

6. CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY PROGRESS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to update the Property and Major Projects Committee on progress with the Christchurch Art Gallery.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 29 JANUARY 2002

GENERAL

The basement areas are now approximately 85% complete, with the gallery structure taking shape and continuing to grow above ground level.

North-eastern corner – the ground floor concrete structure is essentially complete and work is underway on the first floor concrete walls and columns.

South-eastern corner – the ground and first floor concrete structures are essentially complete.

The large 150 tonne mobile crawler crane has been moved from the centre of the building. This has allowed work to commence on the grand stair which will connect the ground floor with the first floor.

The installation of mechanical services ductwork, electrical, fire sprinklers and hydraulic services pipework is continuing in the basement and ground floor areas.

Fabrication of the elliptical-shaped steel columns for the sculpture wall is underway off-site in Christchurch and installation of these columns will commence next month.

A site tour was held on 24 January to show the media progress on the project.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

There are no outstanding issues or approvals being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

The Christchurch Art Gallery building contract is on programme for completion by 25 November 2002. The official opening will take place over the weekend of 25-27 April 2003.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$39,886,600.
The forecast total cost is \$38,450,374.
The total remaining contingency is \$1,436,226.

Major changes since the last report are \$7,000 for revised air conditioning to the ground floor gallery (due to exhibition wall changes requested by the Art Gallery) and \$15,000 for amended roof details.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.