

14. CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 CHRISTCHURCH EAST SCHOOL

The following letter of appreciation has been received from Marg Robson, Principal of Christchurch East School.

"We were delighted to receive invitations to attend the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Heritage awards 2001 Presentation on Friday 5 October. Unfortunately I was unable to share in the excitement of the ceremony but I know Mrs Jackie Ott and our students so enjoyed the evening – it was a wonderful culmination of the many weeks of research and planning – they were overjoyed to have their work recognised.

I would ask that you convey to the members of the Board my special thanks for giving our students the opportunity."

Recommendation: That the information be received.

14.2 NANCY'S WOODLAND, SOUTH HAGLEY PARK

The following letter has been received from the Chairperson of the Deans Avenue Precinct Society seeking the Board's assistance for enhancement projects in Nancy's Woodland, South Hagley Park.

"We thank you sincerely for taking the time to visit Nancy's Woodland with us on Wednesday 29 August. Further to that visit, we list below the items we would like to see pursued to enhance this area for the enjoyment of the people of Christchurch and visitors from elsewhere. Following your suggestions, we would favour a co-operative effort from your Board and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board in the enhancement of Nancy's Woodland. To this end a copy of this letter has been sent to the Chairperson of that Board, Mr Mike Mora.

1. **Daffodil Planting**

Most of the existing plants are white-flowered Narsissi and not the more colourful yellow trumpets or true daffodils. We suggest further more liberal planting of the latter (see Hagley Park Management Plan 1991, p.63).

2. **Walking Path**

An established "desire line" path traverses the Woodland between Riccarton and Deans Avenues. In winter this is muddy with pools of water here and there. It is desirable to surface this path with stone chip to produce an all-weather surface.

3. **Wood/Soil/etc Stockpiles**

This area detracts from the visual interpretation in the Woodland. It is desirable to confine this area and screen it from view with appropriate planting compatible with the "English" woodland (see Hagley M.P. 1991, p.25)

4. **Washbourne Stream**

At present this stream (unfortunately referred to as "Riccarton Main Drain") is dammed near Riccarton Avenue as part of a project of potential enhancement. As it stands, it is both a hazard (including two bridges with dangerous approaches) and a rubbish dump. The stream (see map in Hagley M.P. 1991, P.2) is an important asset of Nancy's Woodland and its future enhancement, including any planting should be discussed fully before any implementation occurs.

5. **Cherry Trees**

There is ample scope to plant appropriate cherry trees along the Deans Avenue frontage, in keeping with those along the margin of North Hagley.

6. **Picnic Facilities**

While the current seating, tables and rubbish bins are appreciated, there is need for more of these placed in strategic positions throughout the woodland.

7. **Signage**

There is need for a "you are here" sign in the corner of Nancy's Woodland, alongside the recently surfaced path by the roundabout. One showing a map of Hagley Park, the Gardens etc is considered desirable.

The above items are not listed in priority, but for future reference. We look forward to being kept informed about progress.

Finally, we appreciate the support of both Boards with our barbecue project. Fund raising is continuing and we are hopeful of a satisfactory result. Thank you for your ongoing support."

Recommendation: That the information be received.

14.3 **JOHN RHIND – LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

The following letter of appreciation has been received from John Rhind who received a Community Service Award.

"Just a few lines to say how much I appreciated the Board's decision to present an award to me for Community Service – it was both humbling and unexpected. Although I now reside outside the Board's area my interests remain in the Richmond/North Avon district.

Thank you for forwarding the photograph on that special occasion – that gesture was likewise much appreciated."

Recommendation: That the information be received.

14.4 **SPRING BULBS**

The following letter of appreciation has been received from Alex and Erica Eason, Mt Pleasant International, as follows:

"We wish to express our appreciation for the planting of the spring bulbs down Linwood Avenue. They were very picturesque and enhance the avenue."

Recommendation: That the information be received.

14.5 **BROMLEY COMMUNITY RESIDENTS' INC – CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

The following letter has been received from Karen East, Secretary of the Bromley Community Residents' Inc as follows:

"On behalf of the Bromley Community Residents' Inc, I would like to thank you for the offer of \$200 from the Board for Christmas Carols in the Bromley area, but wish to advise that we will not uplift the offer this time.

The reason being that we feel there is not enough interest to warrant this event, going on last year's effort. Please thank the board on our behalf for the offer."

Recommendation: That the information be received.