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**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
WESTPAC TRUST OPENING CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. INTRODUCTION

The WestpacTrust Centre Organising Committee has been established in accordance with the following recommendation, adopted by the Christchurch City Council at its meeting on 25 May 1998.

“That an organising committee comprising the following members be appointed to prepare, implement, promote and manage a series of suitable events to commemorate and celebrate the opening of the WestpacTrust Centre:

*Councillor Ron Wright
Councillor Carole Anderton
Councillor Morgan Fahey
Councillor Denis O'Rourke
Ian Hay (Accounting Services Manager)
Kay Carston (Communications Co-ordinator)
Representative of the Council's Events Team
NCC Representative
WestpacTrust Representative
Addington Raceway Representative”*

At the inaugural meeting, the Committee Secretary called for nominations for a chairperson and Councillor Ron Wright was duly elected unopposed.

Following the inaugural meeting, the representation on the Committee from the Council's Events Team, NCC, WestpacTrust and Addington Raceway was confirmed as follows:

- Council's Events Team represented by Katie Macbeth,
- WestpacTrust by Kylpha Kovacs and
- NCC and Addington Raceway represented jointly by Mike Godber.

At their request, Darryll Park (Air New Zealand) and Mike Kelly (NCC) were kept informed of progress with the arrangements. A full set of the minutes from these meetings, and a copy of the final programme for the week's festivities, is tabled.

2. PROGRAMME

The Committee held a series of meetings (9 June, 6 July, 27 July and 24 August 1998), and worked in conjunction with the organiser/producer of the celebrations, Pam Morris, to put together a programme of free entertainment for the week 5-10 September inclusive. The programme incorporated the following:

Saturday 5 September 1998

Entertainment was provided from 12 noon – 2.00 pm, with the Mayor conducting the official opening at 1.00 pm. A variety concert for all ages, the Southpower Spectacular Gala Concert, commenced at 7.30 pm that evening, with a presentation to the Mayor from the Councillors, in the form of a gift and flowers.

Sunday 6 September 1998

This took the form of an open day, commencing at 9.30 am, with continuous entertainment provided both inside and outside the centre through to 5.00 pm. The entertainment included a wide variety of indigenous and ethnic music and dance, gymnastics, marching and a canine display.

Monday 7 September 1998

The Centre was open to the sporting fraternity to view the venue from 7.30-9.30 pm. Indoor hockey and tennis games took place in the arena during this time, and a band provided background music.

Tuesday 8 September 1998

A variety concert for over 8,000 primary school pupils was organised from 10.00 am-12.30 pm approximately, which incorporated orchestral, dance and theatrical items. The morning culminated in a presentation of impromptu gifts and accolades to the Mayor from the city's children acknowledging her role as "children's Mayor" during her nine year term of office, organised by the Council's Children's Advocate.

Wednesday 9 September 1998

A matinee concert for approximately 6,500 Over 50s took place from 2.00 pm-4.30 pm, which again had a wide variety of performers, and was received with enthusiasm by the audience.

Thursday 10 September 1998

The 91ZM Under Age Rage, featuring two local bands, attracted over 1,200 teenagers from the 12-17 year age group. This event was supervised by approximately 30 police, and was well received.

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3. BUDGET

The Council had allocated the sum of \$120,000 to cover costs for the WestpacTrust Entertainment Centre opening celebration festivities. Sponsorship for \$13,000 was secured from Southpower for the Gala Concert, and \$4,000 came from the Christchurch City Council towards the cost of buses for the primary schools' concert. Whilst recognising that not all of the accounts for payment had been received at the time of this report going to print, it is anticipated that the cost of the week's celebrations will come within budget.

CONSIDERED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1998

MAYOR