no need for the new area of camp to have a circle road. A single entrance/ exit with turning circle would be more appropriate.

It was agreed that these items be taken into consideration in the final plan.

Recommendation: That the draft landscape plan for the South Brighton Motor Camp and adjacent plantation areas be approved and that stage 1 planting be commenced as soon as possible.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.