

19. CONSERVATION WEEK

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board on the successful community outreach which took place during Conservation Week in the Hagley/Ferrymead Wards.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Conservation Week was held throughout New Zealand from 6-12 August. Within the Hagley/Ferrymead Board area two primary schools, Christchurch East and Redcliffs, chose to incorporate their arbor day activities within conservation week. This provided an excellent opportunity to talk to the pupils about the value of plants within our urban environment, the importance of appropriate plant care and how we can enhance the environment with additional plantings.

At Christchurch East School, all pupils and teaching staff were involved on Monday 6 August and a semi-mature tree was planted.

At Redcliffs School, two senior classes were involved when a 40 minute talk was given, followed by the planting of 60 native trees and shrubs.

MT PLEASANT OLD SCHOOL RESERVE

On Sunday 12 August, a total of 70 people participated in a major planting during the afternoon at this reserve. Representatives of Mt Pleasant Boy Scouts, Mt Pleasant Girl Guides and the Ferrymead Rotary Club participated.

Following a short talk on aspects of conservation 350 trees and shrubs (mainly New Zealand natives) were planted. The afternoon concluded with a barbecue, served by Rangers of the Parks and Waterways Unit.

CONCLUSION

There is wide interest in plant conservation matters within our community and it is important to take opportunities of further encouraging this interest together with hands on planting projects.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.