

4. HERITAGE AWARDS, THE MERIVALE PRECINCT SOCIETY – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider an application for funding from the Merivale Precinct Society for their Annual House Awards to be held during October 2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Merivale Precinct Society has made an application for funding to the Board for \$4,700 for the Society’s Annual House Awards which is to be held in October this year.
3. The awards are held to encourage and raise awareness of well-planned property development, the preservation of heritage and established trees, and to generate good rapport with the commercial businesses throughout the Merivale area. They also aim to enhance community spirit and pride in the Merivale and Fendalton areas.
4. There are three categories in the House Awards. Awards are given for the best New Home, Renovated Home and Commercial Premises in the Merivale area. An award will also be given to the best Renovated Home in Fendalton. This is the first year the awards have been expanded to include the Fendalton area. Nominations are received from members of the public and judging is done by a panel of four, including an Architect who advises on architectural merit of the premises. In addition the Society will have a Best Street award. The awards ceremony is held in Merivale Mall and is open to all to attend.
5. The main Awards are paintings, commissioned by a local artist, depicting the winners’ properties.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. A total of \$6,000 has been allocated for Heritage Awards by the Board for the period 2007/2008. There are currently no proposals to hold Ward-based Heritage Awards during this financial year. It therefore seems unlikely that this funding will be spent in the financial year 2007/2008. It is therefore suggested that this application, which has as one of its aims the preservation of heritage, be considered for funding from the Heritage Awards monies.
7. The Society requires funding of \$4,700 to hold their Annual House Awards.
8. The total budget for the Annual House Awards is \$5,700. The Society have raised \$1,000 through sponsorship and are requesting \$4,700 from the Board to cover the costs of the awards ceremony, a speaker for the event, food and refreshments at the event, spot prizes, paintings by a local artist for the winners of each category plus plaques.
9. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs involved with the House Awards:

EXPENDITURE	Cost (\$)
Function	1,200
Speaker	400
Framed Paintings	1,800
Plaques	400
Photographs	400
Spot Prizes	500
Major Spot Prize	1,000
Total Cost	5,700

10. The Society requested the same amount towards their awards last year and was awarded \$3,500 by the Board. This is the third time that the Merivale Precinct Society has applied to the Board for financial support to run the Annual House Awards.

11. The Merivale Precinct Society has \$12,000 total accumulated funds. The Chairperson has confirmed that half of this money has already been committed to forthcoming projects, including contributing to the costs of signage and landscaping on the City Council owned Merivale Village Green.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

12. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2007/08 Heritage Awards fund which was established as part of the Board's 2007/8 Project Funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

13. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

15. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. Application aligns with the *Attractive and Well-designed City* Community Outcome, Council's *Liveable City* Strategy and the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board objective *That residents take pride in living in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward.*

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate the Merivale Precinct Society \$3,700 from its 2007/08 Heritage Awards fund towards the Annual House Awards, and for the Board to consider encouraging the Society to seek donations from local businesses towards the refreshments and spot prizes given out at the evening Awards ceremony.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.