

8. 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 previous report is repeated in italics

FORMER SYDENHAM METHODIST (CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH) CORNER BROUGHAM AND COLOMBO STREETS GROUP 2

At the March Council meeting it was resolved that an interest free loan would be made available to a Trust to purchase the former Sydenham Methodist Church. With the conditions outlined in the resolution in mind the recently formed Trust have forwarded the following update:

“The Sydenham Heritage Trust is in the process of being formed. The Trust is committed to restoring, administering and maintaining the Sydenham Methodist Church also known as the Samoan Congregational Church.

The Trust Deed to register the group as an incorporated Charitable Trust under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 will be finalised in the next two weeks. The steering committee of the provisional Sydenham Heritage Trust has held three meetings. As well as formulating the draft Trust Deed it has started work on a business plan outline and potential fundraising initiatives.

Nominations for membership of the Trust Board have been agreed. It is envisaged that the Trust Board will have up to 12 members. In addition a separate Advisory Group will be formed, as well as a large “Friends” group for the many supporters who wish to be involved in the retention and ongoing community use of the church.

The Trust will comprise:

- representative of the Christchurch City Council (Councillor Sue Wells)
- representatives from the Sydenham Business and Community Association (Barbara Reay and Edith Devonish)
- representatives of the Sydenham Residents Association (Linda Constable and Helen Mary Black)
- representative of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (Pam Wilson)
- 1 representative of the Christchurch Civic Trust (Valerie Heinz)
- 1 representative from the New Zealand Institute of Architects (to be confirmed)
- The following individuals: Neil Roberts, Suzanne Weld, Jennie Hamilton, Margaret Guilliland.

Purchase of the building is currently in progress by the Trust with the assistance of Council staff.”

RICCARTON HOUSE, KAHU ROAD, GROUP 1

Staff have been assisting the Trust with the development of a paint scheme for the building. Work has now begun on this and the scheme closely follows that of the original 1900 scheme.

WAVE HOUSE, GLOUCESTER STREET, GROUP 3

This building has recently changed hands and the new owners wish to restore the building for a new use. Staff have and the owners have been in consultation with respect to developing a fire safety, conservation and structural upgrade.

23 MANDEVILLE STREET GROUP 3 (DWELLING)

An application for the demolition of this building has been received by Council. This house is one of six built in Mandeville Street as part of the 1905 Worker’s Dwelling Act. Until recently this was the only one left in original condition and domestic use. The dwelling is registered by New Zealand Historic Places Trust/Pouhere Taonga as a Category 2 Historic Place.

The hearing with respect to this application has now been held and the outcome is pending.

GENERAL

Staff are currently involved in consultation with owners on a number of heritage projects, in project work with the Central City Revitalisation, progressing the development of the Our City Past Present and Future project for the former Municipal Buildings, heritage update research and the implementation of a social archaeological study for the Heathcote Valley.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.