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The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update on issues relating to heritage. Where applicable, information from previous reports is repeated in italics.

**STAR/LYTTELTON TIMES BUILDINGS,  
CATHEDRAL SQUARE/GLOUCESTER STREET, GROUP 1, GROUP 2;  
WARNERS HOTEL, CATHEDRAL SQUARE, GROUP 2**

The decision of the Environment Court with respect to the case held in August 1998 appealing the Council's decision for the application to demolish the above buildings is now expected to be given in mid-February. (The Council decision was appealed by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and McFarlane Family Trust.)

**ARTS CENTRE OF CHRISTCHURCH,  
WORCESTER BOULEVARD, GROUP 1**

The refurbishment of the Clocktower at the Arts Centre of Christchurch is now complete. Staff have been involved in conservation issues pertaining to this project and continue to be involved in the ongoing conservation and restoration work and fire safety upgrade programme being undertaken at the Arts Centre assisted by annual grants from the Council.

**OCTAGONAL UNITS, JUBILEE HOSPITAL, JUBILEE STREET, GROUP 3**

*A resource consent application has been made to relocate this building to another site for use as a family home.*

Consent for the dismantling and removal of this building was granted in December 1998. Work is presently underway and the bricks are being paletised and stored for reconstruction of the building on another site. The owners are investigating sites in the Redcliffs and Tai Tapu areas for reconstruction of the building.

**FORMER CHRISTCHURCH RAILWAY STATION/SCIENCE ALIVE  
392 MOORHOUSE AVE, GROUP 3**

Consent was granted by the Commissioner for the hearing to allow the installation of two large billboards on the Science Alive building for a period of five years. The money raised by Science Alive from this revenue is to be spent on the conservation of the building.

**LEINSTER HOUSE, 158 LEINSTER ROAD, GROUP, 4  
AND 284 HIGHSTEAD ROAD, GROUP 4**

*These listed dwellings have been notified for demolition under the both the Transitional District Scheme and City Plan. Staff are involved in discussions with the owners of both dwellings to consider alternatives to demolition. The required three month period of notification to the Council expires in December.*

The notification period for the demolition of these dwellings has now passed and the photographic records completed. However staff are still involved in discussions the owners of both buildings with respect to retention.

**FORMER SAMOAN CONGREGATION CHURCH,  
CNR COLOMBO AND BROUGHAM STREET GROUP 2**

Staff are working with the church to try and find a new use for this dis-used building. Assistance is also being given to the church in making applications for financial assistance for conservation work on the building and to help them to continue developing their church site at Dyers Road in the interim until a purchaser is found for the Brougham Street building.

**PETERBOROUGH CENTRE,  
CNR PETERBOROUGH AND MONTREAL STREETS, GROUP 3**

Work on the conversion of this building into apartments is nearing completion. Staff have been working with the architects responsible for the work on appropriate methods of cleaning the exterior stone work, and on finalising interior colour schemes and on historical display.

**CATHEDRAL SQUARE, GROUP ONE**

Staff have been involved in the resource consent process relating to the redevelopment of the Square and have currently been involved in the redesign and consultation process of the Four Ships Court area. Staff have also been involved in discussion with the Wizard and sculptor Mark White re the 'Wizard's Plaque'.

**CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL COUNCIL BUILDINGS,  
DURHAM STREET, GROUP ONE**

The interior and exterior conservation and restoration work is continuing at the Bellamy's wing and the tenders close at the end of January for the Bellamy's service area. The current programme of the Bellamy's exterior stone conservation and replacement is almost complete.

**FORMER SADDLERY BUILDING, 355C RICCARTON ROAD, GROUP 3**

The Council has received an application for the demolition of this building. Over a period of time staff have been involved in negotiations with the applicant as to alternative uses for this building including the preparation of a structural report and costings to bring the building up to code. (Demolition of this building is a discretionary activity.)

**ARTS CENTRE SEISMIC STRENGTHENING**

A proposal for the earthquake strengthening of the Arts Centre is the subject of a deputation to the Committee, detail of which is contained on the attachment to clause 2.

## **ADDINGTON PRISON**

It has come to our attention through the media that the Hon Nick Smith has mooted the demolition of Addington Prison when its current prison usage ceases. The prison, built in 1872, was designed by the pre-eminent Gothic Revival architect, Benjamin Mountfort, who also designed the Canterbury Provincial Council Buildings, the Museum and the Great Hall and Clocktower at the Arts Centre. It is listed in Group 2 of the City Plan and as such is considered to be of “... *national or regional importance, the protection of which is seen as important*”.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

### **Chairman's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the request for the Arts Centre seismic strengthening be considered and any funding recommendations form part of the 1999/2000 budget submissions.