

9. CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2002

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's confirmation that it wants to run these awards this year and if so to establish a judging panel.

In September 1996 the Council approved an annual environmental award being established. The awards were first made in 1998 and have been made annually since then. One award each year is made in each of three categories:

- The Natural Environment
- The Built Environment
- Services to the Environment

The 2002 Awards will be administered through Our City. If the awards are to be offered this year the Council needs to establish a judging panel. In previous years this has consisted of a combination of external expert appointees and Councillors, and it is suggested that this be the case this year. The external appointees last year were Sir Miles Warren, Dr Brian Molloy and Mr John Dryden. It is proposed that these three be re-appointed to the panel for the 2002 Awards, subject to them confirming their availability. It is also suggested that the appropriate Council appointees could be the Chairs of the Culture and Heritage, Urban Planning and Growth, and Parks Gardens and Waterways Committees.

Note: The Award Panel is an unpaid judging panel.

The Committee requested that additional information on the awards be included in the report to the Council.

Attached are copies of an information sheet on the awards, and the promotional flyer for last year's awards. The cost of administering the awards is approximately \$5,000 and this is included within the environmental planning budget.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the City of Christchurch Environmental Awards be run in 2002.
 2. That the three external appointees used last year be approached regarding their willingness and availability for this year.
 3. That the Council appointees on the Awards Panel be Councillors Anna Crighton, Sally Buck and Carole Anderton