

TABLED AT
1 MAY 2017
MEETING

Deputy Chairperson of the Bluff Community Board Report for May 1 2017

TOUR OF INSPECTION

On the 30th of March we had our inaugural Tour of Inspection and invited Key people from the Invercargill City Council to a look at some of the problem areas around Bluff. We went to the old Cemetery and discussed the untidy and possibly dangerous pathways that go over the top of the rise and down to the back of the cemetery to the Foveaux straight side of the cemetery. It was discussed that the pathways should be replaced with edged dunite pathways that would be less hazardous to those who visit the graves but would be more pleasing to the eye than what is there now. The mowing and Spraying of the grass and onion weed needs to be kept on top of as these two things can overtake very quickly as well. There was also talk of some of the older gravesites being particularly unkempt and it was mentioned by Mr Pagan that we may be able to find volunteers that "adopt" graves and look after them. Perhaps this could work out to be a local project by an interested group/s

We went up to the top of Bluff Hill to show the need for more rubbish bins as the tourist numbers are soaring with freedom campers coming into bluff and overnighting on the hill and dumping their waste increasing the need for more bins.

Stirling Point is also in need of some work and now that the expansion of the parking has been shelved, the need for a footpath is now being realised to save people being put into the position of walking out behind cars. At this stage there is no time line set as far as I am aware. We also discussed that there is a definite need for bigger rubbish bins at the point, as there is only one at the entrance of the Foveaux walkway, and it is quite ugly and small.

We visited the reservoir and asked once again about the possibility of returning the reservoir back into the picnic area it once was. Although not entirely negatively received by the tour participants, it was stated that there would need to be an engineers report done on the structure and likelihood that the reservoir would not burst its banks and become a hazard to picnickers. Mr Fife was wondering why picnickers were more of a concern than the people who live directly below the

reservoir. We were also amazed that for the safety of the public for the reservoir to be deemed as safe there may need to be fencing around it. My question is, if this is the case are we to see fencing around all the duck ponds and water features at Queens park as well?

During the tour we also looked at some of the still derelict and empty houses including one in Boyne Street and Barrow Street, and asked Mrs Pam Gare if she could look into the ones pointed out to her to see if the owners would take some action on the properties.

ANZAC DAY

On ANZAC Day the parade was once again well attended but numbers were definitely down on previous years. Mrs Henderson represented the Community Board and along with His Worship the Mayor laid a wreath at the cenotaph.