

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK GOES NATIONWIDE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Community Boards that Neighbourhood Week has been adopted by Neighbourhood Support New Zealand and will run nationwide from 26 October until 1 November 2002.

At our inaugural meeting, the joint boards committee discussed its terms of reference and what it needs to achieve in light of that this year. Clearly, with national publicity occurring it is vital that there is coherence and cohesion. We have opportunities for great synergy with Neighbourhood Support New Zealand, but there is also potential for resource wastage if we don't keep updated with what is going on.

The joint committee will be working through the relationship in terms of publicity material within the Christchurch context.

The joint committee reflected on the activities of the previous year, and has decided that events such as the colouring competitions are better handled board by board. It sees it has a more useful role as an 'ideas bank', and a gathering point for anybody interested in the concept. The board delegates will have a greater role to play this year in feeding back ideas and information to their community board and bringing the same forward to share.

The joint committee is delighted to advise that on the 11th of April Wilma McCorkindale of New Zealand Neighbourhood Support will be in attendance at a special meeting of the Neighbourhood Week committee from 10-12. All boards are requested to send a delegate to that meeting to bring information back to their boards. Selwyn, Banks Peninsula and Waimakariri Councils are also being invited.

As was said in 1997, "if communities are the cornerstone of society, then neighbourhoods are the cornerstone of the community." It is enormously pleasing to think that because of the work of the community boards of Christchurch over the last four years, that message will be taken all around New Zealand. We urge all boards to send a representative to the meeting on April 11th at 10 am.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the information be received.