14. RUBBISH FREE PARKS

The Board received a report seeking comment on the rubbish free parks proposal. The Plains Parks Area Head Ranger advised that marketing would need to be undertaken before the proposal went ahead, and experience from Auckland had shown that it takes approximately two summers for the system to work well. He advised that there would still be contractors cleaning the parks and these would be scored and monitored on their performance. The purpose of the proposal was to make people responsible for their own rubbish as they have recycling facilities at home. In parks where there are shops, the shops will be responsible for their own rubbish.

The Board **decided** to support the rubbish free project in the Council's regional parks.