5. CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY PROGRESS REPORT

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

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2001

General

Good progress is being made in the two major work areas.

North-eastern corner – the basement floor has been completed and the car park entrance ramp has been formed. All internal block and precast walls to the basement have been completed. Uni-span flooring to the ground floor is under way.

South-eastern corner – the installation of mechanical duct work has commenced in the basement plant room and car park area. The construction of the in-situ and precast concrete walls to the ground floor temporary galleries are progressing well. The first floor double-tee flooring units over the southern half of these galleries have been installed, giving a sense of the large volume of the galleries.

Outstanding issues/approvals required

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

Programme

As reported last month, the Christchurch Art Gallery is on programme for the official opening over the weekend of 25-27 April 2003.

Cost control

The approved budget is \$39,886,600.

The forecast total cost is \$38,351,935.

The total remaining contingency is \$1,534,665 (plus \$250,000 to be used for stone floor coverings to the ground floor galleries).

The monthly financial report is attached.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.