

14. UNITED NATIONS YEAR FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of information received from New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO with 4 December 2002 having been declared the day for cultural heritage.

The United Nations as part of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage has designated 4 December 2002 as the day to celebrate cultural heritage and the New Zealand National Commission has been coordinating events which have occurred during the year.

The Commission hopes that there will be activities which every city can develop to mark this day, for instance, this year Wellington is looking at a dawn ceremony, a trail of sites of cultural significance and a lunch time function hosted by the Mayor with representatives of the ethnic communities and local dignitaries.

In terms of what Christchurch has carried out this year, the most significant would be that of the opening of 'Our City', the recent Heritage Week activities and the lighting of the Hereford Street Bridge.

It is hoped that some ideas will immerge prior to or at the Committee meeting in respect of the 4 December 2002 Cultural Heritage day.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.