



27. 9. 2001

**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
PROJECTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. CHALICE

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The purpose of this report is to record the successful design, construction and installation of Chalice.

BACKGROUND

As a key part of the commemoration of the new millennium and Canterbury's 150th Anniversary, Turning Point 2000 through Art 2000, chaired by Councillor Anna Crighton, initiated and commissioned eminent Christchurch-born artist Neil Dawson to design and install a major contemporary sculpture in Cathedral Square. Sculptor Neil Dawson who has works commissioned at Stadium Australia in Sydney, Melbourne, Kuala Lumpur, Paris, Canberra, Wellington and Auckland has designed and installed Chalice in response to this commission.

Neil Dawson states that "the hollow shell of Chalice illustrates the historic eco-system of the Square by depicting the leaves of native trees that previously grew in the city area".

Councillors attended a sculpture presentation by Neil Dawson on 4 October 1999 where "Chalice" was unveiled to spontaneous applause. Two years in the making "Chalice" now stands in Cathedral Square, the city's most prominent place.

FUNDING

Turning Point 2000 raised the \$343,000 required to produce Chalice through grants from The Community Trust and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. In addition, Christchurch City Council has met the cost of the foundations, granite base, drainage works and lighting.

Final accounts for the various construction contracts have not been received. However the final forecast costs are within the current budgets.

CONSTRUCTION

Neil Dawson closely supervised production of the fully engineered sculpture and engaged approx 30 people from various local contracting companies to design and build the concrete base, construct the steel structure and aluminium leaves and arrange for the meticulous painting.

OWNERSHIP

Chalice has been gifted by the Turning Point 2000 Trust to Christchurch City Council for the people of Christchurch through a formal Deed of Acknowledgement of Gift.

At an impressive lighting ceremony on Friday 7 September 2001, Turning Point 2000 formally handed ownership of Chalice to Mayor Garry Moore, for the people of Christchurch.

PUBLIC REACTION

Chalice has provoked healthy reactions from the community as more people come to their own understandings of what the sculpture represents.

Recent media reaction to Chalice has been supportive and complimentary.

Chalice is presently providing a focal point for some local commemoration of the tragic events of 11 September 2001 in the United States of America.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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2. QEII PARK SUNDRY INFORMATION

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The purpose of this report is to provide the information requested at the Projects and Property Committee meeting on 14 September 2001.

TIMING EQUIPMENT

This query related to touch pads and the pool's electronic scoreboard. These are not part of the pools redevelopment project. Rather they are an operational issue. QEII Park will require this equipment to be in excellent working condition before the 2002 FINA World Masters Swimming Championships. We currently have 17 touch pads and a scoreboard suitable for an 8-lane pool. Budget provision has been made for the purchase of additional touch pads and a replacement scoreboard.

QEII PARK WATERSLIDES

A report covering options available to the Council has been prepared for consideration in December 2001. That report favours third party provision of waterslides at QEII Park, at no cost to the Council. It is envisaged that such provision would provide Council with a significant revenue stream.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Consultants, Thompson Wentworth and Associates, have included QEII Park amongst other facilities managed by Christchurch City Council Leisure as part of an Asset Management Plan which will be presented to the Council as part of the Annual Plan process. This will include consideration of items that have been brought to the Council's attention, such as heating and ventilation for the Dive and Training Pool area, the Dive Pool ceiling and the roof over the Fitness Centre.

MEZZANINE FLOOR FIT-OUT

The basic fit-out requirements, which were reported to the 17 September meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee, are being considered elsewhere in this Council agenda. The remaining fit-out requirements will depend on the outcome of the expressions of interest process.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

CONSIDERED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2001

MAYOR