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Report to Environment Committee
from Geoff Skene, Manager, Environment Co-ordination

Environmental Education Annual Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of progress in implementing the Environment Division's environmental education programmes during the 2001/02 financial year.

2. Background

This is the second annual report on progress in implementing the Council's environmental education initiatives. The report records progress towards achieving Annual Plan performance indicators for the *Take Action*, *Take Charge*, and *Take Care* programmes, and summarises other activities of the Environment Co-ordination Department. The report complements my six weekly Manager's reports.

3. A Year of Achievement

As the attached report shows, in the second year of the environmental education programmes a considerable amount has been achieved. Key outcomes achieved this year are:

- 17 community groups are helping to restore stream, wetland, dune and coastal areas through *Take Care*.
- Two Council supported care groups achieved Conservation Awards for their efforts.
- *Take Action* has been launched and is operating successfully. Six schools have completed the guided version of the programme and another 10 have been assisted to do *Take Action* self-guided.
- The *Take Action* web site was completed, as was the multi-media presentation that introduces children to the programme.
- The *Take Charge* pollution control programme commenced in the Seaview/Gracefield area

4. **Appreciation**

I would like to thank all of the staff involved in the programmes described in this report for their extremely hard work throughout the year and commitment to the cause. This work has often been done in the weekends and at night, in good weather and bad.

5. **Communication**

As this report provides a summary of actions achieved through the year, rather than any new initiative, it is not necessary at this stage to undertake any communications.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (1) *accepts the Report as evidence of the Council's implementation of its environmental education programmes for 2001/02.*

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Attachment

1. Implementation of Environmental Education Programmes in 2001-2002