Walkways and seating areas are developed through the reserve in order that people may enjoy the natural qualities associated with this site. A footbridge across the Styx River provides access into the reserve from the north. Further investigations into the feasibility and cost of this foot bridge are still required. The large grass area will be suitable for informal play and picnics.

Car parking for eighteen cars has been provided. Bollards separate the road into the reserve from the grass area. These can be removed for special events in order to allow more cars into this area. A resource consent will be required for the earthworks associated with developing the site.

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The Christchurch City Council welcomes your comments on this project. For written submissions or more information please contact:

 Christine Heremaia Water Services Unit PO Box 237,

by Friday 30th June, 1995

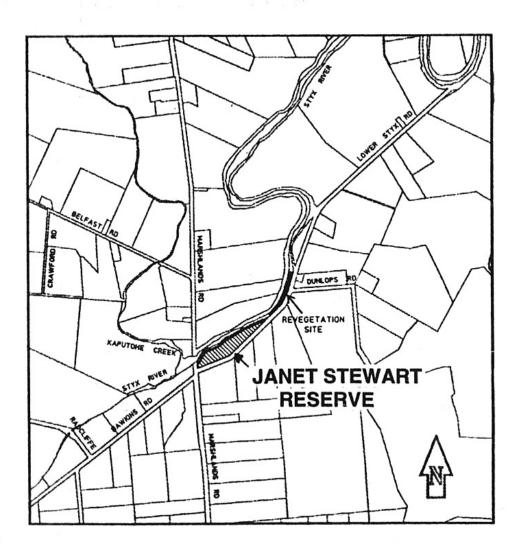
Full size version of the concept plan may be viewed during office hours at:

Water Services Unit, Cambridge House

Spencer Park Information Centre, 73 Heyders Road

Shirley Service Centre, Shirley Shopping Centre, Marshlands Road

Parks Unit; 2nd Floor, Civic Offices, Tuam Street





## JANET STEWART RESERVE Landscape Concept Plan

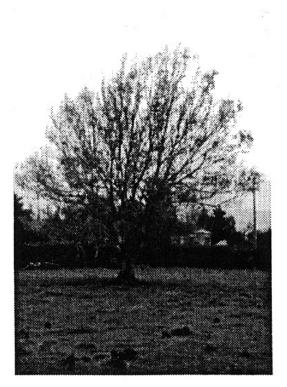
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## A WATER SERVICES UNIT & PARKS UNIT NOTICE

The Janet Stewart Reserve is situated on the corner of Lower Styx Road and Marshlands Road. To the north east is the Malvern Scout Group Revegetation Project site and to the north west the Styx River. The land has been bequeathed to the Christchurch City Council by Mr Edmund Charles Stewart and is named in memory of his mother Janet Stewart. While the land was bequeathed some time ago, the Estate has only recently released legal title to the land. Refer to the map on the last page for its location.

This area forms part of the natural floodplain of the Styx River. Willow trees highlight the edge of the Styx River while native plant regeneration is slowly re-establishing underneath this taller tree canopy. Gibsons Drain, a boxed channelized waterway, drains the adjacent farmland and flows through the Reserve to the Styx River. Two middens located in this area and protected by the Historic Places Act 1980 indicate that the area has been important to Maori. With European settlement, the area was used for farming. Today, an ash tree identifies the site of an earlier homestead.

The landscape concept recognises the reserve's important relationship to the Styx River and the high natural values associated with this waterway. The natural regeneration of native plant species already occurring under the willow trees will be extended throughout the reserve and link into the revegetation project site currently being undertaken by the



Malvern Scout Group. Over time, the larger willow trees will also be replaced by native species. Gibsons Drain is extended into a large water body surrounded by riparian planting. This will allow for the improvement of water quality, provide a suitable habitat for wildlife and allow the public better physical access to the Styx River (eg boating).

An ash tree marks the site of the original homestead

## Concept MALVERN SCOUT GROUP REVEGETATION PROJECT SITE MARSHLAND ROAD KEY Platform for viewing and possible boat access Water Grass Flax Cabbage trees Road bridge Tarata Hinua Kowhai Fuchsia Manuka Toetoe GIBSONS DRAIN Mikimiki Koromiko SCALE Parking LOWER STYX ROAD JANET STEWART RESERVE Existing specimen tree indicating the location of historical homestead MAY 1995 CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL WATER SERVICES UNIT DO NOT SCALE FROM THIS DRAWING