FERRYMEAD TRUST

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The purpose of this report is to outline an application by the Ferrymead Trust for funding to assist with a number of projects proposed by the individual body members of the Trust.

The Ferrymead Trust, the co-ordinating body for the Ferrymead Historic Park, has made an application to the City Council through the Heritage Retention Incentives Grants for consideration for funding for five projects proposed to be undertaken by individual Societies within the Trust.

The projects are:

- Canterbury Railway Society restoration of the locomotive Peveril
- Friends of the Ferrymead Fraternity restoration of Curragh Cottage
- Fire Services Historical Society restoration of the Merryweather steam appliance
- Ferrymead Aeronautical Society a hangar for the Viscount aircraft
- Tramway Historical Society trolley bus transport system construction

The total amount applied for is \$56,000.

Ferrymead Historic Park and its contents are not listed heritage items in the City Plan. Thus the application does not fall within the Council policy requirements for a heritage grant as outlined in the Council's Heritage Conservation Policy passed by Council in February 1999.

Ferrymead Historic Park is a Museum which contains an enormous and significant collection of moveable heritage. It is my understanding that the Park operates under Museum standards and has its own policies on the housing, restoration and conservation of its moveable heritage items in line with accepted museum practice.

However, this should not preclude consideration by the Council of a grant to assist with this work through the Annual Plan process.

A letter was tabled from Councillor Charles Manning who was unable to attend the meeting, pointing to the fact that the application relates to items of extreme heritage value which are not listed in the City Plan.

He indicated that Ferrymead Historic Park is part of the Special Purpose (Ferrymead Zone), as well as commenting on the significance of each of the projects for which funding was sought.

Recommendation: 1. That the City Council's Heritage Policy be amended to include items contained within the Ferrymead Historic Park, within the Special Purpose (Ferrymead Zone).

- 2. That \$2,000 be provided towards the cost of painting Curragh Cottage from the Heritage Restoration Fund.
- 3. That the balance of the Ferrymead Trust application projects be considered through the Annual Plan Pink Page process and have the support of the Environment Committee.



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