

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### 5.1 SOUTH BRIGHTON CHORAL SOCIETY INC

The following letter was received from Murray Clark, South Brighton Choral Society Inc, regarding a funding request for a choir stage:

*“Following a conversation with Lorraine Michell, a member of our choir, I am making this application for a grant from your Board to assist the choir in completing its long planned project of having its own staging. We are at present using an old set borrowed from another Choir.”*

*We make this application on the basis that our members principally reside within the bounds covered by your Board and the choir performs several public concerts each year for the enjoyment of citizens of the ward.*

*For the past four years we have been successful in making applications to The Community Trust and the NZ Community Trust for assistance with funding for a variety of purposes including about \$2,400 for staging. However until recently we had an inadequate understanding of the cost to build new staging and in particular the significant cost of providing handrails for safety purposes. We have now obtained more accurate costings and find that the balance of grants received is inadequate to meet the total sum required.*

*With the grants received in the current year, the accumulated funds will amount to approx \$3,000 at the end of the financial year 28 February 2001. Since the total cost is close to \$5,000, the choir would be most grateful if the Board could see its way clear provide the final \$2,000.*

*Should there be further information required, please do not hesitate to telephone me.”*

**Chairperson’s Recommendation:** For discussion.

### 5.2 SCULPTURE - BEATTY STREET/ESTUARY ROAD

The following letter was received from Carol Rendle, regarding the proposal of placing a sculpture in the roadside area on the corner of Beatty Street and Estuary Road:

*“I wish to submit the proposal of placing a sculpture in the roadside area on the corner of Beatty Street and Estuary Road in South New Brighton.*

*I have consulted with the direct neighbours and have had favourable responses. I shall attend the next meeting of the local Residents’ Association and forward a copy of this letter to the Traffic Engineer at the City Council and to the Secretary of the committee for Art in Public Places.*

*The limestone sculpture has a rectangular base of 138cm x 68cm and a height of 148cm. It was created by my brother-in-law, Tony O’Grady, who is also a resident of South New Brighton. It is presently located in Ilam, but we would like to bring it to a location close to home and feel that the Beatty Street site would be ideal. It would look lovely in the garden amid the white roses and purple hebes, (some of which will need to be replanted which I am willing to do). This site has very close proximity to both Tony’s and my homes and would allow for us to keep a close watch on the safety of the statue. South New Brighton has few pieces of art on display and yet has many artists and performers among its residents. I feel the placement of the sculpture here would add an air of artfulness to the community.*

*Please find attached pictures of the sculpture and details of the size and proposed site location.*

*Thank you for considering this proposal and I await your favourable reply.”*

**Chairperson’s Recommendation:** For discussion.

### 5.3 FUNDING FOR TOUCH SCREEN FOR CHILDREN’S COMPUTER

The following letter was received from Vanessa Andrews, Community Children’s Librarian, Shirley Library, regarding a request to fund the purchase of a computer touch screen:

*“Christchurch City Libraries are currently replacing the children’s Mac computers in each library with new PCs. Each new computer will be capable of running between 25 and 30 cd-rom titles, most of which have an educational value and support children in learning. Shirley Library, however, does not have sufficient funding to also be able to provide touch screen technology, and we would like to ask for your support in this matter.*

*A touch screen allows children to interact more easily with the software by using their fingers on the screen itself, and therefore helping to navigate their way around the computer. The cost of a touch screen is approximately \$2,300.*

*Shirley Library has nine primary schools, two intermediate schools and a number of pre-school institutions within its catchment area, and a large number of these children come to the library regularly for their recreation and information needs.*

*In addition to this, new housing developments in the area and the increase in size of The Palms shopping mall will inevitably mean an increase in our number of customers.*

*One of the library’s strategic directions is “Destination Library” and in attempting to live up to this we endeavour to provide people with the best technology that we can in a supportive environment.*

*The old Mac computer, which is situated in the children’s library, is in constant use.*

*For many children it is a highlight of their library visit and in some cases their only access to a computer, so we wish to provide the best we can to them.*

*We would be grateful for your assistance in this funding request of \$2,300 for a computer touch screen, and know it will be a worthwhile addition to the Council’s library services and to the Shirley Library community.”*

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.