
UPDATE ON RECREATION FACILITIES FOR AUGUST 2005

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the board on recreation facilities and activity for the month of August 2005. Recreation facilities include Tawa Swimming Pool, Tawa Recreation Centre, Linden Social Centre and information regarding the proposed Tawa Community Centre.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Receive this information*

3. Tawa Community Pool

Operation and Programme Information

- Wellington Swimming Centre held Relay Championships on Saturday 6th August 2005 with 285 swimmers participating.
- Redwood School held a successful Fun day of aquatic activities for its pupils held on Wednesday 31st August.
- A mental health consumer entered facility after 9pm on a Friday evening and sat in the Spa pool without clothes and eating an apple. After approaches by facility staff, the Police were called and assisted this person to be re-united with his caregivers.
- Child, Youth and Family have been working with a family whose son was responsible for 14 tagging incidents in the area, including Tawa Pool.
- There are 780 registered participants in the Tawa Pool Swim School programme at the end of August. This is an improvement of 102 participants from the same time last year. The Tawa Pool programme remains one of the most popular of the cities network of seven pools.
- Tawa Swimming Club Time Trials were held on Thursday 4th August 2005

Attendance 2005/06

	Aug 2005	YTD Total	Aug 2004	YTD Total
Adult Swim	1363	2550	1042	2042
Child Swim	4662	7836	3731	7078
PTL Swim/Spa/Sauna	250	435	210	418
Under 5's	776	1451	822	1762
Free Swim	293	599	148	256
Free Non-swim	3015	4533	2166	3665
Spectators	882	1666	1058	2128
Fitness Classes	120	207	104	171
Spa/Sauna	173	331	185	390
Schools	678	1160	2	295
Fifties Forward	93	165	83	195
Miscellaneous	10	17	26	27
Total	12,315	20,950	9,577	18,427

Participation

- The monthly attendance for August is up 2,738 in comparison with attendance in August 2004. Overall, year to date total attendance is up 2,523 for the same period last year.
- This improvement in attendance follows growth in the Swim School and aquatic education programmes. Positive increases in most other categories are also noted. Adult swims are 321 up, child swims are up 931 and with the growth in the swim school comes corresponding increase in free non swims as this includes more learn to swim participants parents and family as spectators. Child Swims have also been positively impacted by the Relay Champs held this month (285 swimmers).
- The number of Free Swims is up (145) and attributed to the number of complimentary swim passes provided clients with pre-school children during the recent pool closures for improvements to the learners and toddlers pools.
- School aquatic programmes participation continues to increase up 965.
- Targeted Pre-School Playtime sessions held weekly in the Toddlers Pool is planned to regain lost participation following the recent toddlers pool closure.

4. Tawa Recreation Centre

Total participation for August was 3,200 and the total attendance year to date for 2005/06 is 5,285. The annual attendance target is 25,000.

New groups using the centre during the month included:

- Wellington East Netball Club
- Social Teams Volleyball practice
- Tawa Lions Soccer
- Crosby Soccer Group

School Holiday programme will be provided 26 September – 7 October.

Activities for August

Activity	Times of use	Description
Wellington Region Netball	Mon 6.30pm-8.30pm Sun 9.30am-12pm	Rep team practise The Hoop Club meets on a weekly basis and is designed to increase basketball skills for children age 5-12 years.
Hoop Club	Tue 4pm-6pm	
Niu Ola Youth Group	Tues 7.45pm-10.15pm	The Niu Ola Youth Group have two volleyball courts set up for both men and women. The SISDA Church uses the full sized volleyball court to play games against each other and invited outside groups.
SISDA Church Group	Sat 7.30pm- 10pm	
Tawa School	Mon 3.30 - 4.30pm	Miniball practise
Wgtn Handball	Mon 8.00 - 10pm	Handball practise and games
Wellington Disc Sports (Ultimate)	Thurs 8pm-10pm	Games. Now also using Old gym between 9 - 10pm due to increased numbers
KBJ Netball Club	Sat 4pm-6pm	Netball practice. Wellington Representative men's Basketball Team uses the facility for basketball practice.
Wgtn Basketball	Sun 5.00-7.00pm	A Wellington Representative woman's under 14 Basketball Team use the facility for basketball practice.
Wgtn Basketball (U14)	Sat 1.00-2.45pm	
Wellington East Netball Club	Mon 6pm-8pm	Team practice.
Social Volleyball	Sat 4pm-5pm	Social team practicing their skills.
Netball League	Wednesdays	Social Women's Netball
Netball League	Sat 9am - 1pm	College Netball league
Pre-school Music and Movement Classes	Wednesdays	Giggles & Wiggles for 2 - 10 month olds and Musical Tots for 1 ^{1/2} - 4 year olds.
Casual Badminton Sessions	Sun 3.00 - 5.00	Casual court hire. Proving popular
One off events		
Birthday Parties	Four parties	Parties catered for children.
Volleyball	One off	Social Church Group Practice
Tawa Lions Soccer	One off	End of season event
B. Crosby Soccer Group	One off	End of season event

5. Linden Social Centre

Information not available at time of preparing report – information will be provided prior to or at the Board meeting on 8 September.

6. Tawa Community Centre

Minor works to link both the Tawa Service Centre and former bank building is continuing. This is being done in conjunction with cabling by the Knowledge Solutions Business Unit in preparation for the establishment of the WCC Disaster Recovery Centre. When this work has been completed community use and programmes can be implemented. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by mid September.

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