

7. LANDSCAPE PLAN APPROVAL REPORT FOR DECOMMISSIONED PLAQUES AND KING EDWARD'S WELL AT NEW BRIGHTON

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the landscape plan placing the King Edward's Well and five decommissioned plaques in a New Brighton garden.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Board has allocated \$4,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary funding towards the reinstatement of the King Edward's Well (non-operational), which was last positioned in front of the New Brighton clock tower, as a drinking fountain prior to the building of the foreshore library. The landscape plan proposed also features reinstatement for five of New Brighton's historic plaques.
3. The intended site, as consulted on and approved with the Pier and Foreshore Society, New Brighton Historical Society, and Artworks in Burwood/Pegasus Working Party, is an existing garden planting on the left-hand side of the New Brighton clock.
4. Reinstatement of the plaques and King Edward's Well is in alignment with the Heritage Conservation Policy and meets the Primary Community Outcome, "An attractive well designed city, a cultural and fun city". It is envisaged that the stone plaques will be mounted in the garden either side of the well whilst the brass plaques will be mounted on the concrete wall at the top of the steps (**Attachments 1 and 2**).

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There is \$4,000 available from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary funding to design and implement the installation. Two of the five plaques are in need of remedial repair work prior to their installation. The repair cost will be incurred by the Greenspace Fountains, Clocks and Statues budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve option (b) to accept the landscape plan.

BACKGROUND

6. King Edward's Well was installed on 9 August 1902 to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII, originally an ornamental fountain it was fed by an artesian well. It was then re-located in front of the clock tower as a drinking fountain (after 1950). Knocked over by construction workers in 1998 it has since been in storage for safe keeping.
7. Two stone plaques were removed from the old New Brighton sea wall when it was demolished making way for the new library. The first one honouring George Hawker a founding father and Mayor of New Brighton and the second for James Gamble who managed the Christchurch Times newspaper and was Mayor of New Brighton from 1921 to 1927.
8. In addition there are three brass plaques. All were decommissioned when the New Brighton Mall was upgraded. One commemorates the opening of the New Brighton Mall by Sir Hamish Hay in 1978 and the other recognises the services of "Larry" Cockburn. Along with this second plaque is a Rotary Club wheel symbol. All these historic items require an appropriate site so that the heritage of the community is retained.

OPTIONS

9. There are two possible options:
 - (a) Do nothing or status quo. This option is not practical as the commemorative well and plaques would remain in storage until another suitable site could be found.
 - (b) Accept the landscape plan to reinstate five plaques and the King Edward's Well.

PREFERRED OPTION

10. To adopt option (b) and accept the landscape development plan for reinstating five plaques plus the King Edward's Well. This action will help to retain community heritage.