

8. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' FORUM JULY 2006 - BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the attendance of Board Chairperson Claudia Reid and Deputy Chairperson Jeremy Agar at the forthcoming New Zealand Community Boards' Forum to be held in Lower Hutt from 13 to 15 July 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The purpose of the forum is to examine the nature of relationships between Councils and their Community Boards. The theme of the forum is "Meeting Expectation". The forum will consider the expectations that Community Board members, Councillors, staff and electorates have of each other and of themselves. The aim is that participants will go away with:
 - A clearer understanding of the functions of Community Boards, Council and staff; and
 - Guidelines on how Councils, Community Boards and staff can work together positively to achieve good governance and vibrant communities.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal considerations.
4. The total costs for Claudia Reid and Jeremy Agar's attendance would be around \$2,000, which would be met from the Board's operational budget for 2005/06. This cost includes the \$500 conference registration fee, approximately \$500 for return flights, and \$270 for two nights' accommodation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board gives consideration to the approval of the attendance of Claudia Reid and Jeremy Agar at the New Zealand Community Boards' Forum 2006, in Lower Hutt during the period 13 to 15 July 2006.