

6. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - CCC THEMATIC HISTORY PROJECT FOR CHRISTCHURCH

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The purpose of this report is to:

- Inform the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee about the Christchurch City Council Thematic History Project which has been initiated by the Urban Design and Heritage Team.
- Invite the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee to attend and provide input into this project at Community Consultation Workshop to be held on Monday 30 or Tuesday 31 August 2004 at the Cambridge Room, Town Hall, Kilmore Avenue.

THE THEMATIC HISTORY OVERVIEW PROJECT

The Christchurch City Council (CCC) has the regulatory responsibility for environmental land management and protection of places of natural and cultural heritage value within Christchurch City.

BACKGROUND

Heritage items need to be considered in the context of the history and historical geography of the area surrounding it. A contextual history will identify and explain the major factors and processes, expressed as historical themes, that have influenced the history of an area utilising and developing the historical thematic framework. The use of historical themes can also draw attention to gaps in existing histories which could lead to an incomplete assessment, study, register or list. This overview when used in combination with physical evidence of a place, can suggest areas requiring more detailed historical research. (*History and Heritage, NSW Heritage Office*).

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

The Council has engaged Salmond Reed Architects Ltd and sub-consultants as suitably qualified multi-disciplinary consultant team with experience in historical research and heritage management, to prepare an historical overview of Christchurch (CHCH) and historical thematic framework to form the basis for a review and future update of the Christchurch City Proposed City Plan heritage inventory. As part of this project, the consultants will need to seek community input in the historical overview through a broad range of key agency and professional stakeholder groups. The consultants will also use the contextual history and historical sub themes developed as part of this project, to review the existing heritage listings and make recommendations on the updating and expansion of the heritage inventory. Recommendations will focus on identifying gaps (broad item types and specific items as appropriate) and under-represented item types and groups to ensure a comprehensive range of heritage items including built and landscape items, places and features for the Maori and European and more recent multicultural settlement history of Christchurch within the New Zealand context.

The history will need to be comprehensive and to ensure that heritage items will be able to be identified as part of future projects. There will be a focus on the history of Christchurch city planning, how this has influenced and shaped the city and the historical and social attachments of the diverse cultural groups that make up the Christchurch community.

STUDY AREA

The Study Area for this project will comprise the Christchurch city limits.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Provide a contextual historical overview with historical themes of Christchurch to guide future heritage item identification.
- Raise awareness about Christchurch's heritage.
- Promote consultation and input from key stakeholders and community groups and individuals.

WORKSHOP INVITATION

Community Consultation Workshops - Christchurch Thematic History Project
The Cambridge Room, Town Hall (Christchurch Convention Centre),
Kilmore Avenue, Christchurch
TWO WORKSHOPS
5.30pm to 7.30pm Monday 30 August 2004 OR
7pm to 9pm Tuesday 31 August 2004

The Christchurch City Council Urban Design and Heritage Team has commissioned a multi-disciplinary team of heritage consultants to prepare a thematic history for Christchurch. This project is the first stage of a larger project that will lead to the updating of the Council's heritage inventory. This initial stage will focus on an overview history to generate historic themes specific to Christchurch and may lead to the identification of new items for protection under the Christchurch City Plan as part of future stages.

The consultant team lead by Mr Bruce Petry from Salmond Reed Architects Ltd., will facilitate this workshop. Their team consists of an historian, archaeologist, architects, a landscape architect and planner - all specialists in heritage.

As part of this project the consultants will be talking with stakeholders in the community. As you can appreciate, there are many community groups and individuals that may like to participate in this process, so we are organising two workshops to be held at The Cambridge Room, Town Hall, Kilmore Ave on either Monday 30 August OR Tuesday 31 August.

We invite a representative to come along and contribute to a workshop. The purpose of the workshop is tell your about the historical overview and to invite your input into the identification of historic themes and broad areas of heritage potential (buildings, places, archaeology, cultural landscapes and objects).

For further information about the workshop or project, please contact Miriam Stacy, Senior Heritage Planner, on phone 941 8369 or email miriam.stacy@ccc.govt.nz.

To register your interest in attending, please RSVP before Wednesday 25 August 2004 to Shirley Inwood on phone 941-8628 or email shirley.inwood@ccc.govt.nz and indicate your preferred workshop.

Staff

Recommendation: For information and invitation to attend the Community Consultation Workshop for the Christchurch City Council Thematic History Project for Christchurch.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.