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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. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Managers' Reports

The Department Managers' Report is attached.

4. Comment

Arbor Day celebrations at the parks were well attended last week, helped by the fine weather. It is very much an event for children. Councillor Turver noted, when addressing the attendees at Queen Elizabeth Park, that the children would be grown up before the trees they planted were mature.

I have nearly completed the park visits. This has taken longer than expected with postponements because of bad weather. The final 'park' to visit is the Wainuiomata recreation area.

Staff and Councillors attended the annual meeting of the Friends of Belmont Regional park on 12 June. An informative talk was given by the Auckland Regional Council farm manager.

Although the end of the committee reporting period is the start of winter, it is pleasing to note that there are still a number of events being held at the parks.

30 June marks the end of the Council's financial year but just as importantly for staff it is also the date for the sale and purchase of the Waitangirua Farm and its pending incorporation into the Belmont Regional Park.

Tender documents for the Puketiro wind farm development rights will be issued in the week starting 19 June.

5. Communication

A media release will be issued as soon as the Summit toilets are completed, refer to the Parks Manager's report.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Parks and Forests Manager's report for period ending Friday, 9 June 2006