

12. HERITAGE WEEK 2005

12.1 ADDINGTON CLUSTER

Tim Scandrett (Events Professional) and Fiona Clayton (Heritage Professional) will give a presentation on what is proposed for the Heritage Week Addington Cluster project.

12.2 PROPOSED HERITAGE WEEK INITIATIVES 2005

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present Heritage Week initiatives to the Board for consideration in relation to a request for funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. On 21 June 2005, Community Board members Phil Clearwater and Megan Woods met with staff to brainstorm ideas for heritage initiatives that would be of interest to local residents. Three concepts have been developed further for consideration by the Community Board for a decision on discretionary funding.
3. Board members will receive a presentation for the Addington Cluster Project which involves a significant celebration event in Addington. A summary of the proposal will be presented by events professional, Tim Scandrett, and a heritage professional, Fiona Clayton. The objective of the event is to engage the local community in the Council's planned improvements in the area.
4. Megan Woods will provide a verbal update on a local history workshop which will be held at the

Greenspace

- Enhancement of waterways
- Heritage Plantings
- Addington Cemetery redefined as a “living space”.

These works contribute to the Council's outcomes for Heritage Parks by providing a special place for people to enjoy landscaped parks.

Theme for Event

The proposed theme for the event is “participation”; communities can help shape their own futures by acknowledging, celebrating and preserving the richness of their past. The event will also be carried out in conjunction with the initiatives described below.

Urban Design & Renewal

- The brass rubbing plaques that have been made and mounted in temporary display boxes will be positioned in their proposed site locations around the trail for use on the day. This will require security to be organised.
- Residents will be encouraged to take brass rubbings as part of a hunt to find the original images in the Addington Cemetery.
- Further opportunities will be taken to consult on the programme of proposed works in the area.
- The event will be used to stimulate the memories of locals and encourage the sharing of these histories to add layers to further works.
- The event will be used to encourage pride in Addington neighbourhood's unique identity, and to encourage ownership of features to reduce the risk of vandalism or neglect.

Transport & City Streets

- The event will be used to raise awareness of the proposed works and provide additional opportunity for public comment.

Greenspace

- The event will be used to encourage public visits to the cemetery and enhance its use as a “living space”.

Event Date

The proposed date and time for the event is Saturday 8 October 2005 between 1.30 pm and 5.00 pm. This coincides with Heritage Week so that it can be a part of a citywide heritage celebration.

It is envisaged that a number of related activities will take place outside of this date including school programmes. Following the event, it is planned to hold an exhibition of photographs and material at the Council's “Our City” venue.

Budget

The proposed event will be a significant undertaking that will involve a wide range of audiences including children, Council Housing tenants, businesses, and residents of the local area.

In recognition of the anticipated benefits of the event, the Council Units involved have contributed the following funding:

- Transport and City Streets have allocated \$5,000
- Greenspace Unit have allocated \$1,500
- Urban Heritage & Design have allocated \$4,000
- Community Engagement have allocated \$600.

The total amount allocated towards this project is therefore \$7,100.

- (b) **A local history workshop: “Exploring the Histories of South Christchurch”** is proposed to be held on Saturday 8 October between 10am and 1pm at the Christchurch South Library. The purpose of the workshop is to provide people who are interested in local histories to gain knowledge and advice about where to access information and to share their knowledge and enthusiasm informally with others. Speakers from Archives NZ, the Christchurch Public Library, Canterbury Museum and Dr Te Marie Tau (Department of History at the University of Canterbury) have confirmed their interest in speaking at the workshop.

Budget

The proposed cost of this initiative is \$400 which includes \$60 book vouchers for each of the five speakers, photocopying of materials and catering.

- (c) **Past Paths** is an activity proposed to encourage children to learn about local heritage prior to European settlement. Children would pick up a fun learning activity sheet from the Christchurch South Library which is based on the path that Maori used to travel over the Port Hills from Rapaki. Once completed and signed off by an adult, a coupon cut from the sheet would go into a draw to receive a small prize, such as a book voucher. It is envisaged that this initiative could then be repeated the following year focusing on a different aspect of local heritage, such as the Opawaho/Heathcote River as a food gathering place.

Budget

The cost of this proposal is \$100 including photocopying and the purchase of a \$50 book or Antarctic Centre voucher as the children’s prize draw.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The Community Board is asked to decide on an allocation from its Discretionary Fund for the following amounts for each project:
- (a) \$2,500 required to support the Addington Cluster event.
 - (b) \$400 for the Exploring the Histories of South Christchurch: A local history workshop.
 - (c) \$100 for the Past Paths Children’s activity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Support the Addington Cluster event.
- (b) Allocate from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund \$400 for facilitating a local history workshop – “Exploring the Histories of South Christchurch”.
- (c) Allocate from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund \$100 for the Past Paths children’s activity.

CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Heritage Week initiatives should be supported.

13. BOARD REPRESENTATION

Following on from a recent Board Chairs’ meeting, the Board is now requested to nominate a representative to be part of an informal working group of staff and Board members on Neighbourhood Week 2005. A Board representative is also required for Keep Christchurch Beautiful, which is a voluntary organisation that aims to promote a cleaner, more beautiful environment within Christchurch and raise the level of awareness regarding the reduction of litter.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board nominate representatives to the following:

- (a) An informal working group of staff and Board members on Neighbourhood Week 2005.
- (b) Keep Christchurch Beautiful.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.