

102 Wildberry Street  
Christchurch 8023

25 March 2010

*To Whom It May Concern*

I have been advised that the Christchurch Heritage Awards Charitable Trust has plans in hand to inaugurate a regular programme of Awards to recognise excellence in heritage retention and conservation in Christchurch.

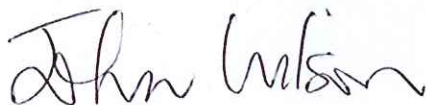
I have been involved in efforts to protect the historic heritage of Christchurch since the mid 1970s and believe the inauguration of the proposed Awards will do much to further a goal that I have long been committed to.

The significant impact of earlier award schemes, including those of the Christchurch Civic Trust, has demonstrated that a well-run awards scheme can do much to promote awareness of the importance of Christchurch's historic heritage and to ensure that the highest standards are followed when efforts are being made to conserve the city's legacy from the past.

Some previous schemes have suffered to some extent from being sometimes intermittent, not adequately supported, and not always conforming to clearly stated standards. The inauguration of a consistent, adequately funded programme of Awards which will be continued indefinitely into the future should overcome some of the shortcomings that have made some previous awards schemes less effective than they could have been.

I strongly commend the proposed scheme and would urge all those who are in a position to support it financially or in other ways to help the Christchurch Heritage Awards Charitable Trust to achieve its worthwhile goal. Christchurch as a whole will benefit greatly from the inauguration of the proposed Awards.

I will be happy to reply to any specific enquiries from anyone considering supporting the proposed Awards scheme. My contact details are; Ph. (03) 389 4887; email [johnwilson56@clear.net.nz](mailto:johnwilson56@clear.net.nz)



**John Wilson, PhD, MNZM**