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The purpose of this report is to meet annual reporting requirements and to update Board members on the operation of the Council owned Community Centres in the Fendalton/Waimairi area.

This report examines briefly, on a individual basis, each facility and briefly details:

- (a) Present management structure
- (b) Comparison of utilisation over the past **three** years
- (c) General comments.

The assessment is measured by the number of sessions occupied as a percentage of the number of sessions available. **Note:** this report relates to the 1997/98 financial year.

1. **AVICE HILL ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTRE**

As per the deed of gift, the craft room may only be utilised by arts and crafts groups.

Management

Members will be aware there is an on-site co-ordinator renting the house to which the craft room is attached. The co-ordinator is on a contract to manage and administer the facility. There is regular reporting and consultation with Service Centre staff and also liasing/networking with the Council’s Leisure Unit.

Regular Users/Activities

Canterbury Herb Society, Folk Art, Children’s Art, Water Colour Painting, Floral Art, China Painting, Bonsai Society, Avice Hill Painters, Paper Craft, Burnside Needle Group.

In addition, the facility is utilised by other groups on a more casual basis for workshops, meetings etc.

Utilisation

1995/96	66%
1996/97	71%
1997/98	71%

Conclusion

The craft usage has been fairly steady over the past few years. Members will recall The Family Art and Craft Fiesta Event which promoted and profiled the facility and grounds in February this year. Interest accessing the facility in general terms has grown and this includes the introduction of some new craft type programmes such as papier mache and sculpture classes coordinated by Diana Adams the new co-ordinator. (**Note:** This utilisation will be reflected in the 1998/99 financial year report)

2. BISHOPDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Management

The YMCA manage the facility on behalf of the Council and are responsible for the day-to-day management, operation and promotion of the Centre.

Regular Users/Activities

There are **34** user groups utilising this facility. Examples include Preschool music, dance, yoga, line dancing, youth groups, Holiday programmes, Continuing Education classes, Probus and Rotary groups etc

Utilisation

1995/96	71%
1996/97	74%
1997/98	76%

Bishopdale Community Centre has the **highest** usage rate of any community facility in Christchurch operating at 76% capacity – this equates to approximately 1,200 people **per week**.

Conclusion

Members will be aware of the recent review conducted on the facility and the local community needs analysis which identified the need to expand the facility to provide for future demand and various other programming and community related recommendations.

3. FENDALTON HALL

Management and administration of the Community Centre is the responsibility of Fendalton Service Centre staff.

Regular Users/Activities

Yoga, Pepsa, Badminton, Delta Rythmic Gym, Chinese Dance, Hwa Hsin Society.

The facility is also available for hire for social functions/weekend bookings.

Utilisation

1995/96	54%
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1996/97	54%
1997/98	52%

Note: Utilisation is worked out on the same formula except there is no community space available for two sessions everyday of the week, subject to agreement with Fendalton School who have exclusive access to the hall during normal school hours.

Conclusions

Fendalton Hall usage has remained fairly static over the past few years. The type of 'lettable space' is commonly available at unpopular times for groups.

Members will be aware that with the Fendalton Library moving to the Service Centre next year, the ex-Library facility will become vacant.

4. HAREWOOD HALL

Management

The Canterbury Playcentre Association for the Harewood Branch of the Playcentre lease the hall as head tenant and as such the voluntary management committee administer the hall on behalf of the Council.

Regular Users/Activities

Harewood Playcentre 3-4 session per week cater for 35 families in the area.
Harewood Bowls, Karate 3 sessions per week, Harewood Primary School (various)
Scout group

Utilisation

1996/96	42%
1996/97	42%
1997/98	48%

Conclusion

Utilisation of the Harewood Hall has increased slightly. The upgrade that was completed in August 1997 has improved the facility significantly.

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

This update highlights that utilisation of three of the four Centres has increased.

In terms of future work the following centres require follow up: the Bishopdale Community Centre, the future of the Fendalton Library building; and the Avic Hill Arts and Crafts Centre have been identified.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.