

**14. MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE
- 4 NOVEMBER 2002**

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As previously agreed the opportunity was taken, on 4 November, for Members to meet with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Liaison Committee. This forum discussion was arranged in lieu of a scheduled meeting of the Board's Community Services Committee and in the absence of the Committee's main reporting officer, the Community Development Adviser.

The forum was attended by approximately 20 community representatives and was introduced by the Board Chairman. In general terms the purpose of the discussion was for the Board Members to hear, first hand, information covering the work of the various organisations in this community. The ongoing networking within the organisations, which is a strength of these regular meetings, was also available for discussion/interaction.

The discussion at the forum again illustrated the efforts being provided by such organisations on an ongoing basis, and also clearly showed the depth of volunteer involvement in their provision of services.

One matter which arose was the possibility of duplication of efforts in some areas and, in discussion on this, it was suggested that the forum give some future consideration to opportunities for rationalisation of effort where this could be possible.

Another opportunity for improvement arose as a result of a call for better "planning" for many of the regular promotions which arise from time to time. In particular the matters of "Parenting Week", "Children's Day", etc were referred to, and there was a suggestion that an advance yearly plan for these events would be of assistance to the organisations.

In closing the discussions the Chairman complimented all for their very good efforts on behalf of the community, and extended the wish for continuing successes in the future.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.
 2. That the Community Development Adviser be thanked for his continuing efforts in working with the forum, and that opportunities for rationalisation and improved annual planning be discussed further with the organisation representatives.