

18. HERITAGE PROJECTS

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The purpose of this report is to present several projects for consideration for Heritage Funding 1999/2000 for which \$5000 has been allocated by the Board from its Project Funds.

(A) GEORGE SCOTT MEMORIAL STONE

A request from the Opawa Residents Group to restore a memorial stone, which marks an oak tree, planted to commemorate the service of George Scott to the Heathcote County Council.

The stone and the oak tree are sited on the corner of Opawa and Ensors Rd. The concrete stone is now unreadable. Discussions were held with the Heritage Unit who advised not to have the inscription redone.

George Scott served the Heathcote County Council for 18 years. He was co-founder of a major engineering company in Christchurch (Scott Bros). In his time he was Chairman of both the Road Board and the Heathcote County Council.

The Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board objectives and performance indicators for 1999/2000 supporting this proposal are:

- 4.1 To encourage the enhancement of heritage sites.
- 4.2 To identify and classify neglected heritage sites, feature and artifacts.

(B) NGAIO MARSH HOUSE - REPRODUCTION OF PAINTING

A request has been made by Dr Bruce Harding, Curator Ngaio Marsh House for funding to reproduce an oil painting by Dora Meeson. The original painting was gifted to the McDougall Art Gallery (see attached).

It is proposed to reproduce a painting by Dora Meeson of Miss Rose Seager, (Ngaio Marsh's mother), to be hung in the Ngaio Marsh House.

Some of this work has been completed already and the upcoming work is to make a facsimile frame of the image. The work is being undertaken by City Art, conservation framing workshop. They were recommended by Cr. Anna Crichton (Registrar, McDougall Art Gallery). They are the only ones in the South Island able to provide the necessary expertise to complete the work.

A quotation by City Art of \$1200.00 to manufacture a replica frame for the reproduction of the oil painting by Dora Meeson has been received.

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(C) LIGHT FOR SYDENHAM FOUNTAIN

The drinking fountain in Sydenham Park on the corner of Colombo and Brougham Streets had its original light removed/stolen some time ago. The fountain is the King Edward VII Coronation Memorial monument.

Brent Smith, Contract Manager from the Parks Unit, in conjunction with Windsor Heritage is working on a design to reproduce the original light from old photographs. It is hoped to be able to come up with the exact replica.

It is expected that this light could cost in the region of \$2,000, however a firm estimate is not available. Parks Unit have undertaken to meet any cost over \$2,000. It will require Resource Consent before the work can proceed as the monument may have to be moved.

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Recommendation: That the Board allocate funding from its 1999/2000 Heritage Fund as follows:

1. \$470 for a brass plaque to be placed in front of the George Scott Memorial Stone that replicates the original wording.
2. \$1,200 for the reproduction of a painting at Ngaio Marsh House.
3. \$2,000 to support the proposal to replace the Sydenham fountain light.

**The Chairman
Comments:**

It seems to me rather precious not to renew the inscription on the concrete "stone", which I would prefer. I also need to be persuaded that reproduction of the oil painting "enhances a heritage site".