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**REPORT 1**  
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**NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE  
2009, THURSDAY 19 – SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2009,  
CHRISTCHURCH**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To provide information on and to seek approval for one member of the Tawa Community Board and one member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2009, Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 March 2009, Christchurch.

**2. Recommendations**

Officers recommend that Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of one member of the Tawa Community Board and one member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board at the 'New Zealand Community Boards' conference to be held in Christchurch, Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 March 2009 and agree that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that a report back on the Conference will be presented to the Tawa and Makara/Ohariu Community Board meetings in accordance with Council policy.*

**3. Discussion**

The theme of the 2009 Community Boards conference is 'Reflect, Refresh, Revitalise'. This will encompass a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Community Boards as well as reflecting on lessons learned and looking to prepare for changing communities and potential new issues.

During the conference gala dinner, the presentation of Best Practice Awards will be made to Community Boards who have made significant contributions to the process of achieving excellence in Local Government.

There are a wide range of keynote speakers over the course of the conference. Including:

### **Yvonne Palmer**

Yvonne Palmer has been an elected member of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board since the inception of community boards in 1989, serving as a Community Board Chair, Deputy Chair and Board member. She has represented Community Boards at the National Executive since 1997 and been Chair of the Executive Committee since 1999.

She has been involved with the Community since the age of 13 with Youth Club, active sports, recreation, parent committees, neighbourhood support, police volunteer and many other committees. She has a passion and commitment to roll up her sleeves and do the work, with vision to make the community a better place.

### **Christoph Baker**

Christoph Baker was born in Geneva, Switzerland. He has lived in France, Switzerland, Germany, USA and since 1984 has resided in Rome.

He is Assistant to the Executive Director of the Italian Committee for UNICEF and Responsible for the Child-Friendly Cities Initiative. He has been with the Italian NatCom since 1993 and has worked prevalently in the field of advocacy and promotion of child rights in Italy. He was responsible with others for the Mediterranean Group for Peace Education, the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative and has participated in the Multidisciplinary University Programme for Development Education since 1993.

Before joining UNICEF, he was coordinator of the Italian North-South Campaign "Biosphere, Human Survival, Debt": worked for IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development), the Society for International Development and the UN in Geneva. He was member of the executive committee of the NGO Global Forum for the Rio de Janeiro Conference on Environment and Development (1992) and of the executive committee of INGI (International NGO Forum on Indonesia) (1990-1993).

### **Dr Steve Henry, Natural Step NZ**

Steve Henry lives in Wanaka. He works with business and community to facilitate sustainable practice through education. He has led redesign initiatives for sustainable practice using methodologies used widely in Sweden, in communities such as Wanaka, Waihi and Central Otago District and with organisations such as Otago Polytechnic and Comvita.

## **Ross Banbury**

Ross is the Manager of the Papanui Youth Development Trust, a youth service provider in the North West part of Christchurch. The Trust is a Christian based Trust with relational links to Papanui Baptist Church. He is also Manager of the Papanui Youth Centre (Te Koru) where the Trust is based. Before his present role he was Youth Coordinator at Papanui Baptist Church. Prior to that, he worked for six and a half years as Community Youth Worker for the Youth Alive Trust in New Brighton in Christchurch. He directed the Youth for Christ team in Nelson from 1988 -1994, and did the same role in Blenheim from 1984 -1987.

## **Getrude Matshe**

Combining enthusiasm with an energetic speaking style, Getrude Matshe is a fascinating, motivational and inspirational speaker. Married and the mother of three children, Getrude is an African storyteller, a poet, an artist, a self published author, an entrepreneur and the founding director of three successful companies in New Zealand. Her extraordinary ability to manifest her dreams into reality can only be described as the way of the wizard Merlin; for she has the Midas touch and everything she touches turns to gold. Her presentations have drawn hundreds at recent engagements. She will share her amazing journey.

## **Dr Phillip Bagshaw**

Phil Bagshaw is Associate Professor of Surgery at the Christchurch School of Medicine, where he practises as a General Surgeon, teaches undergraduate and postgraduate surgery, and does surgical research. He is the immediate past Chair of the Council of Medical Colleges in New Zealand, and Facilitator of the Pan Professional Medical Forum. Together with three colleagues, he founded the Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust in July 2004, which he currently chairs. The Trust has established a hospital to provide free day surgery and medical clinics to some members of the Canterbury community who cannot access medical care in the public health system and cannot afford private care. He was elected "New Zealander of the Year 2008" by North & South Magazine.

## **Lawrence Yule B.E. (Hons)**

Lawrence Yule has been Mayor of the Hastings District since 2001. Prior to this he was a councillor for six years and Deputy Mayor from 1998 to 2001.

He holds an Honours degree in Agricultural and Civil Engineering from the University of Canterbury. He has been actively farming since 1987 and from a young age has been involved in politics.

He currently sits on the boards of the Hawke's Bay Cultural Trust and Hawke's Bay Inc, the latter of which handles economic and tourism development in the

region. He is the present Chairman of the Regional Indoor Sports and Events Centre (Pettigrew Green Arena).

Lawrence's leadership has been vital in a number of large-scale fundraising efforts. He recently chaired the fundraising committee for the \$12-million upgrade of the Hawke's Bay Opera House. He represented local government in the Thailand tsunami post-disaster efforts and is currently leading a significant sustainability initiative in Hawke's Bay.

Interactive concurrent workshops will be held on a number of topics, which will include question time for keynote presentations. Some of the topics covered include:

- Child and Youth Friendly Communities
- Enhancing Communities Through Local Democracy
- Achieving Best Practice Consultation with Controversial Projects
- Community Boards Leading Community Safety
- The Value of Council/Community Board Relationships for Community Leadership
- Community Boards Using Community Development and Media Promotion
- Developing Sustainability Assessment and Action Plans for Communities

The full programme is attached at appendix one.

### ***3.1 Considerations***

When deciding whether one member of the Tawa Community Board and one member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board 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 a member from each of the Community Boards are appointed to attend is expected to be \$2,870 and will be met from the conference budget.

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Registration	\$650 (early bird)
Return Flights	\$338
Accommodation	\$347 (\$129 per night)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,435</b>

The impact on the budget of a member from each of the Community Boards attending this conference is outlined below:

	2008/2009 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	<b>\$31,500</b>	\$17,175.73 <sup>1</sup>	\$14,324.27
Impact of sending up to <b>two</b> board members to the conference	\$2,870	\$20,045.73	\$11,454.27

#### 4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Council should approve the attendance of one member of the Tawa Community Board and one member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board at the 'New Zealand Community Board' conference to be held in Christchurch, Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 March 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> The attendance of 4 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$8,103.34  
 Mayor to attend World Summit at a cost of \$312.94  
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZ Walking Conference at a cost of \$1,241.00  
 The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost \$3,770.45  
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZRA Conference at a cost of \$678.00  
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Youth in Local Government Conference at a cost of \$200.00

## Supporting Information

### **1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

*This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: Wellington will operate an open and honest decision making process that generates confidence and trust in the Democratic system*

### **2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

*Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process*

### **3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

*There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications*

### **4) Decision-Making**

*This is not a significant decision*

### **5) Consultation**

#### **a) General Consultation**

*Not required*

#### **b) Consultation with Maori**

*Not required*

### **6) Legal Implications**

*Nil*

### **7) Consistency with existing policy**

*This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy*

## **Appendix One**