


6. APPOINTMENT OF KAUMATUA



This report informed the Committee of the appointment of Dr Terry Ryan, MBE, as Kaumatua of the Christchurch City Libraries. Dr Ryan is currently the Kawai Kaitiaki of the Whakapapa Unit, Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu. He recently received an honorary Doctorate of Science from Lincoln University for his contribution to genealogy. Dr Ryan is of Celtic and Maori descent, and has family affiliations with Te Tai Tokerau, Waikato and Te Waipounamu.

The appointment of Dr Ryan will add greatly to ensuring that goals and targets in the Library's Bicultural Plan are truly meeting the needs of Maori, and in the Library's journey "Towards Mahi Ngatahi". A welcome ceremony will be held at the Central City Library on 24 August 2001 at 5.00pm.

The Committee **resolved**:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Committee welcome and thank Dr Ryan for his agreement to act as Kaumatua for Christchurch City Libraries.