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## **UPDATE ON TAWA RECREATION FACILITIES FOR JANUARY 2005**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

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

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Receive this information*

### **3. Tawa Community Pool**

- The overall participation during January was identical to that of January 2004 which is a positive outcome is given the poor weather at the start of summer this year. Attendances for the year to date (1 July 2005 to 31 January 2005) are up 970 for the same period in 2003/04.

Total attendance January 2003/04	11,484
<u>Total attendance January 2004/05</u>	<u>11,483</u>
Variance	1

Total attendance YTD 2003/04	78,060
<u>Total attendance YTD 2004/05</u>	<u>79,030</u>
Variance	970

- The Tornadoes Swim club have struggled to meet the minimum number of six swimmers required to hire exclusive use of lanes. This trend has been especially prevalent during the month of January, when on occasion only one swimmer has arrived for training, other times two, three, four or five at a time. Not reaching the minimum requirement is of particular concern in light of the fact that the Tornadoes training is scheduled during some of the pool's peak use time. The pool manager has been in contact Tornadoes Club representatives regarding the need to meet expectations for lane hire.

The Tornadoes Club anticipate numbers will improve at the start of the school term. Tornadoes use will be monitored until 11 February 2005 to determine if they can meet minimum numbers and a review of lane allocations will take place at this time and reported to the Board for information.

#### **4. Tawa Recreation Centre**

- The centre operated its first holiday programme in January with an average of 12 attending per day over a two week period and received positive responses from families utilising the service.
- The six monthly emergency evacuation was conducted (evacuation time 1 minute 30 seconds).
- A generic flyer is currently being designed for promoting the facility. A mail drop is scheduled for February to all households in the Tawa. Advertising for our netball leagues is currently being published in the 'Independent Herald'. Focus for term one is on getting sports leagues up and running. Some permanent long term bookings have already been established.
- Music and Movement programmes to start in February.
- Non programme casual centre participation for January totalled 332 for the month

#### **5. Linden Social Centre**

- Tawa Community Theatre has confirmed performances and bookings at the centre for 2005.
- Overall facility attendance has increased for January. Numbers using the centre are up 398 (37%), due to early recommencement of regular bookings. Numbers attending in January was 1,060

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## **Supporting Information**

**1) Fit with Strategic Objectives/Strategic Outcomes**

*Contributes to Council meeting the outcome of offering a diverse range of quality recreation and leisure activities (see outcome 7.1 Recreation Opportunities).*

**2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

*The project is contained in the Council Plan and projects for recreation and leisure provision.*

**3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

*Not applicable*

**4) Decision-Making**

*This is for information with no decisions required.*

**5) Consultation**

**a) General Consultation**

*Not applicable*

**b) Consultation with Maori**

*Not applicable*

**6) Legal Implications**

*Not applicable*

**7) Consistency with existing policy**

*This report is consistent with existing WCC policy.*