

## 6. 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 29 AUGUST 2002

#### General

Basement – painting of the walls and ceilings is almost completed.

Ground floor – installation of the precast bluestone panels along the Montreal Street frontage has been completed, together with the bluestone wall cladding to the foyer walls. All vertical mullions for the glazed sculpture wall have been installed and approximately 60% of the aluminium transoms and 40% of the glazing for the wall have been installed. Interior linings are almost completed and painting has commenced. The construction of the flat, butyl rubber-lined roof over the foyer is underway.

First floor – installation of the interior doors and frames has been completed. Interior linings, painting and installation of the suspended ceiling grids have commenced.

Second floor – first fix of services (mechanical, electrical, fire and hydraulics) have been completed. Interior linings and painting are underway.

Third floor – interior linings have been completed and painting is underway. The connection of the mechanical services plant to the air conditioning ductwork has commenced.

Central (grand stair) area – the tower crane has been removed.

#### OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

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

#### PROGRAMME

The completion date for the building contract is currently being reviewed with the main contractor. Every effort is being made to retain the date of 25 November 2002 but it is possible that completion may move into early December, followed by fitout and relocation of the existing collections from the Robert McDougall Art Gallery. The official opening on the weekend of 25 - 27 April 2003 remains unchanged.

#### COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$40,109,752. The forecast total cost is \$39,105,301.

The total remaining contingency is \$1,004,451 of which \$600,000 is frozen, and is only to be used with the prior approval of the Committee.

The two major changes for the month are \$66,000 for the addition of a reinforced concrete slab under the forecourt paving and \$34,000 for lining the timber framed wall at the top of the glazed sculpture wall. Because a decision was required on these two items so as not to delay the main contractor, approval for the additional costs was sought from the Chairman of the Property and Major Projects Committee. 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.