

6. RACECOURSE GROUNDS TEAHOUSE

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Consideration of this report was held over from the last Board meeting and was subject to an on-site inspection which was held on Wednesday 24 May 2000.

Over the last few months, members of the Advocacy team have had several discussions with Mr Michael Connelly, representing Christchurch Racecourse Reserves Trust, and Mr Tim Mills, Secretary to the Trust. The discussion has centred on the future of the Teahouse built in the racecourse grounds in 1903.

On 5 April, the Community Advocate met with the above mentioned, Mrs Pam Wilson, (Historic Places Trust), Jenny May (Council Heritage Planner), William Fulton (Council Heritage Architect) to view the building and discuss its future.

Attached is a letter from the Secretary of the Trust which outlines the historical context and future hopes for the building.

After discussion on 5 April, it was agreed that an independent conservation plan be commissioned to ascertain the project needs. This will be undertaken by a local architect with expertise in this field. The cost of this is estimated to be about \$5,000. While Council has money available for heritage building restoration, the amount is limited.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board is being asked for a grant to cover the cost of this work. Board funds are limited for the rest of this financial year however, discretionary money will be available after July when Council's budget is confirmed.

This will be a local restoration project of some magnitude, and as such, it is fitting that this Board contribute in a small way. Funding the cost of a conservation plan is an appropriate Board involvement.

Recommendation: That the Community Board give favourable consideration to a grant being made to enable the Conservation Plan to be undertaken on the Riccarton Racecourse Teahouse, to be funded from 1999/2000 discretionary funds.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.