



16. RACECOURSE GROUNDS TEAROOM

In a report to the Board, the Community Advocate advised of several discussions with Mr Michael Connelly, representing Christchurch Racecourse Reserves Trust, and Mr Tim Mills, Secretary to the Trust. The discussion has centred on the future of the Tea House built in the racecourse grounds in 1903.

On 5 April, the Community Advocate met with the above mentioned, Mrs Pam Wilson, (Historic Places Trust), Jenny May (Council Heritage Planner), William Fulton (Council Heritage Architect) to view the building and discuss its future.

After discussion on 5 April, it was agreed that an independent conservation plan be commissioned to ascertain the project needs. This will be undertaken by a local architect with expertise in this field. The cost of this is estimated to be about \$5,000. While the Council has money available for heritage building restoration, the amount is limited.

The Board **decided** to undertake an on-site inspection and to consider the request for financial support at its 31 May meeting.