



24. 7. 2003

## REPORT BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

### PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

#### 1. ADELAIDE SISTER CITY VISIT

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The purpose of this report is to request funding support for the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Lesley Keast) to visit Christchurch's sister city of Adelaide.

#### BACKGROUND

During the period 2 to 7 September 2003, 24 children from South Hornby Primary School, accompanied by eight adults, will visit our sister city of Adelaide, under the Christchurch-Adelaide Sister City Committee's educational programme. This is the first step in what is planned to be a regular programme of exchanges of primary school children between the two cities. During the children's visit to Adelaide, they will visit three schools, visit the Adelaide City Hall and go sightseeing with their host families. They will be home hosted by children from the schools they will visit. The adults with the group will stay in a caravan park. The intention is for a reciprocal visit to be made to South Hornby Primary School in 2004 or 2005.

#### PROPOSAL

The Deputy Mayor wishes to take this opportunity to travel with the children, thereby giving the visit some added status. She also intends meeting with the recently elected Lord Mayor Michael Harbison, with the intention of strengthening the sister city link. She will also take the opportunity to promote the Sister Cities Conference, which is to be held in Christchurch in March 2004, and which will have several programme segments focusing on sister city links between New Zealand and Australia.

As the Deputy Mayor intends spending some time during her visit to Adelaide on sister city matters, she seeks assistance from the Council with the costs of the proposed visit. The air fare cost, including airport taxes, will be in the vicinity of \$1,300. The Deputy Mayor will meet all her own accommodation and out of pocket costs.

**Recommendation:** That the Council fund the air travel costs for the Deputy Mayor to accompany a group of school children to Christchurch's sister city of Adelaide in September 2003.

CONSIDERED THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 2003

MAYOR