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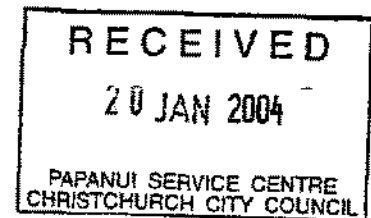
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McLeans Island Road
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Yvonne Palmer QSM
Chairperson
Shirley/Papanui Community Board
Christchurch City Council
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Christchurch

Dear Yvonne

VISITOR FACILITIES AT ORANA WILDLIFE PARK & PROPOSED PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE PARK'S ROADS

I would like to wish you and your Board Members a belated Happy New Year!

On behalf of Orana Wildlife Park, I would once again like to thank you all for the three grants to date (1999 - \$7,500, 2000 - \$7,500, 2003 - \$7,500) that have enabled us to significantly upgrade the visitor services at the Park. The funds have been spent on new BBQs for the BBQ areas, additional Park benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, shelters for each of the safari shuttle stops and shade trees (to be planted in autumn 2004 due to the current dry conditions). These additions have been heartily welcomed by our visitors and enhance their overall experience of the Park. We now consider this project complete and I look forward to showing you and the Board personally the great results.

The purpose of my letter is to ask if the Board would consider funding our next crucial project in cooperation with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board (note that I have also sent a similar letter to the FWCB).

Our next important priority is to upgrade the roads around the public area of the Park (total distance 4 km). The reasons we see this project as crucial are:

- (a) Our current gravel roads have many potholes and large rocks that make for a most uncomfortable ride for our Park visitors riding on the safari shuttles.
- (b) We are exposed to on-going annual costs of minor maintenance on the roads, however, the long-term issue is never fixed.
- (c) We are consistently exposed to very high maintenance costs on our park vehicles and safari shuttles due to the very rough state of the roads.

Although we would dearly love to seal them, we have made enquiries as to the cost of this and believe that it is out of the question. However, last year through the provision of a grant we were able to upgrade our public car park utilising a compacted recycled bitumen product. After over six months of wear and tear the car park is in good condition and we now believe that this is the solution for the Park's roads. We have received a quotation to upgrade the Park roads in this manner and the cost would be \$60,000 excluding GST.

We would therefore be very grateful if the Shirley/Papanui Community Board would consider an annual grant (in conjunction with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board) to enable us to complete this project in stages over the next 3 years.

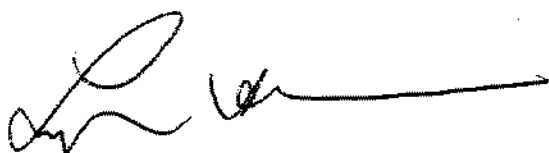
I would be more than happy to come and meet with the Board personally (with photographs) and explain the project further, or alternatively would be delighted to host you and the Board along with the Fendalton/Waimairi Board at the Park so you may view the project personally.

Thank you again for the Board's generous support to date. It is truly appreciated and makes a great difference to the Park. The whole community, young and old alike enjoy these improvements and they would not have been possible without the Board's assistance.

As you know, as a charitable trust we must fundraise for all such improvements to the Park. We do hope you are able to consider assisting again with this important project.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynn Anderson
Chief Executive