

**REPORT 6***(1215/12 /IM)*

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**NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE,  
DUNEDIN, 3-6 MARCH 2005**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To provide information on the New Zealand Community Boards' annual conference to be held in Dunedin, 3-6 March 2005, and to determine whether the Tawa Community Board wishes to nominate a member to attend the conference.

**2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee recommend to Council that it approve the attendance of one Tawa Community Board member at the New Zealand Community Boards' conference to be held in Dunedin from 3-6 March 2005, and that the costs associated with attending the conference be met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEMO1).*
3. *Note that a report back on the conference will be presented to the Tawa Community Board in accordance with Council policy.*

**3. Discussion**

The focus of the conference is a sporting theme and this has been incorporated through out the programme, for example "Playing the Numbers Game" with Linda Constable of the Local Government Commission and receiving the "Coach's Pep Talk" from the Minister of Local Government, Chris Carter and Nick Smith, National's spokesman on Local Government.

Topics that will be discussed at this conference include:

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Let's Play Ball:** Hon David Benson-Pope

*The amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 and their effect on the planning process.*

**A Game of Two Halves:** Jim Harland, Chief Executive Dunedin City Council

*A head-to-head between the Dunedin City Council and the North Shore City Council.*

**New Kid on the Block:** Irene Scurr, Chairperson Otago Peninsula Community Board,  
*Establishing a community board and the first steps of the novice player.*

### **Game of Life and Death**

*Civil Defence Emergencies and the role of Community Board Members.*

### **WORKSHOPS:**

<b>A</b>	Chairing of Meetings and Code of Conduct
<b>B</b>	Emergency Services working with Community Boards
<b>C</b>	Induction and Role for New Community Board Members
<b>D</b>	Making a Submission to the Local Government Commission
<b>E</b>	Making submissions to the RMA / Environment Court by boards
<b>F</b>	Training of Members wishing to sit on Resource Consent Panels
<b>G</b>	Consultation and Significant Projects by Community Boards with reference to Best Practice Awards
<b>H</b>	Facilitation and Partnerships for Community Boards with reference to Best Practice Awards

Disclaimer: The Organising Committee reserves the right to make programme changes if deemed necessary.

Further information on the conference is attached to this report.

A similar report has been prepared for the Makara/Ohariu Community Board, recommending that they consider whether they wish to nominate one member to attend the 2005 New Zealand Community Boards' conference. The Strategy and Policy committee will then consider the matter, and make a recommendation to Council for its meeting on 23 February 2005.

#### **4.1 Considerations**

When deciding whether an elected member should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost if one community board member is sent is expected to be \$1436.00 and will be met from the elected members' conference budget.

The impact on the budget of one community board member attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One

	2004/2005 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	<b>\$34,000</b>	\$1795.00 <sup>1</sup>	\$32,205
Impact of sending <b>one</b> elected member to the conference	\$1436.00	\$3231.00	\$30,769

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows (per person):

Item	Cost
Registration	\$500.00
Accommodation (x3 nights)	\$450.00
Return Airfares	\$486.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1436.00</b>

#### 4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Tawa Community Board wishes to nominate a member to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' conference in Dunedin, 3-6 March 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> The attendance of 1 Councillor to the LIANZA conference at a cost of \$1795.00