

## 21. 1999 HERITAGE PLAQUES SCHEME

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an officer recommendation for the two buildings to receive plaques as part of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board's 1999 Heritage Awards Scheme.

### INTRODUCTION

As part of the Heritage Awards Scheme, the Board has funded two bronze plaques to be presented to the owners of heritage buildings within the Board area. The purpose of the plaques is to identify the buildings as listed heritage buildings and provide brief information with respect to the date, architect and use of the building.

Last year plaques were presented to the owners of the former Nurse Maude Building and the former Sumner Borough Council Chambers.

### RECOMMENDATIONS AND BACKGROUND HISTORY

It is recommended that consideration be given to the following two buildings as recipients of plaques for 1999: for the Hagley Ward - the Linwood Community Arts Centre (former Linwood Library and Borough Council Chambers); and within the Ferrymead Ward - Mother Hubbard's, Main Road Redcliffs.

The former Linwood Volunteer Library building is a Christchurch City Council Group 1 listed building. It is registered as a Category II Historic Place by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. It was built at a cost of £289 by G.S. Dale and Company in 1885 as offices for the Linwood Borough Council. The Borough of Linwood was absorbed into Christchurch City in 1903 and in 1909 the building was formally re-opened as the Linwood Public Library and Reading Room by the then Mayor of Christchurch, Mr C Allison and served as a library until 1993. During 1996/97 the building was restored and refurbished and in 1997 it re-opened as the now highly successful Linwood Community Arts Centre operated by Te Whare Roimata.

Mother Hubbard's is a Group 3 Council Listed Heritage building, formerly situated in Armagh Street. It is a good (and now rare), example of an early timber colonial commercial dwelling. Stylistically it resembles 'Shand's Emporium' in Hereford Street of c1860. It is probable that Mother Hubbard's was constructed within the same decade though an exact date has not been established for its construction. Over time the building has had a number of commercial uses and it is unclear as to whether the Armagh Street site was its original setting. Threatened with demolition in 1996, it was relocated by Peter Crofts to Main Road, Redcliffs, where it has been carefully restored and is now a local landmark.

**Recommendation:** That the Board award heritage plaques to the former Linwood Borough Council Chambers and Library building and to the Mother Hubbard's building in Redcliffs.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.