

9. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE 2007

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek nominations from each Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2007 that is being hosted by Manukau City Council on behalf of the Auckland region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Conference is being held at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre, Manukau City, on 7-9 June 2007. It will begin 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:
 - Guest speakers with national and international expertise.
 - Presentations from community boards that have found successful ways of combating crime in their areas.
 - New community initiatives.
 - Workshops on training new Board members, and to help members prepare to be re-elected in the up-coming elections.
 - 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.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The cost per Board member of attending the conference is detailed as follows:

(a) Registration fees prior to 1 March 2007 (early bird) \$500 plus GST or \$590 plus GST after 1 March 2006 (includes gala dinner to be held on Thursday)	500.00
(b) Accommodation at the Manukau Heights Motor Lodge – three nights at \$135.00 per person per night plus GST	405.00
(c) Return airfares	267.00
TOTAL	\$1,172.00

Optional Social Functions

6. **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 plus GST.
7. **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 plus GST.
8. This brings the costs per person to attend this Conference to approximately \$1,172 plus GST, exclusive of the two optional social functions, or \$1,297 plus GST inclusive of both social functions.
9. Each Board has an operational budget set for attending conferences, so the number of delegates that each Board sends may be constrained by the remaining balances.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Board nominate and confirm two members to attend the New Zealand Community Board Conference 2007.