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Committee Landcare
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Divisional Manager's report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress of the Landcare Division since the Committee's last meeting.

2. Managers' reports

The Departmental Managers' Reports are attached. We have not included a Divisional Accountant's report this time as projects are just beginning and thus there is little to report.

3. Belmont Regional Park has a Very Bad Week

The week of 15 to 21 August was not a good one in Belmont Regional Park. The huge storm on 18 August saw significant tree falls and we have been forced to close a number of tracks. At the time of writing we had not completed a damage assessment but we will bring you up to date at the meeting.

To make matters worse on the weekend of 21/22 August the "barn" at Dry Creek suffered an arson attack. The fire extensively damaged the barn. The insurers have been notified and we are presently assessing our options.

4. Last Meeting of this Committee

As this is the last meeting of the 2001-2004 Landcare Committee I thought that it was important that we staff acknowledge the effort and input of the Committee members through the triennium. The Landcare Division greatly appreciates the support that Councillors have given us over the past three years. As well as undertaking your governance role, Councillors have consistently attended planting days, open days, public meetings and other organised events.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Note the contents of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Departmental reports