



4. BEEBOS HOUSE TOY LIBRARY

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome of the site visit to Beebos House developments.

Members will recall that a report was presented to the previous Board meeting seeking funds to assist Beebos House Toy Library to expand its premises at St Albans School. The meeting resolved to visit the site and defer a decision until this Board meeting.

On Wednesday 17 May a number of Board members and the Community Development Adviser visited Beebos House and met with three committee members. Some observations to note from that visit include:

- The boundaries for membership are Hills Road to the east, Bealey Avenue to the south, Papanui Road to the west and Winters Road/Queen Elizabeth II Drive to the north.
- The new building would become the property of the Toy Library. As it is a portable building this would enable the Toy Library to shift the building if it became necessary to move from their present location.
- Other sources of funding were discussed and the committee members have made note of these.
- Membership fees are \$20 per year if the member does some work for the Library, otherwise fees are \$40. Above this fee, hire costs for toys range from 50 cents to \$3.00 dependent upon the cost of the toy.
- The committee has been able to offer free membership to families unable to pay the membership fee.

Discussion with some of the Board members who visited the site suggested that a contribution to the cost of purchasing a building to provide extended facilities would be appropriate.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That a grant of \$4,000 be made to Beebos House from 1999/2000 Community Services Fund and that the Board support any applications from Beebos House to other funding organisations.