

17. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2011 - BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board's consideration and decision on whether it wishes to submit an entry to the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2011 Best Practice Awards.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The 8th biennial Community Boards' Conference is being held in Rotorua from 5 to 7 May 2011. One of the conference highlights is the Community Boards' Best Practice Awards which acknowledge excellence in the implementation of projects in local government involving community boards. Awards will be presented to the winners of each category and a Supreme Award will be given for 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 (Sponsored by UNICEF) (eg projects in your community in which your Board has been involved with children and youth.)	Harmonious Relations (Sponsored by Human Rights Commission) (eg projects in which your Board has promoted diversity and harmonious relations.)
Safety (Sponsored by New Zealand 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. The Working with Children and Youth, Safety and Harmonious Relations categories are sponsored and awarded by UNICEF, the New Zealand Police and the Human Rights Commission respectively. Separate criteria apply to these categories.
4. 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, if required, report back on any financial implications and staff capacity requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. There are no costs associated with lodging an entry for a Best Practice Award. As indicated in paragraph 4 above, staff will assess any financial implications relevant to any entry that the Board wishes to submit, and report back to the Board, if required.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

6. 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?

7. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

8. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

9. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board give consideration to an entry it may wish to submit to the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2011 Best Practice Awards.