

## 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.

### **17 Beveridge Street, Group 4 (Dwelling)**

The hearing for the application to demolish this dwelling has been set for 6 June 2001. This however may not continue as an adjournment has been applied for.

### **Former Sydenham Methodist (Congregational Church) Corner Brougham and Colombo Streets, Group 2**

The Trust has been formed and Council requirements for a Covenant and Business Plan have been met and approved by Council. Final details of the Sale and Purchase agreement have been resolved and the agreement is to be signed on 1 June 2001. The Trust have also held a "working bee" to tidy up the site.

The owner of the site has lodged an application for the two start-up business units on the area of the site he will retain to the West.

### **Former Canterbury Horse Bazaar, Cnr Bedford Row, Lichfield and Madras Streets, Group 4**

Staff are monitoring progress of work on this site and the structural strengthening work is now well under-way with the major bracing and columns now in place.

### **Public Trust Building, 152 Oxford Terrace, Group 3**

*A Resource Consent application to lower the ground floor windows of this building has been received by Council.*

Considerable consultation has been undertaken by Council, the owner and community heritage groups with respect to this application. A resolve of the issue has been reached by all parties and the application modified to meet the requirements of all concerned.

### **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.

### **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 for the Stage 2 work has been granted and work with the upgrading of the Baillies Bar area and Backpackers reception. The relocation of the secondary staircase and structural strengthening work is underway. The programme has been split into 6 stages with the intention of having the Backpackers open before Christmas and the exterior upgrade to continue into early next year. Fire safety upgrade issues are currently being resolved.

### **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.

### **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.*

The owners are now working with an architect to develop plans for the entrance and interior spaces.

### **McKellar House and Fleming House, 138 Park Terrace, Group 3**

A number of proposals to purchase these buildings have been made but have not resulted in a sale of the buildings. The appeal to the Environment Court is now proceeding, though there are several interested parties are still continuing to look at proposals for the site in order to retain the buildings.

### **NZAA CONFERENCE**

Staff recently attended the one day work shop at Onuku Marae as part of the New Zealand Archaeological Association's Conference. The one day work shop was held to discuss the current NZAA Archaeological Register upgrade in partnership with City and District Councils.

### **HERITAGE REVIEW**

Staff are currently working on a review of the current heritage policies and strategies. A report will be presented to the Environment Committee when this is completed.

### **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.

### **STAFF**

Architectural Historian Amanda Ross has been employed on a short term contract to assist the heritage team with research and City Plan matters.

### **Chairman's**

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