

#### 4. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

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The purpose of this report is to advise of the above Conference and propose that the Board grant funding for a number of co-ordinators to attend (refer attached application). Pat Creasey, NSG Co-ordinator, will be in attendance to speak in support of this request.

The Neighbourhood Support New Zealand Conference is being held in Christchurch during 13 and 14 September 2002. The Conference is open to all Neighbourhood Support co-ordinators. Registration is \$50 per person.

It has been suggested that the Board grant up to \$1,000 from its 2002/2003 Discretionary Fund to cover the registration for 20 co-ordinators from within Spreydon/Heathcote. The co-ordinators could be identified by the Community Constables, Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinators and Board members and targeted at those most likely to find it difficult to meet the \$50 cost. Many of the co-ordinators are retired or non-working residents.

**Recommendation:** That \$1,000 be provided from the Board's 2002/2003 Discretionary Fund to meet the registration cost of 20 co-ordinators from within Spreydon/Heathcote to attend the Neighbourhood Support New Zealand Conference in Christchurch, 13 and 14 September, the co-ordinators to be selected by the Community Constables, Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinators and Board members for the two wards.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** Neighbourhood Support is a long-standing initiative supporting community safety from crime. I support the recommendation to enable Neighbourhood Support co-ordinators from across both wards to be represented at this Conference.