

10. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 11 JUNE 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to advise the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2002.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Paddy Austin, Ken Cummings and Mike Mora. Peter Laloli and Bob Shearing were also present.

1. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY COMPLIANCE/MONITORING

Richard Purdon (Compliance Monitoring Officer, Environment Canterbury) was in attendance to discuss various matters relating to landfill sites, water bore contamination, testing etc.

2. PARKS AND WATERWAYS ACCESS POLICY

The Committee was in receipt of a report on the above Policy, for comment prior to it being submitted to the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee for (Council) adoption.

In May/June 2002, the Draft Parks and Waterways Access Policy was presented to Community Boards and the Parks and Recreation Committee and approved as a draft policy for full public consultation. The Parks and Waterways Access Policy reflects how the Parks and Waterways Unit intends to implement the Council Policy on Equity and Access for People with Disabilities.

The Draft Parks and Waterways Access Policy was distributed to disabilities organisations, other interested parties, staff, and was placed on the Council website. The policy was updated in accordance with the comments received.

The Parks and Waterways Access Policy illustrates how the Parks and Waterways Unit intends to apply the Council Policy on Equity and Access for People with Disabilities. The policy is the result of extensive consultation with the disabilities community, staff and the wider public. It is intended that new facilities in parks and open space will be made fully accessible where feasible and existing facilities will be upgraded upon renewal. Facilities designated as fully accessible will need to comply with the specifications contained in the Policy.

The Committee was supportive of the Policy.

3. COMMUNITY GARDEN CHAMPION

The Committee was asked to consider nominating a member to be a "Community Garden Champion(s)" to support and promote community gardening in the Board area, and its integration with other Board initiatives.

Community gardens are increasingly being recognised for their valuable role in not only encouraging waste reduction, reuse and recycling but also strengthening communities, raising self esteem, education, employment skills training, participation and a sense of belonging in communities, increasing self determination and empowerment. The Christchurch Community Gardens Association was formed in 2000 to consolidate the work of individual gardens. Community Boards are ideally placed to oversee the co-ordination and integration of work by various Units, Advocacy Teams, and Community Gardens in local communities and appointment of one or two "Community Garden Champion(s)" from the Community Board will help the oversight of this work.

The Committee **decided** to, firstly, look at possible sites for the establishing of community gardens.

4. ONGOING MATTERS OF INTEREST

Issue	Recommendation
ECan Natural Resources Regional Plan: copies of Overview/Management of Natural Resources; and Air Quality reports received. Submissions close on 30 August 2002.	That it be considered at the 9 July 2002 meeting of the Committee.
Riccarton Racecourse Trustees, Tea House restoration joint committee. Our representatives – Neville, Lesley, Mike (and Bob).	Ongoing
A & P Canterbury Park Development Committee, with Spreydon/Heathcote. Their representatives – Phil Clearwater, Liz Maunsell, Lynda Carter, and Barry Corbett. Our representatives – Neville, Ken, Bob, and Mike.	Ongoing
Heritage community awareness	Ongoing
Kyoto Protocol	Presentation at future meeting.
Stock Truck Effluent. Need for update on progress (or lack of).	Presentation at future meeting.
Wigram Air Base, Servicemen Memorial. Board has approved \$500 (max) grant for computer graphic design work.	Ongoing
Youth Environment Award Scheme. To be discussed with local school headmasters.	Ongoing
Global Warming. Sea level rises.	Presentation at future meeting.
Heritage Week, identifying projects to be run/sponsored by the Board.	Ongoing
Site visit, Owaka and other sites.	To be arranged.
Community Gardens, sites and appointment of 'Champion'.	To July meeting, for update.

5. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS

From time to time Environment Canterbury provides us with notification of resource management applications for our Board area.

No applications have been received in the current term of the Committee for our Board area but two applications from the previous Board term are still being considered by Environment Canterbury. These two applications are:

- **Gough, Gough and Hamer, Amyes Road.** Their application is to seek to discharge contaminants into the air from their Hornby site. The hearing is set down for Thursday 20 June 2002.
- **McVicar Timber, Halswell Junction Road.** Their application is to seek discharge of stormwater from a treated timber storage facility. The hearing is set down for Tuesday 25 June 2002.

In both instances our Board prepared a submission in opposition; the Committee agreed to be represented at both of these hearings.

Recommendation: That the report be received.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the report be received.