11. ANZAC DRIVE ARTWORK

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to apply to external sources for extra funding required to complete the Anzac Drive artwork project, and to allocate Discretionary funds for this purpose in the interim. The Board's Artworks Advisory Group met on 6 October 2003 to consider how to proceed.

The Anzac Drive artwork project is nearing completion and the final cost has exceeded the funding already allocated to the project from the Community Board, Leisure Unit and Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee. There have been approaches to local community groups and organisations to contribute to the project and although it is hoped that there might still be some sponsorship from these groups, the funding is required immediately to allow the formal opening ceremony to take place.

The extremely spongy ground at the site for the artwork has resulted in extra strengthening needed in the construction of the foundations. The full extent of the extra cost to support the steel poppies was not known until engineering plans specific to the site were completed and soil testing done.

The budget overrun for the project completion is in the amount of \$3,632.19 (see attached summary). There is no budget provision to meet the cost of installing plaques at the site naming the artists or acknowledging sponsorship. It is anticipated that a total of \$4,000 might be required.

The Strategy and Finance Committee at its 29 September 2003 meeting recommended 'that Council authorise staff to make funding applications to Gaming Trusts where Council projects meet the criteria for the particular trust.' The Artworks Advisory Group decided to make application to this funding source to meet the shortfall.

Staff

Recommendations:

- 1. That the information be received
- That the Board authorise the Community Technical Adviser to apply to a local gaming trust for the shortfall amount of \$4,000 for completion of the Anzac Drive artwork.
- 3. That the Board provide the shortfall amount of \$4,000 from its 2003/04 Discretionary funds until a grant from the gaming trust is received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation:

That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.