

7. COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE 2007

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek nominations from the Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2007 and/or the Museums Aotearoa Conference 2007. The Community Boards Conference is being hosted by Manukau City Council on behalf of the Auckland region and the Museums Conference is also to be held in Auckland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Board's Conference

2. The Community Board Conference is being held at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre, Manukau City, on the 7-9 June 2007 and begins with an official opening and gala Dinner at 5.30pm hosted by Sir Barry Curtis.
3. The focus for this conference will be on "Leading to Safer Communities."
4. The conference programme will include:
 - o guest speakers with national and international expertise
 - o presentations from community boards who have found successful ways of combating crime in their areas
 - o new community initiatives
 - o workshops on training new Board members and to help members prepare to be re-elected in the up coming elections
 - o presentation of the Best Practice Awards at a gala dinner The Awards are presented to Boards which have made significant contributions to the process of achieving excellence in local government.

Museums Conference

5. Board member Lowndes, as Chairman of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee, has expressed a wish to attend the Museums Conference in preference to the Community Board's Conference so this alternative is being considered as part of this report because of the financial implications.
6. The Museums Conference (Building for the Future) is being held at the Auckland War Memorial Museum from 14 – 16 March 2007. It has a special focus on extensions and redevelopment of museums which is particularly relevant to the Akaroa Museum at the present time.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The cost of attending the Community Board conference is detailed as follows:

(a)	Registration fees prior to 1 March 2007 (early bird) \$500 +GST or \$590 +GST after 1 March 2007. (includes gala dinner to be held on Thursday.	500.00
(b)	Accommodation at the Manuka Height Motor Lodge – three nights at \$135.00 per person per night plus GST	405.00
(c)	Return airfares	267.00
TOTAL		\$1,172.00

(d) OPTIONAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Villa Maria Vineyard Function - Friday, 8 June 2007 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wine tasting, snacks and wine tour of the Villa Maria Vineyards which is establishing a reputation as one of the great wine companies of the world.

Cost \$50.00 + GST

Auckland Highlights by Night - Saturday, 9 June 2007 5.00pm – 10.30pm

A mystery tour of some of Auckland's greatest landmarks. This will be a fun evening where you will be taken into the heart of Auckland, have an opportunity to enjoy the harbour and be wined and dined along the way.

Cost \$75.00 + GST

8. The cost of attending the Museums conference is detailed as follows:

(a) Registration fees (early bird registration no longer available) + GST	444.44
(b) Accommodation– three nights at \$135.00 per night plus GST	405.00
(c) Return airfares	267.00
TOTAL	\$1,116.44

(d) OPTIONAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Dinner Thursday at National Maritime Museum – Thursday 15 March 7:00pm on

Cost \$106.67 + GST

9. The cost per person to attend the Community Board's conference is \$1,297 + GST, inclusive of both social functions.
10. The cost per person to attend the Museum's Conference is \$1,223.11 + GST, inclusive of dinner on the Thursday evening.
11. The Board has an operational budget set for attending conferences so that the number of members sent to conferences each year is constrained by the remaining balance. In the case of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board, the 2006 conference costs were deducted from this years budget, which has left a minimal amount available for funding of 2007 conference attendances. The Board's overall budget is largely underspent, so I have been advised by an Accounting Technician from the Finance Managers Team that there are sufficient funds for 1–2 members to attend a conference, costing in the region of the two options outlined above.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.