

3. ARTS ACTIONS 2003/04

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The purpose of this report is to outline progress on actions that Council Units planned to undertake during 2002/03, and planned actions for 2003/04 that are related to the Council's Arts Policy and Strategy.

BACKGROUND

Council units were asked to report progress on Arts Policy actions planned for the 2002/03 financial year and actions they were undertaking or commencing in the 2003/04 financial year. They were also asked what else could be done with a modest increase in funding?. This is the third year Council Units have been surveyed.

(Note: This report is intended to provide only an overview of actions relating to the Council's Arts Policy. There will be a number of projects not included that Council staff and Community Boards will have an involvement with during the year that cannot be anticipated, particularly those working with the community.)

INFORMATION GATHERED

Six Council units responded with relevant information on their work in relation to the Arts Strategy. These were Parks and Waterways, Leisure, City Development Group, Policy Directorate, Community Relations and Libraries. Some of Canterbury Development Corporation (CDC) actions have also been included under goal six, although CDC as with the Art Gallery will report separately to the Committee. The information has been categorised into the Art Strategy Goals and summarised in Part A of the attachment to this report.

Most actions were achieved for the 2002/03 year, with several projects continuing into the 2003/04 year. There was only one exception where the project will not take place, a multi-cultural gathering on Show Day in the central city, which may, at some later time gain support.

Proposed actions for the 2003/04 year cover most of the Arts Policy objectives. The goals are continuing to be met by numerous activities, several of which are collaborative efforts among units and Community Boards. Some projects are listed across several goals. As with previous years, the area most under represented is goal six, Arts in Enterprise, Tourism and Economic Development, which is mainly covered by the work of the CDC. The CDC is undertaking several initiatives in this area and will report separately.

Four units listed additional activities that could be undertaken with a modest increase in funding which are summarised in Part B of the attachment. Examples include Community Relations suggesting community murals, Parks and Waterways noting artwork on toilet facility upgrades, City Streets listing numerous projects and potential sites for artworks and leisure citing more arts personnel and increased opportunity for arts participation ie visual and performing arts.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.