

**10. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 19 JUNE 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2001.

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

An apology was accepted from Mary Corbett, and David Buist.

**1. DRAFT PARKS AND WATERWAYS ACCESS POLICY**

Ms Kelly Hanson, Planer for the Parks and Waterways Unit was in attendance to discuss the draft Access Policy, as produced by the Parks and Waterways Unit.

This policy emerges directly from the Council's Equity and Access Policy, and presents the Parks and Waterways Unit own strategic policy on how the Unit intends to apply the Council policy.

Feedback was also sought from the Board.

**2. CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY**

This policy strategy was received by the Community Board at its recent meeting and referred on to today's meeting for further consideration.

It was agreed that the Chairperson of this Committee and the Community Advocate would prepare a position statement for consideration by the Board to be forwarded to the Senior Policy Analyst, Mary Richardson.

The statement reads as follows:

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board supports the initiative, and would wish to be involved. We are contemplating the extension of the Environment Committee roles to include "Health". We are also a conduit to many Residents Groups.

As a Community Board we have a real interest in health, especially in the community development role. We see areas in which we can be or are already involved to include:

- provision of facilities; parks, walkways, cycleways, swimming pools, community centre facilities viz Te Whare O Nga Whetu, Hillary Crescent 'Community House', Rewi Alley School; OSCAR programmes; crèches.
- CCC housing policies to develop facilities for those with health needs (particularly mental health, physical disabilities; elder persons' housing and related facilities).
- by growing more large trees throughout the city improving amenity values: trees - birds - audio-visual pleasure develops a sense of 'wellness'.
- we work to improve partnership relationships with governmental and health service providers viz by making facilities available to them for health promotion work, for screening procedures; for running community based programmes.
- by funding safer street enhancements we reduce the risk of injury and death to our pedestrians and cyclists.
- we fund youth workers who help enhance educational opportunities for young people, by addressing the issues of absenteeism etc and who also work to reduce family violence and improve parenting skills.

We have skilled and experienced community advocacy, community development and recreational workers who have the full support of elected members.

We hope to increase the amount of recreational development work in the board area.

As a Community Board we provide forums for citizens to voice their concerns and assist in the solutions to those concerns through partnership opportunities.

**3. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2000/01**

With the Board's 'environmental' objective being "to improve the natural and built neighbourhood environment in Riccarton/Wigram", a review of the year 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 had been undertaken.

To meet the shortfall of green open space in Riccarton two possible sites were identified, and comment from the Parks Unit has been sought.

- Riccarton Road, opposite Mandeville Street, land leading to Jane Deans Close.
- Brockworth Place, two properties adjacent to the walkway through to Freyberg Avenue.

**4. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2001/02**

Held over to 19 July 2001 meeting.

**5. PROJECT FUND ALLOCATION, 2001/02**

The Community Board had allocated \$50,000 to this Committee to administer, during the 2001/02 financial year.

The allocating of funds would be in accordance with the Board's 2001/02 objectives.

Held over to 19 July 2001 meeting.

**6. PROJECT SCHEDULE UPDATE**

A full schedule of projects/issues was received, and considered; very slow progress on the campervan dump point (Templeton, SH1) and Halswell rural threshold sign(s).

In respect of the Upper Riccarton Domain Tennis Club's request to construct additional courts on the Domain, the Community Advocate advised that discussions were being held with a local school and the tennis club about the opportunity to relocate/expand on the school site.

**7. HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES  
ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS AND HEALTH ISSUES**

An article in the 5 March 2001 issue of "The Press" was tabled; being "Pylons link to cancer supported" for members information. This issue was discussed at the last meeting of this Committee.

**8. STREETScape SITES**

Various streets were identified for possible berm planing:

- Buchanans Road
- Picton Avenue
- Brynley Street
- Springs Road
- Showgate Avenue
- Wycola Avenue
- Jones Road
- Gilberthorpes Road
- Kennedys Bush Road
- Boston Avenue
- Amyes Road
- Garvins Road
- Neill Street

**Chairperson's  
Recommendation:**

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board endorse the Public Health Strategy Position Statement as per clause 2 above.