

12. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE – DUNEDIN, MARCH 2005

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference to be held in Dunedin from 3-6 March 2005, and request the Board to consider nominating attendees.

BACKGROUND

The Conference is held every second year and previously the Board has sent two representatives. The Conference opening/powhiri and dinner, which will include the presentation of the Best Practice Awards, will take place at 5.30 pm on Thursday 3 March, and the Conference finishes on Saturday evening.

COSTS

The registration fee is yet to be confirmed, but is expected to be approximately \$400 per person. Other costs will include travel and accommodation. Travel costs will depend on whether by air or road. Accommodation has been booked at the Dunedin City Scenic Circle hotel for 18 people.

Approximate costs per person will be: –

Registration	\$400
Accommodation, 3 nights at \$130 p/n	\$390
Total	\$790 plus travel costs

BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

The Community Boards Excellence Awards recognise excellence in the implementation of projects in local government. Prizes will be presented to the winners of each category and the best overall project.

Further information on the objectives of the awards is attached.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board nominate two representatives to attend the Conference and consideration be given to projects suitable for entering in the Awards.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Board nominate two representatives and suitable projects.