

## 14. LINWOOD CEMETERY PROJECT UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to advise members of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board of the progress which has been made on the Linwood Cemetery project since the Board meeting on 6 June 2001.

### LINWOOD CEMETERY WORKING PARTY

This group of ten people which was established following the presentation of the Linwood cemetery report to the public meeting on 17 May 2001, has met on three occasions, 7, 12 and 21st June.

Following an on site meeting with landscape architect, Craig Benson, it was concluded that in addition to further detailing of the plan from the concept stage, the priority was to investigate improvements to the main entranceway of the cemetery.

### ENTRANCEWAY PROPOSAL

Currently the entranceway from Butterfield Avenue is not in keeping with a cemetery, in that a series of post and rail barriers, plus a chain across the main entry lead to the entrance car park. An insignificant sign indicates that it is Linwood cemetery.

Mr Benson has prepared two proposals of the entranceway for consideration.

1. Concrete wall construction – this proposal is for a right angled approach from Butterfield Avenue, incorporating an inward curving concrete wall of 1.180 metres high. Provision is made for the separation of pedestrians and cyclists from motor vehicles, by including a second concrete wall of the same height. A swinging arm barrier gate would secure the entry of vehicles as required. Linwood Cemetery naming would be done in brass lettering and affixed to the concrete.
2. Bridge timber construction – this proposal has the same alignment and curvature, but is of recycled bridge timber construction, providing a heritage link with the tram track bearers of earlier times. A steel capping band and the Linwood Cemetery lettering could be completed in an antique matt black finish.

Cost estimates are of \$20,000 and \$14,000 respectively.

The working party members who were present at the meeting on 21st June were unanimous in their support for the timber construction option.

Support is now sought from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for this option to go forward as a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Committee for approval.

The Community Advocate comments:

On Wednesday, 27 June, the Board's Cemetery Committee met with the Linwood Cemetery Working Party.

Linda Rutland, chairperson of the Board's Cemetery Committee recorded the thanks from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to the Linwood Cemetery Working Party.

Warwick Scadden, Parks and Waterways Area Advocate, presented a conceptual overview and plans for the layout, Entry Gate details and a Planting Plan for the Linwood Cemetery Entry Enhancement.

The committee discussed the two entry gate proposals contained in the above project update and supported the timber design as recommended by the working party.

Linda Rutland asked that photos be taken as a record of the state of the cemetery before the enhancement work is completed.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a minimum of three prices are obtained for construction of the two options of entranceway gates at Linwood Cemetery.

2. That subject to the timber option being cheaper, this option is recommended by the Board for approval by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

**Chairman's  
Recommendation:**

That the recommendations be adopted.