

9. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' BEST PRACTICE AWARDS 2011

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's views as to whether it wishes to submit any entries to the New Zealand Community Board Conference Best Practice Awards 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The 8th biennial Community Board Conference is scheduled to take place in Rotorua from 5-7 May 2011. One of the highlights of the conference is the Community Boards' Best Practice Awards which acknowledge excellence in the implementation of projects in local government. Prizes will be presented to the winners of each category and the best overall project. The objectives of the Awards are to:
 - recognise significant contributions made by Community Boards to the achievement of excellence in local government
 - promote quality improvements in the functioning of Community Boards
 - foster the exchange of best practice and innovative ideas.

The categories are:

Consultation (eg how the Board has actively consulted with its community)	Significant Project (eg a major project led by the Board (jointly or singularly) that achieved a desired outcome)
Facilitation (eg identification of a situation/s where the Board has taken a facilitation role to overcome a community problem)	Partnership (eg a partnership with parent council / other Boards / community organisation/s to address an issue)
Heritage (eg a heritage project in your community in which your Board has played an active role)	Working with Maori (eg projects which feature your Board working with a local Maori organisation or in a Maori community)
Working with Children and Youth (eg projects in your community in which your Board has been involved with children and youth)	Harmonious Relations (eg projects in which your Board has promoted diversity and harmonious relations)
Safety (Sponsored by NZ Police) (eg projects in which your Board and the Police have achieved safety outcomes for your community)	
Leadership The Yvonne Palmer leadership trophy is given for outstanding leadership, for enhancing the work of Community Boards and the recipient will hold it for two years	For any elected member including a Community Board, a Community Board member, a Councillor or Mayor or for a Council staff member

3. It should be noted that the Young People and Harmonious Relations categories are sponsored respectively by UNICEF and the Human Rights Commission. Separate criteria may apply. These will be distributed once finalised and approved. In addition, from each of these categories an overall winner will be selected.

4. At the 2009 Community Board Best Practice Awards the Board won the Heritage Section with its Riccarton Teahouse Restoration project and was highly commended with the Fendalton/Waimariri Community Board for Dancing Like the Stars project.
6. The application form and supporting information which will outline the format of entries should take are expected shortly. In the meantime, the Board is encouraged to reflect on what activities the Board has been involved in that are innovative, have made a real difference to the community and would be suitable as applications to the awards. All entries will be reviewed by the Conference Organising Committee's Judging Panel and must be submitted by 4 February 2011. Given this timing, most of the work to prepare the entry will need to occur prior to the Christmas break, hence the views of the Board on its entry or entries are now being sought. Depending on those views, staff will then report back on likely financial implications and any staff capacity required to be able to assist with preparing entries.
7. In previous years this Board established a small working party of Board members to consider the preparation of its entries for these Awards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Do the recommendations of this report align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. There are no costs associated with lodging an entry for a Best Practice Award. However, in 2008 this Board has allocated \$5,000 from its Discretionary Fund to cover nomination preparation costs for the Riccarton Teahouse Restoration Project, which included a consultant's costs for preparing the entry. As indicated in paragraph 6 above, staff will assess any financial implications relevant to any entry that the Board wishes to submit, and report back to the Board.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009/19 LTCCP?

10. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board give consideration as to whether it wishes to submit any entry to the New Zealand Community Boards Best Practice Awards 2011.