

10. 2003 COMMUNITY BOARDS BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's agreement to the submitting of a "best practice" application to the National Community Board Conference, to be held in New Plymouth this June.

The "Community Board Excellence Awards" recognise excellent in the implementation of projects in local government. Prizes will be presented to the winners of each category and the best overall project.

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; and
- fostering the exchange of good management practice and innovative ideas.

There are four categories:

- Consultation – eg, how has your Board actively consulted with your community
- Significant Project – eg, a major project which the Board has been actively involved in achieving the outcome.
- Facilitation – eg, identification of a situation(s) where the Board has taken a facilitation role to overcome a problem.
- Partnership – eg, with parent Council/other Boards/community organisations.

Award applications can be in the format of your choice (powerpoint, video, photos, etc) and is to include all relevant information.

All applications will be reviewed by the Conference Sub-Committee; awards will be announced and presented at the Conference dinner.

The Sockburn Advocacy Team has given consideration to the invitation to prepare an application(s), and believes that the Community Board should participate.

The emphasis on an "award" is not supported, but the need for best practice sharing is.

There are quite a few possibilities, the following are (specific) projects which could be considered:

- Upper Riccarton Winter Bowling Club relocation
- Te Whare O Nga Whetu
- Heritage Register (Suzanne Doig) and specific contributions (Tea House, Old Saddlery)
- Community Service Awards
- Community-based leisure activity days

The **preferred** project is one of "process and project", being the Board's Community Plan Matrix and its Project Proposal/Agreement Monitoring and Evaluation template, with a couple of projects as examples.

The Advocacy Team believe that the matrix is a well-worked process, it allows the team and the Board to make honest and robust decisions based on objectives and policies of the Board (and Council).

We are now looking at the best "form" that the application might take.

Staff

Recommendation: For discussion.

Chairperson's

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