

7. 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.

WARNER'S HOTEL RESTORATION UPDATE

Work continues to progress well, with staff undertaking weekly on-site visits and monthly project management meetings. Work has begun on the removal of fire escapes in preparation for the restoration and painting of the exterior. The new backpackers' entry in the eastern corner is due to be completed at the end of this month. With the completion of the backpackers' eastern wing, the emphasis will be on the exterior restoration while work continues in the main hotel wing.

Internal earthquake strengthening and refit of the Baillies Bar, Scotts Room, and Casino Room are complete. Earthquake strengthening for the fire safety upgrade is continuing on the first floor of the west wing.

FORMER CANTERBURY HORSE BAZAAR, CNR BEDFORD ROW, LICHFIELD AND MADRAS STREETS, GROUP 4

The structural upgrade for this building is almost complete and staff continue to liaise with the owner and make regular site visits. The exterior restoration work is now being investigated. Tenancies are being sought for the building.

PORTERY, MUSIC CENTRE OF CHRISTCHURCH: FORMER CONVENT OF OUR SISTERS OF THE LADY OF THE MISSIONS, BARBADOES STREET, GROUP 1

Music Centre took on the lease of the Portery on 1 November 2001. An architect has been appointed and a project group has been set up and is due to meet on 26 November 2001 to discuss conceptual design work. The Conservation Plan is now in draft form.

CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL COUNCIL BUILDINGS, DURHAM STREET, GROUP 1

Plans for the structural strengthening of the Armagh Street and Durham Street stone towers have now received Resource Consent and work will begin on the towers in early December 2001.

LYTTELTON TIMES/STAR CATHEDRAL SQUARE/GLOUCESTER STREET, GROUP 2

Staff are working with the Christchurch Heritage Trust, which is 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. The Lyttelton Times Star Building Resource Consent has been completed and the internal clean-up and partition instatement for backpackers has begun.

A grant has been received from the Lotteries Board towards the restoration of this building. Work is due for completion and opening of the backpackers accommodation in this building on 26 November.

INVERESK, 17-17A ARMAGH STREET, GROUP 3

An application has been received by the 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.

Staff have been asked to comment on the application and have recommended consideration for public notification of this application.

A hearing was set for 7 November re this application and evidence prepared and distributed. However, the Cathedral Grammar School Board has now withdrawn the application and the hearing has subsequently been cancelled.

CARTER GROUP HERITAGE WEEK 2001

A number of very successful, well-attended events took place during this year's Carter Group Heritage Week. A full report from the Events Manager is due to the Senior Heritage Planner in early December and a report to this Committee on Heritage Week 2001 will be presented in early 2002.

GENERAL

- Staff have been involved in hearings in the Environment Court with respect to signage issues and the Taylors Mistake baches. The latter case is still continuing and a brief update will be presented to the Committee on 28 November.
- Staff are involved with preparing evidence with respect to references to the City Plan.
- Two staff will attend the New Zealand Historical Association Conference at the University of Canterbury in early December.
- Our City - A report and overview on this project was presented to the Committee on 21 November 2001. Any update further to the time of writing this report will be presented verbally to the Committee on 28 November.
- Staff continue to work with the Mayoral Forum with respect to Central City revitalisation projects.
- An update of the Heritage Risk Management table is attached for the Committee's information.

The staff of the Heritage Team wish to convey their congratulations to the Chair and Members of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee on their election to Council and appointment to this Committee and look forward to working with the Committee in the future.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.