

17. HERITAGE AWARDS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to brief the Board on the proposed Heritage Awards to be held in May 2006 in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the Board meeting held on 30 March 2005, an amount of \$5,436 was allocated from the Board's Project Funds towards local Heritage Awards, to be co-ordinated and organised by the Community Engagement Team.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. As funding has already been allocated from the Board's 2005/06 Project Fund, there are no additional financial considerations, and no legal considerations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board nominate a Board member to sit on the judging panel

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That Val Carter and Faimeh Burke be nominated to sit on the Heritage Awards judging panel.

BACKGROUND ON HERITAGE AWARDS

4. In past years the Board has supported Merivale Precinct Society through the allocation of funding to that group's "House Awards" for the Fendalton/Waimairi ward. In March 2005 the Board allocated an amount of \$5,436 from Project Funds for the Council's Community Engagement Team to co-ordinate and organise heritage awards in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward on behalf of the Board.
5. Two others Boards (Hagley/Ferrymead and Shirley/Papanui) hold annual Heritage Awards. Each of these Boards selects a judging panel which considers entries (including an on-site visit of each property nominated) and then decides on the winners for each category, plus any special merit or other awards. The awards are then presented at a ceremony hosted by the respective Boards.
6. It is proposed to promote the Fendalton/Waimairi Heritage Awards in the Board's newsletter, as well as circulating information and entry forms to local residents, schools and community groups. Other avenues of promotion will involve the distribution of posters/flyers to libraries, community facilities and other public places. The judging panel will comprise at least one staff member from the Heritage section of the Council's Strategy and Planning Team, a representative from a local heritage group or organisation; and a Community Board member with an interest in heritage issues.
7. An awards presentation ceremony is planned for May 2006.