

13. COMMUNITY BOARD NATIONAL CONFERENCE - JUNE 2003

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board consideration to the appointment of members to attend the 2003 Community Board Conference, to be held in New Plymouth, 12-15 June 2003. The Board is also invited to submit a project(s) for the 2003 Community Boards Best Practice Awards to be considered by the Conference Subcommittee.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND VOTING

At the 27 June 2003 meeting of Community Board Chairpersons and Community Advocates it was generally agreed that a maximum of two members from each Board would attend. The Community Advocates are to provide support staff.

The conference programme is expected to be available soon. Issues affecting or raised by the community board sector are dealt with by the New Zealand Community Board Executive Committee as part of its annual work programme. However, there may still be matters requiring a vote(s) to be taken at the Conference and the delegates require the Board's authority to participate in any decision-making.

In order to make savings in relation to travel and accommodation costs, it is proposed that bulk bookings be made and co-ordinated by one person.

BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

The Conference Subcommittee has invited Community Boards to submit projects for Best Practice Awards to recognise excellence in the implementation of projects in local government. The objectives of the awards are:

- Recognition of significant contributions made by Community Boards to the process of achieving excellence in local government.
- Development of the award as a learning tool for quality improvement in Community Boards.
- Fostering the exchange of good management practice and innovative ideas.

The categories for the awards are:

- **Consultation:** How the Board actively consulted with its community.
- **Facilitation:** Identification of a situation(s) where the Board has taken a facilitation role to overcome a problem.
- **Significant Project:** A major project which the Board has been actively involved in achieving the outcome.
- **Partnership:** With parent council/other boards/community organisations.

Applications are required to be submitted by Friday 2 May 2003.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board nominate two members to attend the 2003 Community Boards Conference in New Plymouth.
 2. That travel, accommodation and registration costs be met from the Board's 2002/03 conference budget.
 3. That delegated authority be given to Burwood/Pegasus Community Board delegates to vote on matters considered at the Conference.
 4. That the Board consider submitting a project(s) for a 2003 Community Boards Best Practice Award.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.