

16. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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Corporate Plan Output: Board Project Funds	

The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of progress with the installation of new Christmas decorations for which an allocation of \$5,000 has been made from the Board's 1999/2000 Project funds.

The Board has indicated that decorations should be installed in Addington with possible sites being Church Square and the Lincoln Road business area.

The Communications and Promotions Unit has put Christmas banners into the city's suburbs this year. This includes Lincoln Road, where the six Show Week banners have been replaced by Christmas banners.

There are several options for decorating the Lincoln Road/Addington business area:

1. **Extend the banners to cover the whole of the Addington business area**

Costs for brackets per pole are \$192 plus GST (includes installation). Banners cost \$70 plus GST and last 3-5 years, depending on conditions. A total of \$2,800 would be required.

2. **Street Lighting**

On advice from Connectics, Lincoln Road is not suitable for Christmas lighting. The street poles are too far apart, and there is also a problem with vandalism due to the lights being too low. No suitable tree or structure was available.

3. **Lighting of a tree in Church Square**

There is a suitable tree for lighting next to the Church, 18 metres high and not too wide. Costs for lighting are as follows:

Lighting	\$1,600
Administration	\$160
Cable from tree to street light	\$120
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	\$1,880
Installation	\$900
Total	<hr/> <hr/>
	\$2,780

We have been advised this could be installed by mid-December at the latest. Yearly installation costs would be \$900.

4. **Street Decorations**

This year the Council has ordered new decorations for Cathedral Square and Central City. About 1.8m high in red and green, with three different shapes (tree, holly, wreath).

These don't have lights as they tend to be ineffective under street lighting and replacement bulbs are very expensive.

The decorations cost \$400-\$500 plus \$90 installation per item, and would replace any banners. There is insufficient time to have these installed for Christmas this year, but could be ordered for Christmas 2000.

Tony Winder, Community Technical Adviser, will be in attendance to answer any questions.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocate \$2,430 from its Christmas Decoration Project Fund for the installation of banners to cover the Whole of Lincoln Road, Addington business area, for December 1999, subject to the availability of banners.
 2. If banners are unavailable for December 1999, order banners for December 2000.
 3. That the Board allocate \$2,800 from its Christmas Decoration Project Funds to install lights on a tree in Church Square.

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Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.