

## 24. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

### 24.1 Heritage Awards

The purpose of this report is to advise Board members of the tentative dates for the Heritage Awards subcommittee to meet in 2001. The dates for the subcommittee to meet in 2001 are as follows:

Wednesday 14 March	Subcommittee to meet
Monday 13 August	Launch
Wednesday 12 September	Judging
Friday 5 October	Presentation

The members of the subcommittee are Anna Crighton (convenor), Derek McCullough and Bob Todd.

### 24.2 Community Board meeting with Tim Barnett MP

On 12 February the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board met with Tim Barnett MP for Christchurch Central at 2pm. The following matters were considered:

- The role of the MP and the Board
- How policies are formed and decisions made
- How the Board and MP can ensure that community views/needs are represented

Tim Barnett spoke about his role as MP and the resources available to him. The issue of a local government making submissions to select committees on legislation was discussed. The Board noted that as a Community Board they cannot make a direct submission. However the Christchurch City Council can and does. The Advocate clarified the process with the Council's solicitor (Legal Services), so the Board and Community Advocate can have input into Council's submission where it was a matter that was of interest to the Community Board. The Advocate suggested a heading in the monthly Advocate's report to the Board on current legislation.

Tim Barnett agreed to check the issue as to whether or not a person can stand for both a Community Board and Christchurch City Council is in the proposed Local Government Reform Bill.

The Community Board and Tim Barnett identified the following issues for discussion with local MPs at a later meeting when each MP present can give an update on current legislation.

- The removal or not of the protection for parents to discipline their children – eg. by smacking;
- key local concerns from Board members and MP's perspective;
- Police staff cuts;
- availability of legal aid for RMA cases
- issue of support for *not for profit* Early Childhood Education costs.

The Board and Tim Barnett commented on the usefulness of these meetings.

#### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the information be received

### 24.3 Board Outcomes, Objectives and Performance Measures

The meetings to review performance measures and set objectives and performance measures for 2001/02 were held on Wednesday 14 and Wednesday 21 February and facilitated by Jan Francis. The purpose of the meetings were to gain an understanding of the planning process and terminology to review performance against current measures and to produce outcomes, objectives and performance measures for the 2001/02 financial year. These will be circulated separately for confirmation.

### 24.4 Discretionary Funding

The attached schedule details the Board's allocations to date. The balance remaining is \$17,030.

#### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.