

14. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2007 – BOARD REPRESENTATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting of 20 February 2007, the Board **resolved**:
 - (a) That in order to secure the "early bird" advantage, registrations for two Board representatives to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference be secured.
 - (b) To nominate its two representatives at the conference after further information on the programme is received.
3. Further information on the programme for the conference "Leading to Safer Communities" is now available, which has been **circulated separately**.
4. The Board is now invited to nominate two representatives, so that travel and accommodation arrangements can be made as soon as possible.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

Registration fees prior to 1 March 2007 (early bird) \$500 +GST or \$590 +GST after 1 March 2006. (includes gala dinner to be held on Thursday.	\$ 500
Accommodation at the Manuka Height Motor Lodge – three nights at \$135.00 per person per night plus GST	\$ 405
Return airfares	\$ 267
TOTAL	\$1,172

6. Optional social functions are as follows:
 - (a) **Villa Maria Vineyard Function** - Friday, 8 June 2007 6.00pm-8.00pm
Cost: \$50.00 + GST
 - (b) **Auckland Highlights by Night** - Saturday, 9 June 2007 5.00pm-10.30pm
Cost: \$75.00 + GST
7. This brings the costs per person to attend this conference to approximately \$1,172 + GST exclusive of the two optional social functions, or \$1,297 + GST inclusive of both social functions.
8. Attendance at conferences by Board members is funded by its operational budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board nominates two representatives to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2007 to be held in Manukau.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.