

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

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The eighth biennial Community Boards' Conference is scheduled to take place in Rotorua from 5 to 7 May 2011. One of the highlights of the conference is the Community Boards' Best Practice Awards which acknowledges excellence in the implementation of projects in local government. Awards will be presented to the winners of each category and the best overall project. The objectives of the Awards are to:
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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

4. It should be noted that the Young People and Harmonious Relations categories are sponsored by UNICEF and the Human Rights Commission respectively. 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.
5. In 2007 the Board won the Best Practice Award for work with local ethnic communities including the Culture Galore annual event.

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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

7. There are no costs associated with lodging an entry for a Best Practice Award. 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?

8. 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?

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

10. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee give consideration to recommending to the Board as to whether or not an entry be submitted to the New Zealand Community Boards' Best Practice Awards 2011.