

15. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

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The purpose of this report is to advise Community Boards of the programme proposed for Community Service Awards in 2003, and to put in place the Board's process for considering nominations received, and recognising those who are to receive Awards.

BACKGROUND

Members will recall that each year nominations are invited from the public for the formal recognition of groups or individuals who have provided significant voluntary service benefiting residents or organisations in the respective Community Board areas.

The "local" recognition scheme is different from the Council's Civic Awards which recognise voluntary service benefiting the City of Christchurch as a whole.

From time to time in recent years there has been some confusion in the public arena between the above two schemes. The closeness of advertising for these two Awards has added to that confusion.

In 2002 the Council adopted to support the implementation of a further set of Awards for recognition of volunteer groups in Christchurch. These are the Trustpower Awards which are run in conjunction with Trustpower's awards partnership with many other local authorities nationwide.

With the adoption of this additional Award officers have decided that the timing for the different Awards should be reprogrammed to avoid the ongoing, and likely increased, confusion.

OUTCOME

The timeline proposed is now as follows:-

Award Type	Advertised	Processed	Confirmed	Awarded
Community Board (Service) Awards	April	May	June	June/July
Civic Awards	June	July	August	September/October
Trustpower Spirit of Christchurch Awards	September	October	November	November/December

The timeline proposed for the Board's Community Service Awards will result in the respective Award function dates being brought forward approximately two months when compared with previous years. A combined advertisement covering the six Boards is scheduled for release in early April, with a closing date of 16 May.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

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