

## 17. COMMUNITY BOARD NATIONAL CONFERENCE – JUNE 2003

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The purpose of this report is to have the Board consider the appointment of members as delegates to attend the 2003 Community Board Conference to be held in New Plymouth from 12 – 15 June 2003. The Board is also invited to consider a project(s) for the 2003 Community Boards' Best Practice Awards to be decided on by the Conference Organising Committee.

### CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND VOTING

At the Board Chairpersons and Community Advocates Forum on 27 June 2002 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 Boards' 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.

### BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

The Conference Committee has invited Community Boards throughout New Zealand 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 the 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 the parent council/other boards/community organisations.

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

#### Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board nominate up to two members as delegates to attend the June 2003 Community Boards' Conference in New Plymouth.
  2. That authority be given to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board delegates to vote on any required matters at the Conference.
  3. That the Board consider submitting a project(s) for a 2003 Community Boards' Best Practice Award.

#### Chairman's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.
  2. That the Community Services Committee be tasked with identifying a suitable project for the 2003 Community Boards' Best Practice Awards.