TO: Council
FROM: Governance Support Officer
MEETING DATE: 17 September 2012

SUBJECT: 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUNEDIN BECOMING A CITY

SUMMARY
The 150th Anniversary of Dunedin being constituted as a city will occur on 1 August 2015. In the past the City has celebrated significant events in its history and consideration should be given whether it is appropriate to mark this event in some way.

IMPLICATIONS FOR:

(i) Policy: No
(ii) Approved Annual Budget: Yes – there is currently no funding allocated for recognition of this occasion.
(iii) LTP/Funding Policy: No
(iv) Activity Management Plans: No
(v) Community Boards: No
(vi) Sustainability: No

RECOMMENDATION
That the Chief Executive investigate suitable ways to mark the 150th anniversary of the constitution of Dunedin as a City and provide a report back to Council on possible options.
BACKGROUND

The sesqui-centennial of the constitution of Dunedin as a city occurs on 1 August 2015. The date marks 150 years of continuous civic government in Dunedin and a continuous unbroken line of Mayors and Councillors. It has been suggested that it would be appropriate to recognise the occasion in some way, continuing the tradition of marking significant historical occasions in the life of the City and the province.

In 1994 the City commemorated the 150th anniversary of the sale and purchase of the Otago Block by commissioning Bill Dacker to write a book called "Te Mamae Ma Te Aroha (The Pain and the Love)" and by holding a number of events during the year.

In 1998, the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first European Settlers was celebrated by a year of activities. The major event was focussed on activities during Anniversary Weekend in March 1998. The Council also published three books during the year including the "Cyclopedia of Otago and Southland", "Southern People" and "The Welcome of Strangers".

The upcoming anniversary of the constitution of the City of Dunedin provides an opportunity to celebrate another important milestone in the City's history. This report is to advise Council of the date and to seek approval for the Chief Executive Officer to investigate suitable ways to celebrate this anniversary and provide a report back to Council for their consideration.

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