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The purpose of this report is to gain funding for a Maori carving and weaving at Travis Wetland.

The Travis Wetland Trust and Christchurch City Council have been successful in getting funding for a number of development projects at Travis. A visitor centre pavilion is being designed and will be built early next year. The old house will be redesigned for educational use. Having liaised with local iwi on this project it has become apparent that it is highly desirable to have some Maori structures on the site to reflect the relationship of takata whenua with the wetland.

It has been suggested that a carved post or pou-whakairo be installed near the visitor centre, it will signify the guardians of the knowledge of the forests, Tane Mahuta and a weaving, tuku-tuku panel be put in the education centre

Such structures would go some way to rectify issues that are facing kaitiaki, for example:

- Lack of recognition of cultural values
- Absence of community knowledge about resources and uses

The structures would help reveal the meanings and relationships of Maori identity, belief and capability with the site. They will be ideal prompts to start people thinking about aspects of the Maori culture that explains why there are treasured plants and birds, fish and sites.

The carvings and waving will be of interest to local iwi and visitors to the wetland. The Travis Wetland Trust is in support of such structures. The carvings will be made locally at Nga Hau E Wha Marae.

The design and construction of the carving and weaving is estimated to be \$16,000. An application is being made to the Pacific Conservation and Development Trust for some of this amount. This Trust does not cover the full amount for projects.

**Recommendation:** That the Board put \$6,000 of their Discretionary money towards funding Maori carvings and weaving at Travis Wetland.

**Chairperson's  
Recommendation:** For discussion.