

10. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S REPORT

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Sign of the Kiwi

An inspection of this site revealed a number of maintenance issues and the need for attention to two significant heritage artefacts, the beacon and the gate to the Summit Road. Lighting for the path from the road to the tearooms is also under construction.

An indication of costs and further information will be obtained to enable the Board to consider appropriate action.

Living Streets

The Board has adopted as one of its "Environmental" objectives the development of a pilot Living Street in Spreydon-Heathcote.

Staff have identified a number of "clusters" of streets as suitable for development. It is suggested that a start be made on one street in each "cluster" where a relatively modest expenditure would achieve a noticeable step towards the desired outcomes. This could be expanded to other streets in the "clusters" in coming years. A tour of these street clusters will be arranged for interested members.

Street Disturbances

Staff have held on-site meetings with residents of Ernie Terrace with the result that a parking restriction will be introduced. Work is also proceeding on a proposal to narrow approximately 20 metres of the western edge of the carriageway to single vehicle width.

As members will be aware, street disturbances in Colombo Street continue to be a nuisance to residents and businesses.

Heritage Sites – Advertising on Buses and Bus Shelters

Members will recall that at a previous meeting the Board requested an investigation of possible advertising of heritage sites on buses and bus shelters.

The most effective option would be placing A4 size leaflets in Red buses. The charge is \$5 per bus per month – leaflets must be placed on a minimum of 10 buses. Alternatively posters at \$5 per bus per month could be displayed on Red buses. The cost of preparation and printing leaflets or posters would be additional to those costs quoted.

Full details of bus company proposals will be available at the meeting.

Aynsley Terrace Riverbank Meeting

A meeting with Opawa/St Martins Residents' Association representatives identified traffic safety issues in Aynsley Terrace. These are receiving attention as is the severe riverbank slumping – some of the worst examples being adjacent to Hansens Park.

Heathcote River Management Strategy

An information sharing meeting with interested parties, including residents' group representatives, is being arranged for a date yet to be fixed in early August. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss long term management strategies for the River. Members will be informed when arrangements have been made.

Takahe Toilets – Cracroft Reserve

Consultation on the construction siting etc of the new Takahe toilets will begin shortly. As a first step the Cashmere Residents' Group ideas on consultation will be sought at a meeting on Tuesday 7 August 2001.

Library/Service Centre Reference Group

A meeting of the Library/Service Centre Reference Group was held on 19 July 2001 the purpose of the meeting being to obtain Reference Group members' views on the consultation process to be followed. The Project Manager, Ian MacKenzie, took the opportunity to provide an overview of progress to date and his future plans for the project's development.

“Shed B” – Market

A proposal to use “Shed B” at the corner of Cass and Colombo Streets as a produce and “Kiwiana” market accommodating 260 stalls was discussed with the promoter. The proposal is strongly supported by the Sydenham Business and Community Association.

Recommendation: That the information be received.