

11. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' 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 being hosted by Manukau City Council on behalf of the Auckland region.
2. This matter was held over from the Board's meeting on 21 February 2007 so that details of the Conference programme could be circulated to members. This action has since occurred.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The Conference is being held at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre, Manukau City, from 7 to 9 June 2007 and begins with an official opening and gala dinner at 5.30pm hosted by Mayor Sir Barry Curtis.
4. The focus for this conference will be on "Leading to Safer Communities."
5. The conference programme will include:
 - Guest speakers with national and international expertise.
 - Presentations from community boards who 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

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

(a) Registration fees prior to 31 March 2007 (early bird) \$500+GST or \$590+GST after 31 March 2007 (includes Thursday dinner)	500.00
(b) Accommodation – 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

7. Villa Maria Vineyard – Friday, 8 June 2007 6.00pm to 8.00pm – Cost: \$50+GST.
8. Auckland Highlights – Saturday, 9 June 2007 5.00pm to 10.30pm – Cost: \$75+GST.
9. This brings the cost per attendee to approximately \$1,172+GST (excluding the two optional functions) or \$1,297+GST inclusive of the above functions.
10. Board member attendance at conferences is funded from the operational budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board consider nominating a representative(s) to attend the 2007 New Zealand Community Boards' Conference in Manukau.