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The purpose of this report is to ask each Community Board to consider moving Neighbourhood Week from March to October each year.

BACKGROUND

For the past two years Neighbourhood Week has been held in March, as close to the end of daylight saving as practicable. The rationale for this was that Neighbourhood Support Groups and other community groups could organise their annual get-together events after the busy Christmas period was past and enjoy outdoor events during a time of more settled weather.

However, experience has shown that this week has clashed with other local events and many of the groups have already held a pre-Christmas social event. The suggestion has been made that Neighbourhood Week be brought forward to the end of October, when there are less city-wide events being held. The Neighbourhood Support Group Co-ordinators network has indicated support for this move.

At its meeting on 30 June 1999 the Shirley/Papanui Community Board agreed that Neighbourhood Week should be moved from March to the end of October each year, to avoid clashes with other city-wide events.

Members also suggested that a meeting be held in the near future with a new joint Community Board Committee to look at ways to publicise the week and the availability of funding for local events. Some of the events might, in the future, fit with the Boards' Strengthening Community Action Plans.

Recommendation: That the Community Board give consideration to moving Neighbourhood Week from early March to the end of October each year and that new Board representatives be elected to a joint Community Board Committee to meet in the near future.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.