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Chairperson's Report

1. **Changes to the meeting schedule**

The Landcare Committee meeting originally scheduled for 22 April has been moved to 30 April. Councillors should also note that there is a typographical error in the annual meeting calendar. The key shown for 16 June should read "PFC" and not "PFCS".

2. **Local Government New Zealand National Council**

A key focus for *LGNZ* over the preceding weeks has been the delivery of the KnowHow seminars. These seminars have been well attended by Councillors throughout the country and provided a thorough introductory grounding in the requirements of the new Local Government Act. I should also note that John Allard's contribution, both to the working groups and to the seminars has been much appreciated up and down the country.

3. **Local Government New Zealand Annual Conference**

This year's *LGNZ* conference is being held in Queenstown on 28 – 30 July. The Otago Regional Council will be hosting the traditional regional council pre-conference tour on 26 - 27 July.

I will be attending the Conference with the Deputy Chairperson and relevant staff. Our usual practice is to send one additional councillor and I would like to hear from any Councillor who hasn't been to the Conference in recent years and is interested in attending. Depending on the demand, I may ask the Council Secretary to select someone by ballot. In the meantime, I ask that you authorise attendance so that we can proceed with registrations and bookings.

4. **Elected members' remuneration**

The Council's recommendations were forwarded to the Higher Salaries Commission following the 4 March Council meeting. At the time of writing there has been no response from the Commission.

5. Recommendations

1. *That the Report be received.*
2. *That the Landcare Committee meeting scheduled for 22 April be held on 30 April.*
3. *That Councillors note that the key shown in the annual meeting calendar for 16 June should read "PFC" and not "PFCS".*
4. *That the Council note that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will be attending the 2003 LGNZ Annual Conference and authorise the attendance of an additional Councillor to be selected by the Chairperson.*

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