

8. CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY PROGRESS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to update the Property and Major Projects Committee on progress with the Christchurch Art Gallery.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 21 NOVEMBER 2001

GENERAL

Good progress continues in the two major work areas:

- North-eastern corner – the ground floor walls and floor are almost completed and the installation of the Double Tee precast flooring for the first floor has commenced.
- South-eastern corner – the concrete first floor has been completed and work is under way on the first floor walls and columns.

The installation of mechanical services ductwork, electrical and sprinklers to the basement and ground floor Contemporary Gallery is continuing. Shoring to retain the sides of the basement excavation along Montreal Street has been completed.

The large 150 tonne mobile crawler crane will be relocated out of the middle of the new building in mid-December which will allow construction work in this area to be advanced.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

There are no outstanding issues or approvals being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

The Christchurch Art Gallery building contract is on programme for completion by 25 November 2002. The official opening will take place over the weekend of 25-27 April 2003.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$39,886,600.
The forecast total cost is \$38,424,969.
The total remaining contingency is \$1,461,631.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.