

15. HERITAGE UPDATE REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update on issues relating to heritage. Where applicable information from the last report is repeated in italics.

SYDENHAM RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB/ FORMER SYDENHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 303 COLOMBO STREET, GROUP 4

An application for the demolition of this building has been received by Council. Staff are currently exploring alternative uses for this building.

The hearing with respect to the application for demolition of this building is to be held on 26 September. Five submissions, three in favour of retention and two against, have been received. Staff have explored a considerable number of avenues with the applicant with, to date, no future use having been found to retain the building. Staff are continuing to explore avenues.

ADDINGTON PRISON, LINCOLN ROAD, GROUP 2

Staff have been involved in the subdivision process of this site which allows for the Mountfort wing of the prison to be retained with land and access from the Lincoln Road section of the site. Staff have also been in discussion with the intending owner of the site as to the future use of the building.

STAR/LYTTELTON TIMES BUILDINGS, CATHEDRAL SQUARE/GLOUCESTER STREET, GROUP 1, GROUP 2; WARNERS HOTEL, CATHEDRAL SQUARE, GROUP 2

Negotiations are continuing between two parties and the owner, Angus McFarlane, for the sale and purchase of the three listed heritage buildings on the site, including the Savoy site. Council have made provision for financial assistance for the restoration of Warners over a period of five years. If these negotiations are successful it will ensure the retention of these buildings which have been at risk of demolition for the past five years.

AVON THEATRE, WORCESTER STREET, GROUP 3

Work is under way with this proposal and staff have been involved in the initial concept with the developers. A heritage incentive retention grant has been offered to assist with the structural strengthening of this building. It is pleasing to see this significant Art Deco theatre and prominent city site being both restored and developed.

MCKELLAR HOUSE AND FLEMING HOUSE, 138 PARK TERRACE, GROUP 3

The Commissioner's decision for the RMA hearing with respect to the application by the Methodist Mission to demolish these two dwellings was to allow demolition following a six-month period in which options for retention and reuse of the buildings could be sought. Aspects of the decision have subsequently been appealed to the Environment Court by the Methodist Mission, New Zealand Historic Places Trust and the Christchurch Heritage Trust.

In the interim a 'buy a brick' campaign has been launched by Environment Canterbury Councillor, Judy Waters, and the Christchurch Heritage Trust. The funds raised will be used to assist with the conservation and retention of the property.

SUNNYSIDE ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, LINCOLN ROAD, GROUP 2

Staff are working with the owners examining proposals for the retention and reuse of the Administration block within the proposed subdivision of the former Sunnyside site.

RICCARTON HOUSE, KAHU ROAD, GROUP 2

The landscaping of the forecourt and installation of a cycle-way on the riverbank has now been completed at Riccarton House. Staff have been involved in assisting with the landscape plan and its implementation.

HERITAGE WEEK

Organisation for Heritage Week is well in hand and is being undertaken by Marketus, last year's event organisers, in conjunction with staff. The theme, *Taking the Past into the Future*, will encompass events that lead up to the celebration of Canterbury's 150th anniversary. Heritage Week will be launched on 27 September by Councillor Anna Crighton and officially opened on 13 October by the Hon Judith Tizard, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage.

On a significant heritage note:

The heritage staff would like to extend their congratulations to the Committee Chair on the arrival of her granddaughter.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.