

## 11. ST MARY'S CHURCH- CONSERVATION PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to present a request from St Mary's Church, Church Square, Addington, to the Board for a grant of \$1,400 to enable them to have a Conservation Plan prepared, outlining work required to preserve the Church and surrounding grounds.

### Background to the funding request

The Lottery Grants Board, which has indicated it will provide funding for restoration work, requires that a conservation plan, prepared by an conservation architect recognised by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, be provided. It has indicated it would contribute \$7500 towards this plan. Letters from the Lottery Grants Board and the Conservation Architect are included in the attachments.

### Church Square current use

St Mary's Church was built in 1867 and with its grounds forms a focal point in Addington. The old bell tower and entranceway to the Church in particular, are striking features of the site and add character to the area. The Church grounds are used as by local residents as a quiet area to relax and by local community groups for a variety of community functions. The Church maintains close associations with Manuka Cottage, in nearby Dickens Street, and the Addington Neighbourhood Association. A letter of support from the Addington Neighbourhood Association is attached.

### Maintenance Items

The poor condition of the Church roof is of particular concern and would be in line for immediate work. An estimated figure of \$20,000 to restore the roof has been suggested. St Mary's Church has set aside some money for possible expenditure once the Conservation Plan is complete. Additional funding would be sought from the Lottery Grants Board at that stage.

By supporting these funding applications the Board will be meeting the following objectives and performance indicators:

- 4.0 To encourage the protection of Spreydon–Heathcote's Heritage Sites.
- 4.1 To encourage the retention and enhancement of heritage sites and buildings.
- 4.2 To identify and classify neglected heritage sites and artefacts.
- 4.3 To encourage the retention of local knowledge and history.

**Recommendation:** That the Board allocate \$1400 from its 2000/01 Heritage Project Fund for the purpose of having a Conservation Plan for the Church prepared.