
REPORT 5
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LIANZA CONFERENCE 2006: NEXT GENERATION LIBRARIES, 8 – 11 OCTOBER 2006, WELLINGTON

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for up to two elected members to attend the LIANZA Conference 2006: Next Generation Libraries to be held in Wellington, 8 - 11 October 2006.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of up to two elected members at the LIANZA Conference 2006: Next Generation Libraries to be held in Wellington, 8-11 October 2006 and that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Note that there is a Strategy and Policy Committee pre meeting session and a 2020 Communications Trust meeting scheduled on Tuesday 10 October 2006.*
- 4. Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The aims of the conference are to encourage a culture of reflective practice and explore the integration of people with documents, datasets and a mix of physical and virtual environments. The conference will also explore the relevance of Mātauranga Māori for increased engagement in the knowledge economy and ways of combining customers, workplaces, services and technologies for maximum effect.

The Conference will introduce a number of innovative initiatives to enhance the experience. These include, for the first time ever, a conference blog in operation to facilitate the digestion of ideas, issues and events. There will be a range of presentation formats as well as presentations, workshops and special interest group sessions.

There will be keynote presentations by:

- Stephen Abram
- Bonnie Cheuk
- Tara Brabazon
- Martin Nakata
- Evelyn Tobin

Further information on the keynote speakers, and on the conference programme, is attached at Appendix One.

Concurrent Sessions will be held throughout the conference. Details of some are below:

Ten top technologies for libraries 2006	Brenda Shawner & Michael Stephens
The role of libraries and archives in the preservation and revitalisation of indigenous knowledge: the case of revitalisation of te reo maori	Larraine Johnston
Who says young adults need libraries	Viv Smith
All power to the customer: customer-centric solutions	Anne Selwyn & Fiona McGregor
Injuring the public good? Censorship and libraries in New Zealand	Deborah Gordon & David Wilson
Open libraries – open minds: Collaboration, commoditisation, communism. The real trends in library software	Russel Garlick & Rachel Hamilton-Williams

It is the intention of management to have officer representation (the Manager of the Libraries Business Unit and others) at the conference.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding which elected members 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 two elected members are appointed is expected to be \$1100.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

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

Item	Cost
Registration	\$550.00
Accommodation	N/A
Travel	N/A
Total	\$550.00

The impact on the budget of two elected members attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One:

	2006/2007 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	\$34,000.00	\$11,321.00 ¹	\$22,679.00
Impact of sending two elected members to the conference	\$1100.00	\$12,421.00	\$21,579.00

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of up to two elected members at the LIANZA Conference 2006: Next Generation Libraries to be held in Wellington, 8 - 11 October 2006.

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¹ The attendance of 5 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$5000.00.
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost of \$2310.00
 The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the Safer Communities Conference at a cost of \$400
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Digital Earth Conference in Auckland at a cost of \$1800
 The attendance of Elected Member at the Youth in Local Government Conference 2006 in New Plymouth at a cost of \$776
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the International Conference on Gambling in Auckland at the cost of \$1035

Appendix One