

5. 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

The Sale and Purchase agreement has now been signed and the Trust are preparing for a Public open day on 22 July 2001.

FORMER MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS OXFORD TERRACE GROUP 1

Work to progress the formation of the Our City: Past Present and Future and the Environment Centre is now under way. A Project Manager has been appointed and Management Committee established to oversee this work. An opening date of 1 September has been set for completion of the first stages of the project and an opening exhibition in the building.

Final preparations for the Resource Consent application is in progress and consultation undertaken with the Council Heritage Planners and New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga with respect to the work proposed for the project.

The Resource Consent has now been received for the first stage of the project work. The work has been tendered and a contract is shortly to be offered to the successful tender. A meeting has been held with the Environment Centre and good progress is being made with respect to their participation in this project. Workshops to review possible themes for the first exhibitions are now being held and an exhibition designer has been approached. Currently the project is on target.

WARNER'S HOTEL RESTORATION UPDATE

Staff continue to have weekly meetings with the owners and project architect with respect to the restoration of this building. Consent has been granted for stage 3 comprising of a full structural upgrade, fire upgrade and the internal fitout for the backpackers operation in the eastern wing. The ground floor bar refurbishment and restoration of the back bars is nearing completion and due to re-open early July. The Conservation Covenant is currently being considered by the parties involved.

LYTTELTON TIMES/STAR CATHEDRAL SQUARE/GLOUCESTER STREET GROUP 2

Staff are working with the Christchurch Heritage Trust who are developing plans to achieve a workable/lettable solution for the Gloucester Street section of the building. A grant application to the Lotteries Board has been lodged to assist with the restoration work for these buildings.

Building and Resource Consent applications have now been lodged and are currently being processed.

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

The appeal to the Environment Court was held during the week of 25-29 July 2001. The Senior Heritage Planner and Senior Planner Urban Design and Heritage were subpoenaed to appear in the Environment Court. All evidence has now been heard and the outcome is pending.

INVERESK, 17-17a ARMAGH STREET, GROUP 3

An application has been received by Council from Cathedral Grammar School for the partial demolition of this building in order to build a new classroom block. The area proposed for demolition is the original cottage c1865 and the two storey wing c1875. The c1900 wing fronting Armagh Street will remain and be integrated into the proposed new development.

1905 WORKERS' DWELLING ACT HOUSE, 23 MANDEVILLE STREET GROUP 3

The decision of the Hearing held to consider the application for the demolition of this property on 27 March 2001, has now been received. The decision of the panel was to decline the application pursuant to Section 105 of the Resource Management Act.

CENTRAL CITY FEATURE LIGHTING STRATEGY

Further to the seminar by the Senior Planner Urban Design and Heritage, Neil Carrie, in November last year, re the development of a strategy for the implementation of central city feature lighting, the Chair of the Environment Committee has suggested that a sub-committee be established to develop a 10 year strategy for the implementation of feature lighting for buildings places and objects in the Central City and further implementation of the project in the 2001/2002 financial year. It is recommended that the sub-committee reports back back to the September Environment Committee meeting.

NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST POUHERE TAONGA WORKSHOP

Staff attended the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga workshop morning with respect to the Trust's draft Local Authority Heritage Management Guide. The morning was attended by TLA staff from wider Canterbury involved in Heritage Management.

INFORMATION SHARING

Some months ago, through an initiative of the local Branch Committee of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga in conjunction with Timaru Council staff, Cr Crighton was invited to address the full Timaru Council monthly meeting about the Heritage policy, strategy, management and advocacy work of the Christchurch City Council. Prior to the meeting Cr Crighton and the Senior Heritage Planner had been invited to take part in a discussion and information share seminar with Council staff and members of the Timaru NZHPT Branch. The seminar and presentation to Council was well reported in the Timaru Herald sending a very positive message about the heritage work of the Christchurch City Council.

As a consequence of this, Cr Crighton and the Senior Heritage Planner have been invited, by the NZHPT to go to Dunedin early in 2002 to meet with NZHPT Regional Staff, the Otago NZHPT Branch Committee, and Dunedin City Council Staff and Councillors. The Trust wishes to host a joint presentation by Cr Crighton and the Senior Heritage Planner on Heritage Policy and Heritage Management, as related to the Council's work in Christchurch. It is pleasing to have recognition of the Council's work on a wider national scale. Equally it is beneficial to have the opportunity to information share with other TLA's and NZHPT Regional Branches.

HERITAGE WEEK

Expressions of interest to appoint an events manager for the Carter Group Heritage Week 2001 have been made and applications close at the end of May. Carter Group Heritage Week 2001 will be held from 13 October to 19 October and the theme will be based around the Year 2001 being the 150th year of organised European settlement but will within this theme include a wide variety of activities that encompass the diversity of heritage interests in our Society.

Mr Paul Collins of Marketus Ltd, has been appointed to event manage Carter Group Heritage Week 2001.

HERITAGE RISK MANAGEMENT

Please refer to attached document for details of the Heritage Risk Management update for your information.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.