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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the success of the Neighbourhood Week initiative.

At the February 1999 meeting the Board allocated \$500 to fund Neighbourhood Week community activities. Sonia Gill, Sue Wells and Jane Parrett (Community Development Advisor) were given delegated authority to allocate these funds.

Allocations

As a result of advertising in The Observer and utilising community networks, ten neighbourhood event applications were received requesting a total of \$1,240.78. Allocations were made on the basis of numbers attending, availability of venue, budgeted costs and date of application. A total of \$600 was allocated with \$100 coming from the Beckenham Service Centre's emergency response fund.

Event	Anticipated Numbers	Amount
Gilbert Place Barbecue	50	\$90
Sign of the Takahe	50	\$90
Merle Place Barbecue	40	\$65
Ernlea Walk Reserve	40	\$65
Rahera Street Barbecue	30	\$50
Bencard Place Barbecue	30	\$40

Late Applications	Anticipated Numbers	Amount
Cashmere View Park Barbecue	30	\$50
Ashgrove Reserve Barbecue	40	\$50
Broskelly's Bar & Restaurant	40	\$50
Huntsbury Community Centre	50	\$50

With the exception of the Bencard Place Barbecue all allocations were subsidised. Allocations did not incorporate the cost of the alcohol.

Follow-up phone calls to all event organisers were made and feedback has been extremely positive, including comments such as "we felt our gathering really achieved the aim of Neighbourhood Week in getting our neighbourhood together and getting to know each other," "we got to meet people who had just shifted in as well as neighbours who we'd never met." Letters received from event organisers are included in the attachments.

Recommendations: That, on the basis there was a good response from residents in the community and local events were 'community owned', the Board:

- (a) Continue to support this event.

- (b) Consider how to improve “neighbourhood” specifically in areas where housing is predominantly rental accommodation.