

4. 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 27 MARCH 2002

GENERAL

The major focus this month has been on the grand stair/central area of the building (refer to the attached plan) where the first floor precast concrete walls are now in place.

North-western corner – the basement columns have been poured and the Unispan flooring units for the sculpture garden have been placed. Work is continuing on the last of the basement walls to Gloucester Street.

North-eastern corner – the second floor precast concrete walls have been installed and the concrete infills between the panels are approx 50% complete. The second floor columns have also been poured. Framing and the installation of services to the ground floor are continuing.

South-eastern corner – the suspended ceiling grid and wall strapping to the ground floor travelling exhibition galleries have been completed, and the roof framing is approx 30% complete.

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 25-27 April 2003.

COST CONTROL

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

The forecast total cost is \$38,724,244.

The total remaining contingency is \$1,162,356.

Major charges since the last report are \$11,000 for revised ventilation ducting and grilles to the elliptical columns and \$11,000 for revised sculpture pole bases.

The remaining contingency will be required to cover future variations, commissioning costs, final account resolution, contractor's claims and currency fluctuations.

The monthly financial report is attached.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** That the information be received.