

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA ITEM C7

### NO RUBBISH DUMPING SIGNS ALONG FENCE LINE OF O'CONNOR'S BUSH, SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK

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#### **Purpose of Report**

For Councillors to approve 'No Dumping Rubbish' signs along the fence line of O'Connor's Bush, Soldiers Memorial Park.

#### **Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve signs to be erected*

#### **1. Executive Summary**

There is an on-going problem with garden waste being dumped into the fence line of O'Connor's Bush. The community group 'Friends of the Bush' and SWDC officers wish to erect signage to detour garden waste dumping within the Bush.

Clause 5.1.2.22 of the Soldiers Memorial Park Management Plan states that any signs that are not visitor signs, information about facilities and features, traffic signs or temporary signage regarding events need to be approved by Council.

#### **2. Background**

O'Connor's Bush covers a large area of the south-eastern half of Soldiers Memorial Park and is classified as historic reserve. The bush is significant as it is remnant of the original lowland forest that once covered the Wairarapa area. Trees within the bush area include totara, titoki and kanuka. Native bird life is also present. The bush area has been fenced, and steps are taken by the local community to control weeds and possums.

### **3. Discussion**

#### **3.1 Options**

The problem of residents dumping garden waste in O'Connor's Bush has been on-going for some time and the problem is not improving. Community Groups including 'Friends of the Bush' are getting frustrated with this dumping.

The Soldiers Memorial Park Reserves Management Plan states that "the indigenous flora and fauna and natural environment shall as far as possible be preserved".

Garden waste dumping spreads weeds which threaten the ecosystem of the Bush. Signage stating that dumping is not allowed, along with location information for the transfer station may make residents think and act differently, rather than contaminating their reserve. There are two areas where signs will be attached to the fence itself, and one area where the sign will be attached to a wooden standard just out from the fence on the berm.

Two options of sign are provided.

Option one is a traditional 'no dumping' sign.

Option two is more directed and explanatory, in an attempt to put ownership of the future of the bush back on the residents.

### **4. Conclusion**

Sign option two is more in keeping with the amenity values of Soldiers Memorial Park and the O'Connor's Bush area. Officers recommend that Council approves the erection of three of these signs as described above.

### **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Sign Option 1

Appendix 2 – Sign Option 2

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# **Appendix 1 – Sign option 1**

# STOP

## NO RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Greytown Recycling Centre is located at 32 Cotter Street, Greytown.

For general rubbish disposal Martinborough Transfer Station is located on  
Lake Ferry Road, Martinborough.

For further information and opening times

please contact SWDC on 06 306 9611



# **Appendix 1 – Sign option 2**

# **PLEASE DO NOT DUMP YOUR GARDEN WASTE HERE!**

O'Connor's Bush is classified as a Historic Reserve under S.18 of the Reserves Act 1977.

The bush is a remnant of the original lowland forest that once covered the Wairarapa area.

This bush is home to many native trees and birds.

By dumping your rubbish and garden waste here, you risk damaging or destroying this sanctuary.

Please dispose of garden waste at the SWDC transfer station in Cotter St.

Contact SWDC on 06 306 9611 if you have any questions.

