

## 19. COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board, on progress with the Community Garden Project.

### INTRODUCTION

The establishment of a Community Garden on the land, southwest of the Linwood Service Centre car park was first initiated by the Inner City East Marae (Te Whare Roimata) in August 2000. Since the time of this initial approach, the Community Advocate has completed extensive work with members of Te Whare Roimata and the Property Unit.

### PROGRESS ON SITE

In August 2001 the poplar trees on the south-west boundary of the site were removed and the boundary planted with native trees (Kowhai and Matipo) to provide some screening, but at a height which would not cause shade for neighbours. The site has been mown, and a boundary strip of 7 metres wide, rotary hoed.

### DISCUSSIONS

Two meetings have recently been held, involving a committee of Te Whare Roimata, the Community Advocate (Jude Pani) and the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate (Warwick Scadden). The prime purpose of these meetings, has been to establish a written agreement based on partnership principles for the use of the land.

We are currently expecting the acceptance of the agreement terms by Te Whare Roimata.

The Board may like to attend a special commemoration to mark the beginning of the Community Garden Project with Te Whare Roimata. A suitable date will be arranged for this.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.