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**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**1. YOUTH REPRESENTATION AT THE AUSTRALIAN SISTER CITY
CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 2000**



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The purpose of this report is to seek agreement from the Council to meet the costs of the youth member of the Kurashiki Sister City Committee attending the Australian Sister City Conference in Adelaide in October.

The six Sister City Committees of Christchurch have collectively agreed to meet the registration fee and daily expenses of a youth delegate to attend the Sister City Youth Conference running parallel to the Australian Sister City Conference. Members of the Adelaide Sister City Young Ambassadors are very keen to have a Christchurch youth representative attend their conference and bring back to Christchurch ideas of youth activities from Australian Sister Cities. There is a strong youth movement in Sister Cities in Australia.

The youth member of the Kurashiki Sister City Committee is an ideal candidate to attend the conference. Heather McKenzie has been a member of the Kurashiki Sister City Committee for 12 months. She was a member of a Kurashiki Student Exchange programme five years ago and is now a student at Canterbury where is completing her thesis in Japanese and French language. She plans to complete a Phd in Japanese studies.

In order to bid for the Australian Sister City Conference, Adelaide City had to develop a Youth Programme to run parallel to the formal conference programme. While in Christchurch in 1998 Cr Magasdi, an Alderman with Adelaide City Council, met with the Youth Advocate and members of the Youth Council to seek information on the set up of the Christchurch Youth Council. (Cr Magasdi chairs the Austin, Texas Sister City Committee in Adelaide.) The information he took home allowed Adelaide to develop the Adelaide Sister City Young Ambassador programme (ASCYA) which has co-ordinated the Youth Conference. The development of ASCYA played an important part in Adelaide winning the ASCA 2000 national conference. There has been ongoing communication between the Christchurch Youth Council and ASCYA, who have hosted Carla Potter, President of the Christchurch Youth Council.

The cost of return flights for Heather to attend the conference is \$1,067 return. This expenditure can be found from within the Sister City Travel and Promotion Line item.

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Recommendation: That Council agree the expenditure of \$1,067 from the Sister City Travel and Promotion Line item to enable Heather McKenzie to attend the Australian Sister City Youth Conference.

CONSIDERED THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST 2000

MAYOR