

12. PROPOSALS FOR AN ELECTRIC BARBEQUE IN SOUTH HAGLEY PARK

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

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 Community Advocate comments:

Please refer to the letter under correspondence from the Deans Ave Precinct Society, clause 4.5.

Recommendation: 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 \$3,000 is allocated from the discretionary fund and a service club be identified who are able to supply building materials and install the unit.

Chairman's Recommendation: For discussion.