

**12. THE CANTERBURY CHILDREN'S THEATRE INC.  
- PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS**

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The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to consider a request from the Canterbury Children's Theatre Inc for funding of \$1000 to enable completion of the copying of historical records from old scrapbooks previously held at the Malthouse onto CD-Rom.

**Background**

The Canterbury Children's Theatre, based in the Malthouse Building, Colombo Street, has over the last 50 years built up several scrapbooks of press cuttings, old photographs and other records. In 1998, the Canterbury Children's Theatre was advised by the Christchurch City Council's Senior Heritage Planner to have these records copied or stored elsewhere as they were classified as being too valuable to be left on site. Most of these records have now been copied to disk and funding is requested for the completion of this work.

When the work is completed, the material will be able to be viewed without damage to the originals. Copies have been forwarded to the Christchurch City Council's Heritage Unit as they have been completed.

The Canterbury Children's Theatre does not have a lot of surplus income, and funding for additional projects such as this needs to be sought through other sources. Upcoming production costs could be as high as \$105,000 and needs to be carefully budgeted for.

**Recommendation**      That the Board allocate a total of \$1,000 to the Canterbury Children's Theatre for the purpose of transferring historical records onto CD-Rom (\$546 from its 2000/01 Heritage Funds and \$436 from its 2000/01 Discretionary Funds).